

MONEY TALKS AT YORKSHIRE WASTE-FOOD RECYCLING COMPANY



At Mosley Waste Management, Topcliffe, Thirsk, Simon Mosley has a simple solution to mechanically handling food waste. "If we use IBC (intermediate bulk containers) they only last two or three months if we are lucky, but a Dolav Ace lasts for years, it only costs about twice the price of an IBC and we can sell used Dolavs years later, still in good condition, for the same as an IBC costs us. It's a 'no brainer,'" he said.

Mosley Waste Management has a fleet of some 40 Dolav Ace plastic box pallets and lids which are on constant rotation from a pet food company in the region. They receive animal by-product food waste which occurs during pet food factory production changes or some output not meeting required quality. To empty the Dolavs, Mosley tips them with a forklift rotating head into a 40 ft hooklift container which, when full, is trucked to an anaerobic digestion plant also in the North.

When the Dolavs are empty, Mosley simply pressure hoses the box pallets and lids clean and sends them back to the

pet food factory for more pet food waste. "The Dolav Ace is very easy to clean," said Simon Mosley as he pointed out the rounded internal corners and solid, food-grade HDPE solid walls of the Dolav Ace.

He added, "The other main advantage of the one-piece moulding and integral runners on the Dolav is that the runners don't come off. They can't unclip. Some others do. We won't have them," he insisted.

Commenting on the level of care or lack of it shown by some forklift truck operators observed that any container used in recycling can receive abusive handling when away from Mosley Waste Management. "The product has got to be able to stand up to bad handling. The Dolav Ace does. That's also why we use them," he concluded.



KEEPING IT 'CAT 3' CLEAN AND PROFITABLE



Stafford Bye Products (SBP) maintains Category 3 hygiene standards when processing animal by-products for pet-food companies. It collects by-products from some twelve abattoirs and animal processing plants around the Midlands with three 26-foot rigid-bodied lorries each taking thirty-two Dolav Ace plastic pallet boxes.

All animal by-products are received in Dolav Aces in Dolav liners. They are tipped with rotating forks into a hopper or freezers and SBP finished by-product is processed within four hours of its arrival ahead of twelve to twenty-four hours in a cold store. SBP is a Division of Shropshire Wholesale Meat Company.

The animal by-products going through SBP processing are chicken frames which are minced and emulsified, chicken plucks (heart, liver and lungs), chicken necks, beef, lamb and pork.

As part of the 'fifth quarter' the sale and processing animal by-products increases the value of animals being processed and reduces waste and the cost of waste disposal.

When deciding on a suitable plastic pallet box, SBP manager, Richard Smith, said, "We wanted the Dolav as it is made in a one-piece moulding so the runners don't break off. They have very strong, solid plastic walls with the result that they are durable, cleanable and hygienic. Because of the very tight margins in the business plastic pallet boxes have got to last a long time."

Each full Dolav SBP handles weights 400 kilos, well within the

900 kilo capability of the Ace.

The other problem to overcome for SBP, as for the total sector, is loss through non-return of box pallets. To help reduce loss, all new Dolav Ace boxes for Staffs Bye Products are hot die stamped by Dolav with the SBP company name. SBP pressure hoses its Dolavs clean and returns them to supplier sites in a continuous cycle as it has done for more than twenty years with Dolavs.

For its pet-food company clients, SBP produces processed animal by-products to meet required specifications. That includes content and very importantly, hygiene to Cat 3 standards which SBP continues to achieve with the help of Dolav Ace pallet boxes.



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