

Press Release



Farmlay Eggs' new pullet rearing 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 understand poultry production and specifically how important well reared pullets are to the flock performance.

Farmlay started over 64 years ago, as the business expanded from a base of 1000 layers the Chapmans have developed many buildings. In 2010 they engaged James Killen Ltd to build their most recent free range shed. This has been followed by the re-build of twenty thousand square feet rearing unit which was completed by James Killen Ltd in April. 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 since early 2010 re-entered the UK market with sheds completed in England, Scotland and Wales.

Robert chose to erect a standard double posted timber building over an existing concrete slab with 600mm high base walls, understanding the warmth, beauty and longevity of a quality timber shed. He is very happy with the finished product, "The quantity and quality of the timber that James Killen Ltd use is evident in the finished product". Building a new unit involves pulling a lot of different organisations and contractors together to achieve the build on time. James Killen's construction team were finished on schedule ready for the installation of the feeders, drinkers and brooders.

James Killen prides itself on its quality and service at the right price. On the ground in GB, Rob Shaw is responsible for sales and technical support. Peter Carson is the design engineer in head office. James Killen has confidence in the structural integrity of the buildings they construct knowing they have a Chartered Structural Engineer using the latest design and engineering software, combined with the tried and tested experience that has been serving farms for over forty years.



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