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CHALMERSTON FARM EGGS GROWTH PLANS TAKING FLIGHT WITH SEVEN-FIGURE SUPPORT FROM HSBC

Ayrshire-based egg producer Chalmerston Farm Eggs is looking to continue its impressive growth and double its turnover within the next 12 months after receiving a seven figure finance package from HSBC.

The finance package supported the £1.1 million construction of Chalmerston's new free range poultry shed, increasing its stock of birds from 20,000 to 52,000.

This deal marks a new relationship with HSBC which is led by Rodney Wallace, HSBC's Agriculture Director in South West Scotland. This will see HSBC support Chalmerston Farm Eggs' investment programme to increase production capacity and upgrade facilities to ensure the highest welfare standards for its hens, whilst doubling its turnover to £1.2 million.

Award-winning Chalmerston Farm Eggs, which has produced eggs for almost six decades, produces and processes approximately 16 million fresh and free range eggs a year. The farm is also involved in beef and sheep farming.

Based in Mauchline, Ayrshire, Chalmerston Farm Eggs is a family business owned and managed by husband and wife Billy and Irene Robb alongside son Alan who also plays an active role in running the business. The Robbs took control of the farm in 1991.

The egg business was founded by Irene's parents, Hugh and Mary Strathearn in 1958. Today, the company employs three members of staff, including an additional employee in the new poultry unit.

Billy Robb, joint owner of Chalmerston Farm Eggs said: "We are an ambitious business and have a clear view on where we expect the business to be in the coming years. HSBC acted quickly to see how they could help us, which really helped us."

“The team sees our vision, appreciates the dynamics of the marketplace, the importance of building a long-term, sustainable relationship and the flexibility and scale of modern food production.

“This support from HSBC will help us more than double our hen population, and with it our turnover, and we are very much looking forward to the challenges ahead.”

Rodney Wallace, HSBC’s Agriculture Director in SW Scotland said: "We have a strong appetite to support the growth of ambitious mid-market Scottish businesses like Chalmerston Farm Eggs.

“Our partnership with Chalmerston Farm Eggs will help prepare this impressive business for the next step in their growth, consolidating its position as one of Scotland's leading egg producers. We are pleased to be part of this exciting period, helping them grow.”

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