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Jeff Bisschop at his new Prinzen packer with the Country Golden Yolks free-range brand banner in the background.

Production

Owners Jeff and Joleen Bisschop produce Country Golden Yolks brand eggs with four other Fraser Valley farms, including organic (7,400 hens) and free-range (27,000 hens), with a pullet barn and egg packing on site.

Equipment specs

The organic barn is outfitted with a double row Big Dutchman Natura 24-21 aviary system. It was converted from a deep pit cage barn in 2014. In 2016, a slatted floor barn was renovated to free-range, with each side having a single-row Big Dutchman 24-18 Natura Step free-run aviary system. The pullet barn was also renovated to aviary-train the pullets with a Big Dutchman Primus system. Environmental monitoring for all barns is provided by Maximus. Canarm fans cross-ventilate the layer barns and tunnel-ventilate the pullet barn. Heat in all barns is provided by Hired Hand space heaters. LED lighting is provided by Once; layers receive dim-to-red technology (for calming and laying performance) and pullets receive dim-to-blue technology (to stimulate development).

Innovation factor

The Bisschops have focused on renovations that improve hen welfare and provide the 'Five Freedoms' through more accessible feed and water, extra space, perching and scratch areas. "Our next project will hopefully be some type of heat exchange unit to help eliminate some of the dust created by the scratch areas," Bisschop says.



The Bisschops converted a slatted floor barn to the free-range system pictured above. Each side houses 13,500 hens.



SECTOR
Layer, egg production

LOCATION
Rosedale, B.C.



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