

## DENMARK

### Farm's performance, restructuring & modernisation

#### Location

Østbirk

#### Programming period

2014 – 2020

#### Priority

P2 – Competitiveness

#### Measure

M04 – Investments in  
physical assets

#### Funding (EUR)

Total budget 390 708  
RDP contr. 78 142  
Private 312 566

#### Project duration

2016 – 2018

#### Project promoter

Landbrug v/Klaus Sørensen

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n/a

A conventional dairy farmer in Denmark used RDP support to build a new stable which enabled reduced production costs and improved animal welfare conditions.

### Summary

Klaus Sørensen is a conventional farmer who decided to apply for RDP support to enable his farm to remain competitive through increased capacity, reduced unit costs and improved animal welfare. This investment involved the construction of a new stable with additional space for breeding and milking cows. The new stable has the capacity of 100 livestock units (LU) of dairy cows and has 13 boxes for cows and 160 boxes for young animals.



### Results

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The investment improved the animal welfare conditions on the farm.

The investment helped reduce the production costs per unit, since the new stable required less labour per animal.

### Lessons & Recommendations

- ❑ The complex administration and the long processing time needed by the managing authority and the paying agency before the payment can be paid out, makes it important for a beneficiary to have other finance options in order to be able to pay the full investment costs before the grant is paid out.
- ❑ The project was followed by another investment project under M04 for supporting the construction of two manure tanks and other manure management technologies. The administrative work for that project was less demanding, and the processing time of the project application by the authorities much shorter.

## Context

The beneficiary Klaus Sørensen is a conventional dairy farm. Before the implementation of the project his farm had 158 hectares of land and 313 animals, including nine male animals, 163 heifers and 141 cows. In order to remain competitive, he decided to expand the farm's production capacity and thus its profitability.

## Objectives

The aim of this project was to enable the farm to remain competitive in the market, through increased capacity, reduced unit costs and improved animal welfare.

## Activities

This investment project was used to expand the dairy farm through the construction of a new stable with additional space for breeding and milking cows. The new stable has the capacity of 100 LU of dairy cows, including 13 boxes for cows and 160 boxes for young animals. The cost of the 13 boxes for cows per unit was 20 035 DKK (2 689 EURO), while the cost per unit of the 160 boxes for young animals was 18 032 DKK (2 420 EURO).

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## Key lessons

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*"The measure makes it possible to combine investment objectives for capacity and productivity with animal welfare and improved manure management."*

Klaus Sørensen, farmer and beneficiary



## Additional sources of information

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