

# First ESF equipped sow house in Argentina

**The pig industry in Argentina is moving forward. Here too – partly motivated by concerns for animal wellbeing – newly built sow houses will be equipped with electronic sow feeding stations. Within the space of a year, Nedap was contracted to equip the first two houses for groups of sows in Argentina with electronic sow feeding stations.**

In September 2012, a house owned by AGD with the capacity to hold 1,250 sows started operating in the province of Córdoba. In June this year, a festive open day marked the opening by Cooperativa Agropecuaria, part of General Paz, of a new sow house with an initial capacity of 1,000 animals in Marcos Juárez in Córdoba. The sow house was equipped by 3K Pig Quality using **Nedap** Electronic Sow Feeding.

## **Capacity will more than double in coming years**

The opening of the new house in June also heralded a strategic alliance between Cooperativa General Paz and Génétiporc. The sow house – which will be used in this partnership as a breeding facility – can currently accommodate 1000 sows. The capacity of this house is planned to expand to 4000 sows in two years' time. The foundations for this expansion have already been laid.

## **Choice for group housing with electronic sow feeding**

Cooperativa General Paz's choice for group housing and electronic sow feeding stations was driven by a desire to house their pigs in a way that accords with the public demand for good well-being standards. The organisation is also convinced of the benefits of this form of animal housing and management in relation to productivity and technical results: a higher number of piglets per sow per year and a higher birth weight.

After comparing the electronic feeding stations for sows offered by various producers, Cooperativa General Paz opted for Nedap. The robust, simple and easy to manage system, the animal-friendly feeding stations and the easy to operate software were decisive factors in their choice for the Nedap system.

## ***Nedap. Vital Element for Growth***

Due to our increasing population and prosperity, dairy and meat producers have seen a rise in the demand for their products. This development is accompanied by increasingly stricter requirements in regard to the quality and safety of food and simultaneously there is a rise in the costs of raw materials, labour and energy. For more than 35 years Nedap has responded to these challenges by delivering the precise technological solutions that enable sustainable growth for producers in the livestock industry. Feeding, milking,

separating, sorting and heat detection; barn automation on the basis of electronic individual animal identification makes it possible to manage individual animal care and to monitor production and health. This saves valuable time, provides a calm atmosphere and a clear overview. As a result, costs will be reduced and profits will increase. Furthermore, it will enable farmers to produce in a much more animal-friendly manner.

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