

News Release

CAT² Announces Traceability Solution for Processors

System Enables Complete Lot Tracking and Recall for Meat Processors

Conway, AR – January 19, 2004 - CAT² re-introduced today a traceability and food safety system designed to detect, track and manage food safety threats across the processing chain to combat mad cow disease and other food pathogens. CAT² Further Processing Tool Series along with its Hazard Analysis Tool Series provides processors with a powerful one-two punch of traceability and food safety checks. It offers real-time information and tracking of food assets for immediate identification and response to an existing problem.

“With all the fanfare about Mad Cow disease we are emphasizing our experience in this area. Our software has an established track record as opposed to other companies’ new products,” said Mike Sardinha, president of CAT². “If contamination does occur, we can pinpoint where it entered the processing chain and isolate the problem. This not only protects consumers’ health and limits processor liability, but cuts down on the size of the recall.”

FPTS tracks food from the point of origin in the plant through the production and distribution channel. With the added benefit of the HAT system, processors have the added security of documentation of all its HACCP/HIMP related checks, required by USDA inspectors.

“The system provides an audit trail of everything that has happened to the meat, including a pre-shipment review,” said Sardinha. “Our recall tests can trace contaminated meat to the source in less than 30 minutes. In all major recalls it has been hard for the processor to effectively trace back its entire product. This is evident by the massive recalls we have seen. That is not the case for processors that use our system.”

FPTS employs real-time information with production date, time, and lot/batch number for each case produced and is designed specifically for ready to eat plants. CAT² systems are rooted in the lean manufacturing and 6-Sigma methods.

The CAT² system is a valuable deterrent and can minimize the social, economic and environmental costs associated with an outbreak for each organization across the supply chain.

About CAT²

CAT² is a leading provider of manufacturing execution software to the food and beverage industry. CAT² software is designed to offer processors complete data collection from the plant floor with its suite of tool series for primary and further processing, food safety and egg management. More information about CAT² can be found at www.catsquared.com

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