



CASE STUDY POTATO HYGIENE

DOLAVS FIT THE PROCESS

KFF Potatoes is based in Sutton Bridge near Spalding in Lincolnshire. It is primarily a potato prepacking operation, adding value to the product sourced from all over the UK, including Cambridgeshire, Herefordshire, Shropshire, Suffolk, Norfolk and Lincolnshire.

Describing the business and its processes, Richard Phillips said:

"We process about 2000 tonnes of potatoes each month, mainly washing them and putting them into pre-packs, cartons and bulk containers for many different customers including supermarkets, wholesale markets, caterers and food manufacturers.

"We chose Dolav because they suit our customers and they fit their process and their machinery so we accommodate them into our machinery and process. They are recyclable. They are durable – they will take the knocks which happen in this kind of process. They get handled several times for each particular sale up

to 10-times with transport and moving in and out of different production and delivery processes. So they have to be durable and we find they do the job very well.

GOOD INVESTMENT

"We carry around 100 Dolavs and we see this as a good investment because having enough around you to deliver once without waiting for Dolavs to come back from a customer saves on haulage costs.

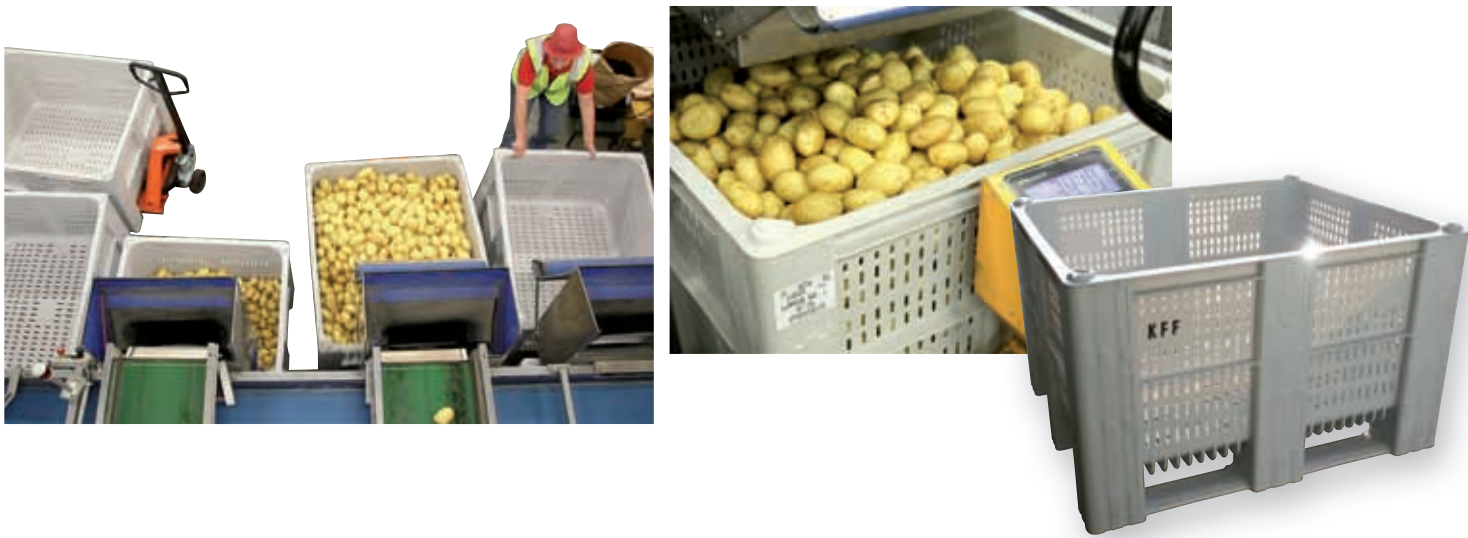
"Our customers require us to take all the risks of foreign body contamination out of the process. We find the best way to do that is to wash them just prior to production and seal them with a lid.

"We have been using Dolavs for six years and we found them to have stood the test of time very well. We have recently had some more to give us a bit more flexibility and the ability to do more volume required by our customers."

Dolavs are washed prior to production



Dolavs fit food processors' systems



DOLAVS PART OF HIGH CARE SECURITY

Bennett Potatoes at Scawby, near Brigg, Lincolnshire supplies a wide variety of size- and weight-graded potatoes to the catering, wholesale and export markets, as well as providing fresh pack for retailers.

POTATOES PACKED IN DOLAVS

Describing the business and its processes, Ian Bennett, said: "We have been in business since 2009 and pack 40,000 tonnes of potatoes a year. We buy from growers and without the hard work and expertise of farmers across Lincolnshire and Yorkshire we would be hard pressed to supply our loyal customer base with the tastiest spuds in the land. We wash the potatoes, size-grade, transport and pack them to our customers in Dolavs. We purchased 312 Dolavs in 2011 and every single one is still in use today.

"We usually handle size-graded potatoes in wooden potato boxes. The Dolavs give us that high-care security edge because they are plastic. This enables us to put our product into our customers' high-care environments so they can process their products to then go on to major retailers.

EASY TO CLEAN

"When it comes to cleaning, Dolavs are easy to clean. We use a high-pressure wash to regularly clean our Dolavs, as we supply food sector customers. Another thing that attracted us to Dolavs was the opportunity to have our own unique colour scheme synonymous with Bennett Potatoes for traceability and identification with our own company branding."

Bennett Potatoes have company colour-coded Dolavs



40,000 tonnes a year at Bennett Potatoes



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