

silver hill foods

Silver Hill Foods is a family-owned duck production and processing company, employing 200 people, based in Emyvale, Co. Monaghan.

In 2004 it embarked on its Energy Management Programme, saving almost 10% of total annual energy costs.



The success of energy management depends on the cooperation, acceptance and participation of everyone involved.

As Stuart Steele, MD of Silver Hill Foods, puts it, *'Everybody contributes at Silver Hill.'* Fundamental to Silver Hill's success is buy-in from staff throughout the organisation. This has generated a culture change where teamwork is key and everybody contributes to the goal of getting energy under control. Through the participation of staff, a series of no-cost measures were implemented which have yielded welcome savings. The 'Lunchtime initiative' saved the company a

total of €5,000 per annum simply by people switching off equipment at lunchtime and during breaks. Simple actions such as keeping doors closed between hot and cold areas and repairing all air and water leaks also yielded significant savings. The repair of leaks in the compressed air system resulted in the elimination of one compressor running constantly and led to an annual saving of €8,000.

'At Silver Hill, people are the key. Without individual's commitment right throughout the organisation, our strategies and programmes would not be as successful.'

Stuart Steel, Managing Director, Silver Hill Foods