



Automated honey case packing line for greater efficiency and productivity.

Better Mānuka honey, for better health - that's Comvita's sweet spot.

Comvita is a New Zealand based company that specialises in the production of Mānuka honey and other natural health products. They have been in the business for over 45 years. Today, Comvita is one of the world's leading producers of Mānuka honey, with a range of products that are sold in over 18 countries.



THE CUSTOMER

Comvita

"We saw a 30% increase in line speed and output."

Aaron Rowe

Following our initial week of operating the robotic case packer, myself and the Comvita team have been thoroughly impressed with its performance, reliability, and overall quality.

The machine's ease of use has also been noteworthy, it is incredibly user-friendly, which has made the training process for our operators quick and easy.

THE CHALLENGE

According to Aaron Rowe, the Continuous Improvement & Maintenance Engineering Manager of Comvita, retaining staff has been a challenge for the company. The increasing demand for horticulture workers has made it difficult for the company to retain key personnel and offer them opportunities for growth within the organisation's leading production processes and techniques. In order to address this issue, Aaron Rowe sought out RML for assistance, resulting in the acquisition of an automated robotic case packer machine to help Comvita tackle this challenge in a more innovative way.



The decision to look for a solution was driven by the need to improve efficiency on the production line. With a shortage of workers, Comvita needed a solution that could handle the packing process with minimal human intervention.

RML's automated case packer machine offered the perfect solution, providing a reliable and consistent way of packing honey products without the need for additional labour.



THE SOLUTION

With the aim of improving efficiency & work safety, RML has built an automated case packing solution customised to Comvita's needs.

The solution involves erecting boxes and sending them to a packing robot, which picks pots and cartons of honey using six dedicated vacuum pick heads that are designed to suit each product.



Top Load Case Packer Render



With this solution, boxes can be erected and packed in a matter of seconds resulting to an improvement in speed, efficiency and reduction in errors. Additionally, Comvita can now free up staff to focus on other areas of the production line, providing them with the opportunity to develop new skills and take on new responsibilities. This can lead to greater job satisfaction and retention.

EFFICIENCY AT ITS FINEST

The integration of RML's case packing solution has enabled Comvita to optimise their production processes to ensure smoother operations and increased productivity.



We love solving challenges that free our customers and maximise human potential.

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