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Santrev hosts free range innovation workshop

In order to put themselves at the forefront of industry standards, Santrev recently hosted a two day free range innovation workshop.

This invite only event, held at the Santrev headquarters in Queensland, aimed to pool knowledge and explore avenues to maximise efficiency, performance and bird welfare.

Directors Luke Trevanion, Richard Sanday and Garry Sanday were joined by premier New Zealand grower Dave Mathews from Riverview Poultry, David Plant, representative and CEO of Mt Barker Free Range, Livestock Manager Julian Johnson and investment liaison Mark McAuliffe. Australian Poultry Technical Consultant Dr Stephen McGoldrick was also on hand to provide expert guidance and advice.

As a result, the team established a better understanding of shed design to suit both grower and processor specifications. Santrev has now made some fifth generations designs of a free range poultry house that will see comparative free range performance with that of most modern and high performance broiler house.

"The outcome has been fantastic," said Santrev Director Luke Trevanion. "We're always looking to optimise the Santrev shed and this workshop will yield nothing but positive results for our free range customers. Being growers ourselves, the workshop results are set to influence not only our clients free range building projects, such as the upcoming Blanchetown project, but the Santrev farms as well."

Dave Mathews of New Zealand's Riverview Poultry also found the workshop insightful, offering his own constructive observations, such as how Australian heaters are set far too low for his liking. "We used to do the same years ago," he said. "There seems little point putting a heater just above the birds when the heat is ultimately going to rise to the apex where the SKOV system requires it. Furthermore the air disruption and the cold air purge each time the heater starts is doing more harm than good in my opinion."

It wasn't all critiques though. "The customer needs to know their builder understands every requirement and Santrev impress me with their desire to do the job right," Dave added.

New outbreaks of avian influenza

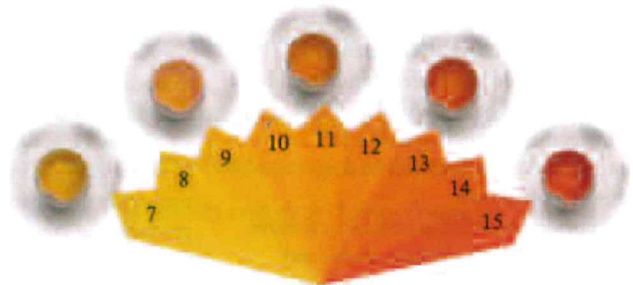
A new outbreak of highly pathogenic H7N3 avian influenza hit Mexico during August, the World Organisation for Animal Health reported. The Mexican outbreak follows another outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza reported on August 11 in Italy.

An estimated 360,000 birds have been affected at a layer farm in San Juan de los Lagos, Jalisco, Mexico, but no dead or slaughtered birds have been reported. Measures such as low-risk poultry vaccination and nationwide surveillance were being deployed.

A poultry worker in Italy's Emilia Romagna region has tested positive for H7N7 avian influenza, according to Italy's Ministry of Health. However, the agency says there is limited risk of the virus spreading to other humans. The human infection follows outbreaks of avian influenza that have affected four locations.

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