

« VIEWS OF THE FRIGORIFICO PUERTO BORIES »

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Water supply for the plant: This reservoir is located at the foot of Cerro Dorotea, behind the Freezer Works and a short distance from it.

Water supply reservoir

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The animals arriving from the ranches are held in a field, from where they move on to the sorting pens, before proceeding to the slaughter-house.

Animals arriving at the pens

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Animal entrance to the slaughter-house

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First cold-store

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After drying, the fleeces proceed to the washing machines, and from there to the centrifugal driers.

Washing machines

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Once dried, the fleeces are chemically treated to facilitate removal of the wool; this goes directly to the drier, and from there, via a tube, to the baling press on the lower floor.

Fleece pluckers

Wool drying machine

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After the final wash, the hides are sorted and prepared for export.

300,000 hides ready for export

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In the Butchery, everything suitable for producing fat is separated and sent to the digester tanks: the extracted fat is filtered and stored.

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The entrails removed from the carcasses are washed thoroughly and prepared for export.

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From the same woods used for timber and firewood, logs are dragged to the sea, where they are tied together with chains and towed to the sawmill's pier by the plant's steamer "Fueguino".

Transportation of logs to the sawmill

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Dragging the logs mechanically to the mill

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Various Departments:

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