

MARCO install a multi-line pack house for S.A.T Moyca

“ MARCO’s engineers have worked closely with our in-house team to ensure a swift and effective installation that has integrated with our existing materials handling equipment. The systems are already bringing encouraging improvements to our pack houses and we are confident this will play an important part in our goal to achieve excellence in global grape packing. ”

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Productivity experts MARCO have installed a major multi-line pack house YCM yield control system for S.A.T MOYCA, Spain’s leading supplier of table grapes. The 24 line multi-station systems have been installed in two of Moyca’s state-of-the-art pack houses in Totana, South East Spain, following successful in-house trials earlier in 2014.

The MARCO Trac-IT® Yield Control Module is a unique blend of operator work stations, mechanical handling equipment and software. The system has a proven track record in improving pack house productivity by 30% or more, virtually eliminating giveaway/over pack, minimising waste, optimising labour resources and providing pack house wide visibility.

The MARCO LineMaster® workstations at Totana are operating MARCO’s unique ‘one light - one fruit’ feature which is ideal for produce such as table grapes. Each light segment on the visual light display represents a single fruit and the YCM terminals can be pre-programmed to store different types and weights of fruit. As pre-packed grapes travel down the packing line, they are placed on the MARCO LineMaster® scales with operators visually prompted to ‘add’ or ‘take out’ the correct number of individual grape berries to ensure pack weight compliance. This intuitive process significantly increases line speeds, whilst minimising give away.

Footnote: Established in 1995, S.A.T MOYCA is dedicated to the production, handling and marketing of seedless table grapes. The company, located in the Region of Murcia (Totana), currently has 1250 hectares for grape production and about 200 hectares for the development of new seedless grape varieties. S.A.T MOYCA exports 40M kg of seedless table grapes per annum, supplying leading supermarkets and major retailers throughout Europe, South Africa, India, Middle East, the USA and Canada. The company has a pioneering approach to sustainable agriculture and 100% Global Gap certification.

