

Sum-It Bespoke Software Case Study

Mutchmeats Abattoir Carcass Label Scanning System

Mutchmeats Abattoir, located at Witney in Oxfordshire, process a large number of cattle and sheep in their modern killing and cutting plant, originally constructed in 2001.



They needed a quick way to identify all carcasses that made up every dispatch from the plant and list them on each delivery note. They had been using an older system to get by until in 2007 they asked us to develop a better solution.

First we needed to source a suitable hand-held computer with integrated barcode reader. The unit had to be rugged, waterproof and able to withstand the cold temperatures of the carcass storage area. We chose the Metrologic Optimus scanner as its construction had all the necessary properties and also came with flexible programming abilities.

We then developed a very easy-to-use menu-driven program that enabled the operator to simply select the dispatch destination then scan all the relevant carcass labels before plugging the unit via a cable into a laser printer and pressing a button to generate an instant delivery note, listing all animals on the load.

The system has since been in constant use on both the day and night shifts with multiple terminals in operation.

“This device has increased the speed in which we load the carcasses dramatically and has become a vital piece of equipment to gather data within our factory” says Maree Westwood of Mutchmeats

We have also developed similar solutions to other clients needing a rugged outdoor data capture tool. If you also have a data capture requirement, please contact Ben John on 01844 213003 today to discuss it with him.