

## QMS GIVES BARFOOTS TOTAL CONTROL OF QUALITY

**S**tand alone, linked to ERP, or part of the Muddy Boots integrated suite of produce traceability modules, QMS is the most advanced quality management system available today for food businesses needing to consistently meet the industry's most stringent requirements.

Muddy Boots principles of 'one time data entry' using mobile data capture replaces the traditional time consuming paper-based systems to deliver a real-time management solution for businesses seeking improved quality control processes.

Justin Creasy, Technical Director of Barfoots of Botley, commented "the benefits of QMS are quite simple, it gives us control. Paper-based systems are one dimensional that depend on results firstly being recorded, then reported, then someone doing something about it, and lastly someone writing what was done.

This is a long-winded, inefficient process that is all too easily broken, resulting in non conformities, failed deliveries, bad morale, and unhappy customers; none of which are acceptable in today's customer driven competitive market".

QMS brings together all the quality control functions and disciplines into a cohesive business process featuring:

- daily facility audits
- intake assessments
- online checks
- blind label checks
- positive release of customer product
- shelf life testing

All these processes are embedded with specification values and thresholds that, when exceeded, trigger instant notification and communication of non-conformities, automatically generating corrective action plan management.

Automated reminders and task management functions ensure all outstanding corrective actions are followed up to ensure closure and eventual sign off.

Bold screen layouts designed for mobile hardware, easy navigation with pen or keyboard

and colour coded alerts all add to the appeal for users who find the system straightforward and practical, thus making the transition from long standing paper systems uncomplicated.

"Our quality procedures used to be paper-based, laborious and inefficient, since QMS quality management is now an effective, integrated business process that puts us in control"

**Justin Creasy,**  
Technical Director Barfoots

Never before has a quality management system of this capability been available to meet the specific requirements of the produce industry and deliver so much value in:

- control of people with the added measure of efficiency
- control of raw material in, stored and into production
- control of online checks, and processes coupled with visual referencing
- significant reduction in risk of label failures
- minimised risk of human error through validated data entry controls
- immediate reporting of non conformities and improved corrective action response
- easy access to customer and company specifications and procedures
- quick access to vital management information, product performance, supplier performance, QC productivity analysis

Having just completed a BRC version 4 audit, Justin Creasy remarked "by removing paper-based systems and fully utilising the benefits of Muddy Boots QMS, the award of Grade A BRC was significantly easier and more achievable".

### About Muddy Boots

Acknowledged masters in mobile data collection, Muddy Boots have been developing data recording systems since 1996 and has unrivalled experience in producing intelligent, mobile data capture, recording and auditing software.

These systems based on Microsoft technologies act as building blocks to help deliver integrated management and traceability solutions for the agri-food industry.

The ability to recognise and evaluate the opportunities offered by emerging technologies - to integrate to deliver value when practical - has led to a prized reputation for creating products that are easy to use, reliable and robust.


### About Barfoots of Botley

Established in the early 1970's the company has grown to become one of the UK's leading fresh produce suppliers. Their customer base includes the best UK retailers, significant UK providers of FoodService and international providers of prepared vegetables.

With its HQ just outside of Chichester, West Sussex and growing operations along the south coast of the UK, produce is packed and distributed from its facilities at Seftor Farm.

Their Spanish subsidiary Barfoots España is located in El Ejido, Almeria and comprises a logistical and technical operation supporting the overall business.

Barfoots work in partnership with a dedicated grower base from around the world ensuring a year-round supply of fresh produce.



"Without doubt the investment is paying off in terms of quality control efficiency, management information gathered and continuous improvement of our quality service levels that we can deliver to our customers".

**Justin Creasy,**  
Technical Director Barfoots

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