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Heating drinking water of broilers

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In **Significant Impact Groups:**

Water \ Housing and welfare

Species targeted: Poultry;

Age: Not stated;

Summary:

Since April 2016 broiler farmer Boon has been heating the drinking water for his broilers. Because there is no more condensation from the water and drinking nipple lines in the litter, his animals suffer much less from foot sole lesions. In veal farming it is already very common to heat drinking water. The greatest health gains are achieved by reducing foot sole lesions. But intestinal health and technical results have also improved: growth has increased and there is better meat quality. The system cost Boon 3500 euros, which he had earned back after 2 rounds. Per round he has lost 250 euros more on gas. According to Boon, the payback time differs per farm, but it could at least be recouped within 1 year. It's not only good for animal welfare, it's also much more pleasant to work in a dry barn.

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Where to find the original material:

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