Hornby Organic improves production efficiency by 100%
Hornby Organic drastically improved **inventory control** and spent half as much time on admin after switching to Katana. They needed manufacturing software that would help them achieve **end-to-end traceability** and get the visibility they needed to **scale production** and stay profitable.
Irah Vet, 
Founder and CEO at Hornby Organic

“We were looking for an end to end traceability on our raw ingredients through to finished products. We also wanted an accurate inventory system for batch planning, warehousing, and sales. Katana fulfills all our needs in a simple easy solution. As an organic food processor, traceability is a critical requirement, and our records must be meticulously kept.”
By switching to Katana from spreadsheets, Hornby Organic improved raw material and product inventory control by 100%.

Features like batch and expiry date tracking and Katana’s master planning tools helped Hornby Organic decrease admin-time by 50%.

Katana’s production planning features helped Hornby Organic double the production planning efficiency.
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The challenge they faced

As a food company, effective production management is not only about efficient operations. Regulatory compliance in the food production industry is rigorous, and companies need to effectively trace products and batches to ensure these health and safety requirements are met.

Despite their humble beginnings, Hornby Organic expanded rapidly and needed a more reliable tool than spreadsheets to ensure traceability for their ingredients and products. So their team quickly set out to find a software solution that would help them:

1. Get end-to-end traceability from raw ingredients through to finished products
2. Implement an accurate inventory system for batch planning and warehousing
3. Manage the growing number of sales orders from their online shop and retailers
The solution they found

With Katana, Hornby Organic was able to ditch time-consuming spreadsheets and instead focus on increasing productivity and profitability — which is essential in an industry known for its low margins. Katana also made it possible to implement end-to-end traceability for their products, a critical feature to ensure the product quality and meet the safety standards of food manufacturing ingredients.

According to Irah Vet, Founder and CEO at Hornby Organic, Katana was the manufacturing software they were looking for to help them scale production.

“Katana is one integrated solution that replaces our many spreadsheets. Also, the integration with our Shopify store and accounting software was a key consideration.”
Hornby Organic manages their sales orders from various channels, and Katana brings all their orders to a single platform. Using Katana, they can automatically start production and see the number of finished goods in stock. And by creating product recipes, they can accurately track costs based on material usage and production operations to make better pricing decisions.

How Katana helped Hornby Organic double their inventory control
**Hornby Organic in numbers**

With the help of Katana, their team was able to:

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Katana helps food manufacturers worldwide maximize efficiency and stay in control of their business. With features that support batch and expiry date tracking, Katana gives you the overview you need to ensure industry compliance and gain total visibility when tracking your perishable stock from materials to sold goods.
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