

# Incineration provides peace of mind for Devonshire Poultry

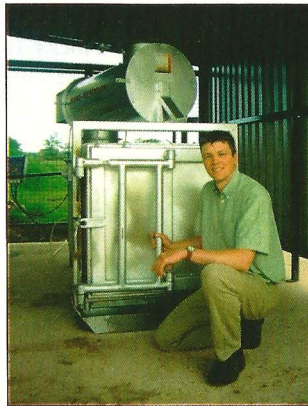
WILLIAM White Fabrications is helping Devonshire Poultry to comply with the Animal By-Products Regulation by supplying them with its first on-site incineration unit, an oil-fired Wildemere 4040AB.

As well as removing bio-security risks, the incinerator has enabled Devonshire Poultry to eliminate odours and fly problems while providing a hygienic, simple disposal method.

Devonshire Poultry's site, located near Honiton, Devon, has 82,500sq ft of growing space and houses 130,000 birds. Over a period of six weeks, the farm produces up to 4,550 dead birds weighing up to a total of three tonnes.

Robert Lanning, director at Devonshire Poultry, explains: "I was deeply concerned about bio-security risks, especially in light of the Animal By-Products Regulation, which would result in increased collections. Compliance with this Directive was the main reason I purchased the Wildemere incinerator."

Previously the company had its fallen stock collected and taken to a landfill site. There was only one real advantage to this — cost. Although it was relatively inexpensive and there was no capital outlay involved, there were considerable bio-security risks as collections were only made once every six weeks. Carcasses were left



**Robert Lanning: compliance with Animal By-Products Directive**

waiting to be picked up, which in turn created a fly and odour problem.

"Using the Wildemere 4040AB incinerator will mean that we can carry out burns as

necessary, so there will be no more smell as we won't have carcasses waiting for collection as well as eliminating fly problems.

But, most importantly, we'll comply with DEFRA's regulations and there will be no bio-security risks. Overall it's the most hygienic and simple method of fallen stock disposal."

The Wildemere 4040AB is equipped with an automatic temperature control system set to 850°C to comply with the Animal-By-Products Regulation. Robert says: "I know lots of other manufacturers' models will not be able to comply with the Regulations that now govern low-capacity incinerators, which is why we

chose to purchase a Wildemere model.

"Also, we felt the 4040AB was well built and, as an agricultural machine, it will have to work hard on this farm, but I feel it will easily meet these demands and, over time, will pay for itself."

Devonshire Poultry is hoping to expand and increase its throughput by up to 175,000 birds and Robert hopes the incinerator will play an important part in achieving this. "I'm extremely impressed with the incinerator, it makes us compliant with DEFRA's regulations, gives me peace of mind over bio-security and is clean and easy to use. I don't know any other disposal methods that can provide all of that."