

Press Release



Farmlay Eggs' new shed

Robert, Ethel and Iain Chapman of Farmlay Eggs at West Cockmuir, Strichen, Aberdeenshire won the prestigious Poultry Farmer of the Year Award in May 2009. As Scotland's second largest egg packer (production currently topping two million eggs per week) the Chapmans realised that in addition to taking on new contract producers they needed to expand their own flock.

Farmlay started over 64 years ago, as the business expanded from a base of 1000 layers the Chapmans have developed many buildings for their latest they were glad to have the opportunity to purchase a building from James Killen Ltd. We have been in the industry for over 40 years, fabricating and erecting sheds in Ireland. The company has spent the last forty years travelling throughout the UK to build sheds, and after a short break we are glad to see the company re-enter the market with such a prestigious first customer.

Robert chose to erect the clear span timber building over his new Multi tier equipment, understanding the warmth, beauty and longevity of a quality timber shed whilst getting the benefits of a flexible clear span structure. He is very happy with the finished product, "It certainly is a very open, clean structure and gives me more flexibility in the future." Building a new unit involves pulling a lot of different organisations and contractors together to achieve the build on time for the arrival of pullets. James Killen's construction team surpassed themselves this time by being finished five days ahead of schedule. The brisk North Eastern weather kept them on their toes! Robert admits that he was surprised how fast the assembly took place, "It was finished well ahead of when I was expecting and to a very high standard."

James Killen prides itself on its quality and service at the right price. With the UK order book starting to fill with projects in all parts of Scotland, England and Wales, the team at James Killen are looking to the future. On the ground in GB, Rob Shaw is responsible for sales and technical support. Peter is the new design engineer in head office and many additions have been made to the fabrication and erection team, all with the aim of keep lead times below three months.



Robert Chapman and Rob Shaw