

MARCO expand existing MARCO TRAC-IT® System for Beacon Foods

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“Fresh food companies around the world are under increasing pressures to improve profitability at a time when margins are being squeezed and capital expenditure is under close scrutiny.

The continued trust placed by Beacon in our capabilities clearly demonstrates that our profitability systems do make a significant difference, whilst providing a measurable return on investment.

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A family business established in 1993, Beacon Foods employs around 100 people and is the UK's leading specialist producer of roasted and char grilled vegetables and fruit ranges, relishes, chutneys and compotes.

Manufacturing a variety of food products can lead to complexities in the production process and increase downtime when multiple products need to be weighed, mixed and packed within the same manufacturing facility.

The existing Trac-IT system was installed in 2007 and has brought important improvements to the Beacon manufacturing process. Beacons Foods opted to originally install a MARCO Trac-IT® Recipe Formulation Module (RFM) to assist with their recipe and stock control.

The system guides operators through the mixing and formulation processes whilst monitoring and updating stock levels in real time. Integrated with their Sage management system, it ensures complete traceability from goods-in through to final dispatch.

A roll out of further Trac-IT modules will now control the complete process from the initial order and the amount of raw materials required, through to labelling, warehouse management, transport and invoicing.

These further installations will increase Beacon Foods traceability and productivity by streamlining all operations.

Drivers will have portable hand held devices in their lorries to update delivery information on the go, with the system also managing critical vehicle fleet attributes.

Further stock control and warehouse management capabilities will bring additional process control advantages.

