



## DE HEUS TAKES FIRST PHASE OF BULK OUTLOADING LINE INTO OPERATION

*The factory of De Heus Voeders in Utrecht celebrated the commissioning of the first phase of its new bulk outloading line at the beginning of January.*

*Due to its significant growth in sales in recent years, De Heus decided to make additional investments in the specialized cattle feed factory in Utrecht. With these investments De Heus is able to deliver even faster and more flexible.*

*During the first phase, one loading bay has been completely renovated. 38 finished product silos and a movable bulk weigher have been installed. In February, the demolition of the second bulk outloading station and the construction of phase two will commence.*

### INTRODUCTION

De Heus' compound feed production is growing towards the maximum available capacity in most of its production locations. The growth of market share and sales within the cattle branch meant that the facility in Utrecht was also reaching its maximum capacity. In addition, De Heus wants to be able to respond even more flexibly to customer demands.



Therefore, before the summer of 2021, the groundwork was laid for the construction of a hypermodern bulk outloading station. In two phases, the two existing bulk outloading stations will be completely dismantled and replaced by one new bulk outloading station. This will expand the capacity from 12 to a total of 76 finished product silos.

### **MOVABLE BULK WEIGHER**

The new outloading station will be equipped with a movable bulk weigher that fills the finished product silos and a bulk weigher that prepares the order in pre-loading bins with flexible pipes from which trucks can be loaded. With this substantial increase in finished product silos, De Heus is able to respond to the demand for appropriate blends for its customers.

The movable bulk weigher enables De Heus' facility to load more quickly and accurately, which means that deliveries can be made more quickly and the ordered quantities can also be delivered more accurately.



### **DELIVERY**

The first phase with 32 finished product silos with the movable bulk weigher suspended above the silos and one movable bulk weigher for outloading was delivered last December. The commissioning of this first phase took place at the beginning of January. Moreover, the outloading line can also be sealed with rolling doors, allowing for a more hygienic workspace.

### **CONSTRUCTION**

During the construction of this first phase, the ship unloading facility was also renewed and the plant itself was also subject to changes. In 2022 the existing grinding line will also be thoroughly renovated. This will create more capacity and enables the plant to also grind barley in addition to wheat.



The demolition of the second outloading line will start in February and the construction of the second phase will begin shortly after. The roof of the factory will also be completely renewed. With all these innovations and modernizations De Heus is able to supply its growing number of customers in the cattle industry in the Netherlands and Flanders even faster and more flexibly.

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