

Bock Industries Helps Agricultural Producers Enhance Animal Welfare

Randall Bock, founder and president of Bock Industries, has more than 25 years of experience in the agricultural engineering field. He holds a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science in agricultural engineering from Pennsylvania State University and throughout his career has successfully addressed a wide range of engineering, technical and program challenges for agriculture and food production applications.

Q: Please start by telling us a bit about the company, a brief history of Bock Industries, and an overview of your business today?

A: Bock Industries is an engineering firm that values scientific research, effective design and understanding our clients' perspective. We started manufacturing devices for livestock euthanasia in 2011, when a large agricultural business requested improvements to a prototype euthanasia device. We now focus on making a positive and significant difference in the process of livestock euthanasia, in support of animal welfare worldwide, with proven solutions to ensure the humaneness and sustainability of methods deployed. We are committed to creating devices that enable farmers and food producers to efficiently and effectively euthanize stock without pain or discomfort. We use scientific research to design and test our captive bolt devices and we provide state-of-the-art training to ensure that the devices are used correctly and maintained optimally, to ensure that both animal welfare and human welfare are preserved.

Q: Please tell us about the company's products.

A: Bock Industries used state-of-the art research and technology to develop our first product called the TED — a lightweight, hand-held device specifically designed to stun and euthanize poultry in a single operation using a non-penetrating captive bolt system. Bock Industries has now expanded our innovative and effective technology to satisfy the dramatic increase in demand for high-welfare products in broader applications. The Zephyr-EXL, which is ideal for use at a designated euthanasia station, requires a pneumatic source of 120PSI. Although the TED and Zephyr-EXL were originally designed as euthanasia devices for large agricultural producers, they are now being utilized on small to medium farm businesses, and more recently were applied to mass depopulation by the USDA.

Q: How do you see Bock Industries' future in terms of technology and product evolution?

A: In the next few years, we are going to see a dramatic increase in demand for high-welfare products. There is no going back on animal welfare now that consumer awareness has been ignited. We also know that demand for meat products around the world is rising steeply. Through partnership with agricultural producers and farmers around the world, Bock Industries provides the research-based solutions to satisfy animal welfare requirements and serve the industry that will meet the growing demand for meat products worldwide.

Q: How can our readers find out more about your company?

A: For more information, call 1-814-777-3890, to discuss your requirements or visit www.bock-industries.com.
