Dorset Drying System for Biomass and Poultry Litter

- Drying of • Biomass
  • Poultry manure
  • Biogas Digestate
  • Woodchips
  • Sewage Sludge
  • Food Waste etc.

- Organic fertilizer plants
- Green energy
- Waste treatment
Dorset Green Machines BV, a Dutch manufacturing company, is a world leader in designing and manufacturing manure/sludge drying technology and industry related products. The Dorset drying technology utilises the residual heat from (green) power plants to efficiently dry a variety of wet materials. Residual heat from power plants and the warm ventilated air from poultry houses can be used to dry poultry manure converting it into a valuable organic fertiliser or fuel.

**Pollo Two**: 200 cm wide  
**Pollo Three**: 300 cm wide  
With multiple layers (2, 4, or 6) of manure with a maximum drying surface of 460 m². These models are suitable for 30,000 - 270,000 hens per dryer.

**Container version:**  
The Tomo dryer is a single layer dryer which comes in a plug-and-play version for external use.

**Poultry manure drying at the farm or at a centralised plant**

The smooth coated perforated steel plates are the core technical advantage of the Dorset Belt Dryer. The robust construction of the belt permits a thick layer of manure (15 – 18 cm) to be evenly distributed across the full width of the plates, guaranteeing a highly efficient drying process. The efficiency of the belt allows the dryer to be constructed in a compact configuration. When air from the poultry house is used for drying, the size of the dryer is calculated based upon the number of hens resident in the house.

The number of hens per m² of drying area is climate dependent and can vary between 400 – 600 hens per m². Only a minimal amount of the poultry house air passes through the dryer (1 or 1.5 m³/hr./hen). The remainder of the air (summer ventilation) leaves the house directly via exhaust fans. As an example a dryer on a farm with 80,000 - 120,000 hens would require a dryer 27m long x 2m wide x 3m high. The Drying system operates fully automatically and requires no manual input. The equipment can be monitored remotely if required.

**Animation:**  
A complete overview of the manure drying process at a poultry farm

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Dried and pelleted poultry manure is an extremely good fertiliser with significant levels of P (Phosphorus) and K (Potassium). The pre-drying of manure in the poultry house is no longer a common practice. By removing the need to pre-dry significantly reduces the cost of electricity. The poultry house air at 20 degrees or more is normally sufficient to dry all the manure produced each day. The efficiency of drying process varies depending upon the external atmospheric condition, air with a high temperature and low moisture content provides the best drying results.

The drying system can be situated either at the back or along the side of the house.

**A dosing belt** delivers the manure directly on to the smooth perforated plates of the dryer. There is no requirement for pre-drying therefore the electricity costs are low.

The manure is removed from the poultry house on daily basis. It is deposited onto the belt within the dryer where it remains for approximately two days. This limits the conversion to ammonia and optimizes the nitrogen content in the end product. The result is less ammonia in the air and a higher value end product.

**The dryer** has 1 – 6 layers of perforated plates which are pulled through the dryer by means of a rolling chain. The drying process starts on the top-layer of the dryer. The manure is carried through the upper level of the dryer, when it reaches the end it drops down onto the belt below. The process is repeated until the dried manure finally reaches the bottom-layer where it has achieved the required DM content. The dried material is then removed by an auger/screw system into the storage area.

**The Dorset drying system** is acknowledged by the Dutch government as a system that reduces ammonia emissions in poultry houses. It also removes dust and especially fine-dust is filtered from the poultry air by the manure layer. The (fine) dust reduction is 70% of the total stable: 55%. (E.6.4.2)
A totally integrated solution of drying, pelleting and sanitation. This is a government approved system for the production of a product that is not hazardous to humans and is a biologically safe, stable, organic fertilizer.

It has an “accredited” certification stating that the pellet has been heated for one hour at 70°C and therefore all bacteria etc. have been eliminated. Data logging for governmental approval and check.
Drying in Containers

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Drying of Solid Substances from a Separator
After drying these materials can be utilised as a fuel or as bedding material in dairy farms.

Drying of Sewage Sludge
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Drying of liquid
Liquid with a minimum TS-content of approx. 8% can be dried without prior separation in order to use the excess heat. This is an excellent way of producing fertiliser.

Drying of woodchips
The Dorset Dryer Tomo is specially designed for drying wood chips. The drying of wood chips increases the combustion value and lowers storage costs.

Drying Procedure

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Drying equipment to make use of residual heat

Air cleaning, and sorting systems