

Case Study

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Paperless Business Compliance



Established in the early 90s and operating from a 108-acre farm in Shropshire, Euro Quality Lambs is a leading supplier of ethically produced products. Their premium quality, award-winning range includes grass-fed lamb and mutton, as well as goat and calf. Supporting caterers and retailers right across the UK and Europe, a specialist team of 90 processes up to 25,000 carcasses each week.

THE BUSINESS CASE

Following recent expansion, Euro Quality Lambs (EQL) recognised that their production processes would benefit from additional streamlining and adoption of new technologies.

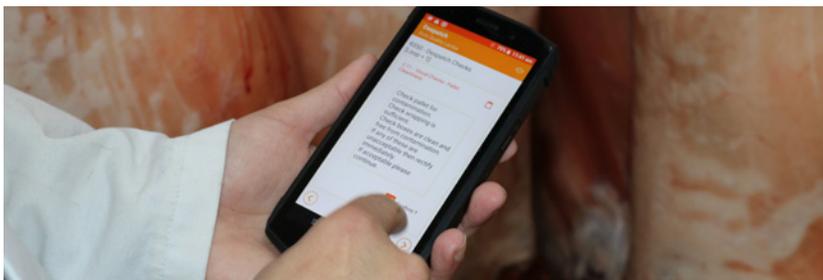
They needed to centralise their auditing structure and, as a part of this process, adopt a new paperless system.

EQL auditing includes animal welfare checks, checks on production lines (product temperatures, the sterilisation of equipment and the cleaning of machinery), ensuring no contamination and ensuring correct dispatch and shipping. Traceable auditing is needed therefore, within pretty much every area of the production process.



COMPANY FACTS

- Leading supplier of quality lamb and sheep to UK and overseas
- Established in 1992
- Operates from a 108-acre Shropshire farm
- BRC rating - AA
- 90+ employees
- Processes up to 25,000 carcasses each week.



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“ Maintaining and being able to clearly show full traceability and accountability are central components within our quality production and management systems. This is exemplified by the fact that we have been awarded the UK European Community (EC) identifier mark and this seal of approval can be seen all our products. We also meet the AA food production standards and requirements as set out (and inspected annually by) BRC.

The recent additional investment with Applied Principles was money very well spent and the move to adopt further paperless checking, has brought significant improvements across all of our business areas. ”

Saif Khalid *General Manager*



THE RESULTS

EQL asked Applied Principles to facilitate an operational move from multiple paper and clipboard checks to paper-free and centralised auditing. This work is now done by operatives using rugged mobile phones and the real-time data is stored on a local EQL Server.

Employees have said that they find the software very easy to use, it is visually easy to read and this makes it easier for them to submit the correct information. For the operatives this has given them more confidence in the essential checks they are asked to routinely undertake and, in knowing that a clear audit trail is always to hand (and that potential for human error is almost eliminated) this has increased confidence for management.

This also gives EQL customers increased confidence and helps the company with their BRC scoring.

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PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- With clear digital auditing systems in place everything is fully accountable, minimising the likelihood of any error
- EQL operatives now find it much easier to accurately submit the required auditing data
- Everything is now centrally digitally stored and trackable
- Management and customers have increased confidence
- External audit scores have been increased (BRC, for example)
- With less paper and less mess, productivity has increased

SPECIFIC AREAS OF USE

- Animal welfare checks
- Product temperature check
- Sterilisation of equipment checks
- Machinery cleaning and maintenance checks
- Contamination protection
- Ensuring correct dispatch and shipping

Your business. Our expertise

At Applied Principles we have dedicated in-house development & support teams who continuously develop & improve our industry-leading software. We partner closely with you, to ensure your business processes are as healthy as possible, without ongoing consultancy and configuration costs, whilst giving you full control of your own workflows and data.

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