

Zootecnica International gives the chance to its readers to get a brief preview of some new products and equipments that will be introduced by the most important companies at FierAvicola 2011 in Forli.



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"We have already cooperated with Wolf-System in other countries and know them to be a reliable and capable partner. Our goal is to combine our know-how of poultry housing technology with the vast experience Wolf-System has with the Italian market", explains Big Dutchman sales manager Frank Moormann the further intensification of the successful cooperation.

The centre of attraction of the product line-up with which the two companies present their partnership at FierAvicola 2011 are *Natura Nova Twin* and *Natura70*, two aviaries from the flexible Natura-modular system.

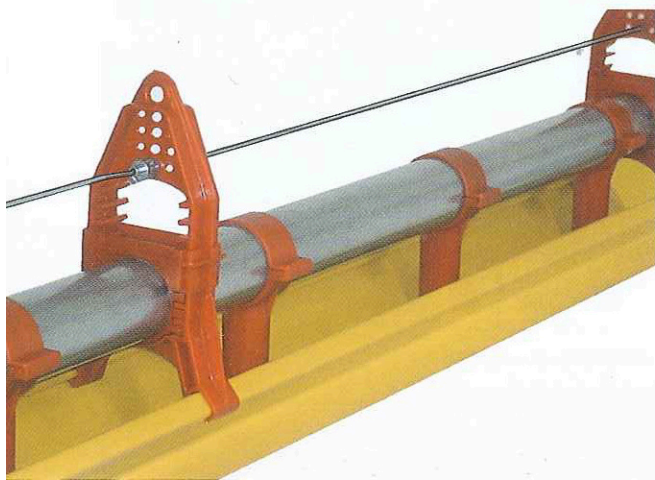
Natura Nova Twin is the best-seller among the so-called classical aviaries. In this installation animals are provided with feed and water on two levels and can move directly into the nest. Less mislaid eggs and small housing-in risk are the pleasing results of the elaborate construction – which can even be fenced off for a safe commencement of production.

Experienced practitioners praise the readily accessible egg canal and the extraordinary clarity of *Natura Nova Twin*-systems. The latter

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FierAvicola 2011 – for the first time together with new partner Wolf-System Italy

Big Dutchman this year will participate for the first time together with its new partner Wolf-System Italy at FierAvicola 2011. Since 1986 the company based in Freienfeld (Trentino-South Tyrol) has been designing and constructing buildings and systems for agricultural operations in Italy.



can be attributed to the corridor between nest and installation. It can also be used by the farm staff for daily inspection from a higher level. A special approach perch in the NATURA Nova Twin (patent no. 299 19 443.4) ensures that the hens sit facing the aisle. Thereby less manure drops into the litter.

The group laying nest Colony 2+ with a tilting nest floor mechanism is a further sophisticated Big Dutchman feature. Before the nest is fully closed for the night, any remaining eggs automatically roll onto the egg belt. Besides this hens are excluded from the nest at night. That avoids soiling and provides for good nest hygiene.



Big Dutchman.

Another highlight on display at FierAvicola 2011 is *Natura70*, one of the company's renowned and well-proven aviaries for alternative egg production. The design of the system is based on the idea to reduce the management effort and at the same time increase reliable and efficient egg production. This is, for

instance, guaranteed thanks to the fact that the birds do not fly at eye level which makes for a trouble-free, convenient and comfortable bird inspection.

Management effort is further reduced by partitions that are installed every 2.41 m: the group sizes are small and, therefore, well manageable. *Natura70* can be locked so that the hens are provided with an ideal start into the laying period – floor eggs are thus effectively prevented. Another important feature is the gentle egg transport on only one level; moreover, system eggs can easily be collected.

All members of the NATURA-family including *Natura Nova Twin* and *Natura70* share a consequently structured design. It provides the animals with adequate areas for their activities like resting, egg laying, eating, scratching, drinking and dust bathing. This is an important prerequisite for high egg production and animal-friendly housing. The *Natura*-modular system is the right choice when considering an optimal space utilization and customized solutions: whether old or new buildings, a small or a big

house, the aviaries offer a multitude of intelligent design scopes.

The list of references of the product line is long: Since the mid-1980ies more than 2,000 farm projects have been implemented successfully with NATURA-systems. From Switzerland through Germany, Spain, Ireland, Austria, the Netherlands and Sweden, Norway, USA, Belgium, Great Britain, Canada, Finland, Rumania, Croatia through to Japan more than 25 million layers are housed in Big Dutchman *Natura*-systems.

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