



## A fresh solution

80% of your industry requirements can be met right out of the box

Food sector  
Fact sheet

### ColumbusFood is a leading solution for Dairy Producers and Processors

Columbus understands that getting food to the table isn't as simple as opening the fridge.

As a dairy producer or processor, you deal with perishable inventory, whose value changes as commodity markets fluctuate. A few cents lost or gained can add up to make or break your bottom line. You need to keep up with competition all while complying with industry regulations, maintaining quality, effectively managing product recalls, and much more.



ColumbusFood for dairy companies spans the entire enterprise, automating finance, sales operations, customer relations, procurement, manufacturing, warehousing and compliance. ColumbusFood allows dairy companies to optimize their processes and produce and distribute a high quality product that meets ever changing food safety regulations.

## Key Features Include:

### Catch Weights/Dual Unit Of Measure:

Allows for the actual weight of a product rather than an estimate and captures two units of measure simultaneously with each transaction.

### Commodity Costing/Payment:

Minimizes the complexity and effort of managing commodities by allowing companies to acquire, receive into inventory, cost, and pay vendors for commodity goods.

### Co-Product/By-Product:

Supports multiple outputs from a production process. A single run may produce cheese, cream (a co-product) and whey (a by-product).

### Aging:

Automatically ages and tracks product by age, for instance from Mild to Medium, to Sharp to Extra Sharp based on a formula.

### Enhanced Pricing:

Gives the user unlimited flexibility in determining cost values from which sale prices are calculated, including external values, such as a commodity's market price.

### Lot Tracking:

Both forward and backward, from raw material receipts through sales of Lot Freshness – allows for the calculation of a Days-To-Fresh, Best If Used By, or a Sell By date.

### Quality Control:

Quality testing and reporting that allows you to use quality control data to facilitate the best possible decision-making and production planning.

### Supply Driven Planning:

Allows for planning production based on raw materials that enter the inventory regardless of existing demand conditions.

## Benefits Of Columbus Food For Dairies:

- ✓ Improved lot traceability into producer pickups, haulers, dock receiving and silo storage
- ✓ Costing by milk class and component, co-mingled purchased lots, co-mingled production lots, and by-products
- ✓ Manage payments to producers, brokers and haulers, mid-month payments, and final payment valuation based on milk administrator report
- ✓ Easily track and manage customer deductions and resolution history
- ✓ Manage the aging process including lot hold and available to package
- ✓ Improved quality control while managing test results throughout the production process
- ✓ Effortlessly calculate market pricing
- ✓ Manage trade spend budgets and liabilities
- ✓ In depth business intelligence and financial reporting



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