



Client Crown Chicken Limited

Nature of client business

In 1951 Fred Thacker, father of current Chairman and Managing Director David, began processing a few hens in a small shed only yards away from where today's modern factory stands. Trading as Crown Chicken at the time, Fred Thacker sold the company in the late 70's and it became Harvest Poultry. In 1993 David led a management buyout and renamed the company Crown Chicken Ltd. The business now encompasses feed milling, breeding, hatching, rearing and processing. Today they rear and process over 450,000 birds a week on their selected farms in Norfolk and Suffolk producing Red Tractor standard chicken portions.

Scope of job

As a modern poultry processing factory with high quality finished goods, they are 100% dependent upon reliable operation of the refrigeration plant. Adcock provide ongoing maintenance and reactive support services to ensure that their systems are working efficiently at all times and that we are on hand 24 hours a day if they need us.

Location

Crown Farm, Weybred, Harleston, Norfolk

Timing

Adcock have been working with Crown Chicken since the 1980's and we are very proud that our two companies, both experts in our respective fields, have shared this business relationship for almost 30 years.

What the project entailed

Adcock Refrigeration engineers undertake routine inspections of the refrigeration plant to ensure optimum performance and to ensure compliance with F-Gas

regulations. They also provide round the clock response to plant failures including the busy Christmas period when production reaches its peak.

What we brought to the job

Adcock employ fully qualified refrigeration engineers with City & Guilds F-Gas handling as well as a range of health and safety certifications including MEWP training, PASMA, BRA brazing certification and essential electrical working, so that our clients can be sure that our work meets all legislative requirements.

We have a thorough understanding of all aspects of refrigeration and recognise the need to maintain production whilst as the same time ensuring plant efficiency.

Equipment installed

Refrigeration plant of all sizes

Ongoing maintenance

Adcock have been involved with Crown Chickens for many years and are proud to continue this relationship in to the future through varying economic climates.

Testimonial

We have introduced new technology to maximise energy efficiency and to ensure our cold chain is not compromised at any stage. Crown Chicken Limited has a long trading relationship with Adcock Refrigeration, who have provided an excellent service to the site for the majority of our trading history, and they will continue to do so into the future with us.

Julian Hines
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