

Renewable pork: Iberian pigs in Huelva are breed using solar energy

LOCATION: Encinasola (Huelva)

DURATION 1'31''

SUMMARY: A ranch that breeds Iberian pigs in the province of Huelva exclusively uses solar energy. It is the only power source accessible for this ranch which is located in the Natural Park of Aracena's Sierra; in addition, it also means saving a 50% in production costs.

VTR:

These little pigs have just born, they are just a day old but they must be separated from their mothers; either way they could be crushed to death, an economic risk the rancher can't afford.

ABEL DOMÍNGUEZ
Rancher

"That's why we need a heating plate, so piglets naturally go to the plate separating from the mother."

Necessary heat that avoids that they die of cold. In addition, we are at an isolated farm in the middle of the Natural Park of Aracena's Sierra in Huelva, where there is no electricity.

ABEL DOMÍNGUEZ
Rancher

"We took the chance of installing solar panels and this way having electricity and heating in a totally isolated place."

That's why we call these 'solar pigs', because the sun received by these panels heats the water that flows around the facilities, producing the heat that keeps these little pigs warm.

ABEL DOMÍNGUEZ
Rancher

"It is good because there is an annual saving of a 50% in fuel consumption."

Abel saves around 5.000 euros per year in fuel and he has paid 24.500 for the installation. Accounts are clear, mainly because...

ABEL DOMÍNGUEZ
Rancher

"Sunlight is for free"

There are more than 12.000 pig farms in Andalusia. Imagine how much money and fuel they could save is they did the same as Abel.

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