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ab ovo bio GmbH installs Respeggt's in-ovo sexing technology, setting a new standard in organic egg production

The German hatchery ab ovo bio GmbH is the first organic hatchery in the country to install in-ovo sexing – and has partnered with Respeggt, the leading technology provider, to implement this DNA-based solution. The collaboration marks a significant milestone in the advancement of animal welfare-oriented practices within organic supply chains.

The implementation of in-ovo sexing at the hatchery in Ahlen, scheduled for August 2025, aligns with ab ovo's philosophy and long-term vision, explains Managing Director Malte Wolter. "As a family business, sustainability and transparency are part of our DNA. With Respeggt, we can now offer a solution that fits our values and strengthens long-term trust in organic poultry farming."

One of the main reasons ab ovo bio GmbH chose Respeggt is the uniqueness of its DNA-based technology. This method achieves an accuracy rate of over 99% and delivers the highest yields of female chicks. Wolter explains: "The technology is reliable, precise, and adds real value – not just for us, but for the entire supply chain." Another advantage of the Respeggt technology is its wide operating window early in the incubation process, from day 8 to day 12. For hatcheries, this provides a new level of planning security, process efficiency, and compliance with animal welfare standards – all of which are particularly important in the context of organic certification and consumer trust.

"We are very pleased to welcome ab ovo bio GmbH as our new partner," says Edwin Zeller, Chief Commercial Officer of Respeggt Group. "The fact that Respeggt is now used in organic egg production marks a new milestone in animal-welfare-oriented hatching – and sends a clear signal that the industry is ready to take the next step."



About ab ovo Group

Ab ovo Group is a family-owned hatchery based in Ahlen, Germany, founded in 2012. With a strong focus on sustainability, animal welfare, and transparency, the company specializes in the breeding of parent stock, the hatching of layer chicks, and their rearing for family-run farms. Ab ovo places particular emphasis on resource-efficient, future-oriented poultry farming and supplies customers across Germany and Europe.

About Respeggt

Respeggt is an established partner for in-ovo sexing of hatching eggs. Their unique, proven DNA-based technology is renowned for its accuracy, with great benefits for performance, reliability and plannability. The technology enables early testing from day 8 of incubation. Respeggt is a subsidiary of HatchTech Group.

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