

MCI CASE STUDY
MCI MYRIAS SOFTWARE

Cottage Mushrooms 1td, Mushrooms

MCI Myrias Packing modules software

Cottage Mushrooms is a large Mushroom packer in North West England. They have three lines, each with 8 scales and an end-of-line check weigher. Originally all production control was managed by these check weighers and summary reports were provided at the end of a batch.

MCI Systems installed a central control PC and networking infrastructure to each of the three lines. All production is now recorded and controlled via this PC running MCI Myrias Packing software modules and the packers pack to the lights on the scales (also controlled by the PC). The MCI Myrias Packing system has both improved packing speed and reduced give away.

The summary reports from the three check weighers are now fed directly into the MCI Myrias Packing system which means that the old dot-matrix printers are no longer required.

Rothwells also use the system to prevent packers recycling the same pack: if a pack of the same weight is weighed on the same scale successively an alarm is shown on the control PC.

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Shackleford Mushrooms, Mushrooms

MCI Myrias Packing & Farming modules

Shackleford Mushrooms installed the MCI Myrias Packing software modules in their two pack houses in 200X, primarily to reduce the quantity of mushrooms that they were giving away. The MCI Myrias Farming system paid for itself in six weeks by reducing giveaway to less than $1/5^{\rm th}$ of 1%.

The system controls the two pack houses individually with results collated into a central reporting server. In reverse, configuration changes are made once and reflected across the system.

Shackleford also took advantage of the MCI Myrias Farming module, allowing collection of mushroom picking data along with time and attendance data on mobile (Windows Mobile) devices "in the shed". These devices are then docked into the manager's PC to allow reports to be produced on picking rates, time keeping, etc. These figures in turn feed into the calculation of employee pay.

When Shackleford Mushrooms ceased trading, the system was recommended to another grower and transferred to them. It is now in use, equally successfully, at their Suffolk site.

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