

CASE NEW BAGGING MACHINE INCREASES CAPACITY AT EKMAN IN VILDBJERG



With the new solution from Fisker Skanderborg for bagging wood pellets, Ekman has increased its capacity significantly and allowed for expandability in the future.

Ekman Danmark is owned by the Swedish company Ekman & Co AB, which is one of the market leaders in the marketing and sales of products relating to bioenergy and other forest-related products. In Denmark, Ekman has two plants for bagging wood pellets and chips in Vildbjerg (in Central Jutland) and Aalborg (in North Jutland).

Increasing the capacity in stages

The new solution is built around a F1200

servo-driven bagging machine with much greater capacity than Ekman's current machine. Moreover, the weigher, roller conveyor and pallet magazine have been replaced in the current solution. 'We chose to increase our capacity in stages and we still have the option to upgrade further as and when the need arises,' explains key account manager Jens Albrechtsen from Ekman.

'Therefore, in the first instance, we decided on a bagging machine with a capacity of 12 pallets an hour against the current seven pallets. It provides great capacity benefits here and now. At the same time, we have the option of speeding up production further at a later stage by upgrading the entire palletising component.'

Credibility is paramount

For Ekman, credibility was a crucial factor in the choice of supplier. Jens Albrechtsen knew Fisker from before and had a good impression of the company. 'Naturally, the concepts and machinery on offer together with the price affected our choice of supplier,' says Jens Albrechtsen, and he continues: 'but we also attached great importance to the after-sales service and the confidence we had that our supplier would be able to reduce our downtime in the event of problems. We are confident that Fisker will be able to live up to our expectations, which is why we are also concluding a service agreement with a call-out service from the company.'