

Developments in Nigeria



Ceva Santé Animale SA, a leader in innovating poultry vaccines, and Olam Hatcheries Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Olam International Ltd, a leading agri-business operating across the value chain in 66 countries, have jointly signed a Memorandum of Understanding to further develop poultry production in Nigeria.

Ceva is currently supporting Olam's hatchery vaccination programme for day-old-chicks in its hatchery by supplying vaccine, vaccination equipment and technical assistance. Olam inaugurated its US\$ 150

Emmanuel Macron, President of the French Republic, during his presidential visit to Nigeria congratulates Dr Marc Prikazsky, CEO, Ceva Santé Animale, on the signature of the new partnership.



million state-of-the-art poultry feed mill and DOC facilities in Kaduna State in September 2017.

The MoU will see the formation of a joint committee consisting of experts and managers from Ceva and Olam to explore four main potential areas of collaboration and technical cooperation, specifically:

- Upgrading of Olam's Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory at Kaduna to become a reference laboratory for Sub-Saharan Africa.
- Development of new private laboratories in other regions of Nigeria to provide cost-effective and timely diagnostic support for poultry and other animal husbandry farms.
- Training of Olam's managers and field employees by Ceva on proper vaccination techniques, on-farm diagnosis and laboratory analysis, with an option for the training to be extended to select customers of Olam's feed and DOC at a later stage.
- Setting up of research projects locally and internationally involving other scientific partners for deeper epidemiological evaluation of diseases and appropriate solutions for Nigeria's poultry sector.

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Natural beak smoothing in India



Natural beak smoothing fits perfectly with the philosophy of Life Line Feeds and, for Kishore Kumar, the Managing Director, animal welfare is a top priority. The company is a fully integrated poultry processing company, established in 1986 in Chickmagalur in the southwest of India.

Life Line Feeds has eight rearing houses and 40 production houses for a yearly total of 170,000 broiler breeders. They sell 55% of their broilers under the brand name 'Life Line's Tender Chicken'.

In recent years, they have made strategic investments in solutions that will reduce stress in animals. They learned about Roxell's Natural Beak Smoothing and decided to test it in five houses for rearing and production. The test houses with hens and cockerels were divided into different zones. First, they installed the feeder pans with Natural Beak

Smoothing in cordoned off zones. This bottom pan has a rough metal structure. When the chickens eat, their beaks rub against the bottom of the pan and this gradually trims the beaks. The process is painless and greatly benefits the health of the broiler breeders.

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Investing in traditional turkeys



Kelly Turkeys has just completed a £300,000 redevelopment of its Southwoods Farm in Essex, one of four pedigree breeding farms across the UK. Since acquiring the farm there has been a major three-year investment programme to refurbish the 34,000ft² of housing and construction of a new naturally ventilated pedigree stag shed.

"This will free up space in the existing accommodation for more egg production from hens and



The Hubbard JA257, a new Hubbard Premium breed made up of the recently introduced Hubbard M22 male mated with the well-known Hubbard JA57 female, has been accredited by the Dutch Animal Welfare Association for use in their Better Life certification scheme. After a comprehensive welfare outcome evaluation by Wageningen University & Research, this new breed has been added to the list of approved breeds for broilers alongside the Hubbard JA757 and Hubbard JA957. "The Hubbard JA257 is a welcome addition to these originally accredited Hubbard breeds," Paul van Boekholt of Hubbard told International Hatchery Practice. "In fact it has equally as good as or even better animal welfare traits, behaviour and performance with a plus on breast meat production. So, we are satisfied that the Hubbard JA257 can now also be used for extensive indoor, free range or organic production."

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provide dry storage for equipment during the winter months," managing director Paul Kelly told International Hatchery Practice.

The work includes installing new feeding and drinking systems throughout the site, high security fencing and locks, and additional biosecurity measures.

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Expansion in China for Cherry Valley



Cherry Valley is currently embarking on an expansion programme at its Shandong operation to meet an ever increasing demand for quality duck breeding stock in China markets.

Today, China is consuming an almost equal amount of duck meat to broiler chicken meat. The Shandong site has four farms and is currently producing 10 million eggs annually. The new houses built recently are 125 by 16 metres, with full evaporative cooling in the summer and natural gas heating in the winter, constructed to a very high standard to ensure the highest level of biosecurity. The site also hosts the Cherry Valley selection programme in China.

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Cobb Introduces MV Male to South Korea



The Cobb World and Asia technical support teams recently introduced the MV Male to the Harim Group during a seminar in Iksan City, South Korea.

"MV Males are well known for being very efficient feed converters and having fantastic growth rates," Dr Orlando Fernandez, director of Asia Technical Service, told International Hatchery Practice.

"This product requires slightly different management approaches to perform at the top of its genetic potential."

More than 50 attendees visited Harim's breeder and broiler farms and hatcheries during the seminar.

Discussion topics included, among others, biosecurity, uniformity, ventilation and managing male body weight.

The seminar was a great opportunity for Cobb's technical experts to get hands-on access to Harim facilities so they could identify needs and make recommendations for best results out of the MV Male.

Harim employees learned about brooding efficiency and increasing final broiler performance results.

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