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LOHMANN Deutschland installs SELEGGT Circuit system for in-ovo sexing in Germany

LOHMANN Deutschland GmbH & Co.KG has been obliged to refrain from culling chicks in its hatcheries since 1 January 2022. Up to now, this has been implemented using various methods, including brother layer fattening. **In order to be able to expand the range of "Free of Chick Culling" chicks, a SELEGGT Circuit system will be installed in the hatchery in Ankum in summer 2022.** LOHMANN Deutschland is thus consistently pursuing the path of technological openness to offer its customers what the market demands.

"We are very happy about this new cooperation with LOHMANN Deutschland. Despite the uncertainty about the possible upcoming restrictions from 2024, we have decided together that this is the right signal for the sector. With the installation of the SELEGGT process in Germany, a resource-saving and earliest possible technology will be made available. Economically viable solutions like this are needed in Germany to put a sustainable end to chick culling," says Dr Ludger Breloh, Managing Director of the respeggt group.

"With the cooperation between LOHMANN Deutschland and the respeggt group, we offer our customers another accepted and established technology to determine the sex in the hatching egg. This means that we are now also able to offer sexed hen chicks from brown and white layers as early as possible. Furthermore, the origin from a German hatchery guarantees legal certainty in the promotion of supply chains "Free of Chick Culling", says Tobias Ferling, Managing Director of LOHMANN Deutschland GmbH & Co.KG.

The cooperation between LOHMANN Deutschland and respeggt will enable annual hatchings of initially 3 million female respeggt laying hens, which will lay around one billion respeggt eggs "Free of Chick Culling" primarily for the German and other KAT-certified egg markets. This cooperation between the two companies is an important step in promoting 5xD¹ in German egg production.

LOHMANN Deutschland GmbH & Co.KG is the leading multiplier for chicks and pullets of LOHMANN genetics in Germany. With its own parent stock, hatcheries and pullet rearing, the company covers the entire value chain in Germany. In addition, LOHMANN Deutschland is the only German hatchery to use in-ovo sexing methods.

The respeggt group is a service company for in-ovo sexing. As a contractor to all partners in the egg production supply chain, hatching eggs can now also be sexed directly in the hatcheries by respeggt as part of a full service. For this purpose, the respeggt group installs and operates the SELEGGT Circuit technology developed by sister company SELEGGT to offer all layer hatcheries access to early sexing of their hatching eggs. By the end of 2022, the respeggt group will have already delivered more than 10 million sexed female chicks using the SELEGGT process.

¹ hatchery, rearing farm, feed mill, packing station, layer farm located in Germany



In addition, respeggt ensures the added value of "Free of Chick Culling" by verifying the supply chain of each hatching. In more than 6,000 supermarkets and discounters in Germany, the Netherlands, France and Switzerland, customers can already find eggs with the respeggt "Free of Chick Culling" heart label.

For more information:

<https://lohmann-deutschland.de/>
<https://www.mehrwert-henne.de/>
<https://www.respeggt.com/>
<https://www.seleggt.com/de/>

- The website of LOHMANN Deutschland Group
- The website of the 5xD concept for eggs
- The website of the respeggt group
- The website about the SELEGGT technology

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