

Lingwood automation at the Herbarry

East Anglian based food processing specialists Lingwood Food Services Limited provide efficient and cost effective solutions for their food processing clients.

For husband and wife team Alec & Karen Vallance, The Herbarry, at Shoulden Thorpe in Norfolk, produces baby leaf lettuce and other exotic baby leaf salads for East Anglian wholesalers and food service customers in London. In 2001 & 2005 they were finalists in the prestigious Salad Grower of the Year competitions.

A pesticide free organisation, The Herbarry is a member of LEAF (Linking Environment and Farming). Products are un-washed with a "Rinse Before Use" label, enhancing flavour and shelf life. Always looking to offer a better service to their increasing customer base they moved from hand packing and bagging the produce to machine bagging and have increased the volume from 1200 bags a day to 6000 bags a day. "It was the biggest gamble of our lives, but in hindsight it is already proving to be one of the best decisions we have ever made. With the increased capacity we expect to have substantial growth in our turnover in the next twelve months." Karen contacted Lingwood regarding the CP300 GKS Compac. One of the key issues for her was the amount of space that the

machine would take up and how much storage space they would lose but the CP300 met all her criteria. They went ahead with the purchase in May this year and in a very short period achieved the astounding improvements as outlined. From two staff producing 1200 bags a day to five staff producing 6000 a day all in a 7 week period with a minimal impact on space the CP 300 has been a great investment.



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