



IDFL NEWS



International Down and Feather Laboratory and Institute
Serving retailers, consumers and manufacturers worldwide for **30 years.**

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DOWN is the FUTURE Down Products are "GREEN"

Down is sustainable.

Down is a by-product of a very efficient food packaging industry. Goose and duck meat are excellent protein sources for much of Asia.

Birds are never grown for the feathers and down. Birds are raised primarily for food. Down and feathers are by-products of the food processing plants.

If down and feathers were not used in bedding and outerwear fillings— the material would be added to surface landfills.

Down is renewable.

Down and feathers will always be available as by-product of the food processing industry.

Synthetics fillings are made from non-renewable oil sources.

Down is a natural product.

Down and feathers have evolved naturally for 300 million years as the world's best insulation.

Governments have tried unsuccessfully to create synthetic down for many years.

In Europe and the USA, the term "synthetic down" is illegal.

Down saves energy.

Down and feather blankets, quilts and comforters allow most consumers to drop thermostats by several degrees.

Down quilts and blankets keep consumers warm enough during cool spring and autumn nights so that heating can be turned off completely for many extra days.

The energy and money savings are enormous. Most comforters can have a "payback" of a few months from energy savings.

Energy Savings and Down Comforters

- Sleeping under a down comforter, quilt or blanket allows consumers to lower the nighttime thermostat and save consumers in heating costs.

COSTS SAVING PER YEAR

Lower Thermostat by:	You Save in Heating Costs:
1° F	\$ 90
2° F	\$ 180
3° F	\$ 270
4° F	\$ 360
5° F	\$ 450

- Sources: Shell Energy, Middle Tennessee Electric and others.

IDFL CELEBRATES 30-Year Anniversary

IDFL will celebrate its 30th anniversary in 2008. We invite all clients to visit anytime for a tour of our added testing facilities.

Wilford Sr. and Mary Jean Lieber founded IDFL in September 1978.

Wilford Sr. began his work with down and feathers over 45 years ago. His involvement includes:

- Director of Laboratories State of Utah.
- President of ABFLO.
- Developer of many test methods (now used worldwide).
- Trained and consulted with hundreds of organizations on down testing.

IDFL Europe Update

IDFL EUROPE has officially been named as an accredited test laboratory for composition by the **European Down and Feather Association (EDFA)**.

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