



5 Ways BFC Transforms Warehouse Operations:

Key Benefits for Warehouse Managers and
Their Teams

INTRODUCTION

Warehouse managers at food distribution facilities face a number of complex challenges, from optimizing space to regulatory compliance to staff retention. Outdated manual processes make matters worse. When you're working with pen and paper, it's impossible to gain the visibility and insight you need to operate safely, accurately, and efficiently.

That's where BFC Software comes in. BFC is the leading warehouse management system (WMS) built specifically for food distributors. We call it a "food-focused WMS." BFC brings **20 years of experience serving the food distribution industry to a technology platform** that's proven to reduce errors, improve productivity, and maintain compliance.

BFC benefits the business as a whole, with our best-in-class customers seeing results like

>99%
accuracy rates

1 in 8,500
error rates

But it also offers advantages specifically for warehouse managers. Let's look at five ways that the BFC platform helps warehouse managers overcome challenges and improve operations.

1. Inventory accuracy
2. Labor efficiency
3. Traceability and safety
4. Warehouse optimization
5. Employee satisfaction

1. Inventory accuracy

Inventory management is one of warehouse managers' most important – and problematic – responsibilities.

Human error, equipment failures, date sensitivity, and vendor and supply chain delays can all throw a wrench into established processes, making it difficult to ensure accuracy in quantity, weight, dates, and labeling. Inventory issues often spiral into other areas of operations as well, like customer satisfaction, overall throughput, traceability, and productivity. Put simply, accurate inventory is critical to an efficient warehouse.

BFC's Inventory offering, part of the broader BFC warehouse management solution offering, solves these issues with real-time inventory visibility and management. The platform streamlines processes across receiving, putaway, replenishment, adjustments, and re-pack so you always know where every product is at all times.

The result: greater inventory accuracy, lower operational costs, less waste, and improved customer service.

WITH BFC, YOU CAN:

- ✓ **Capture pertinent information** at the point of receiving, such as quantity, dates, catch weights, lots, etc., that remains with the product for the entire duration in the warehouse.
- ✓ Set up easy tasks to **efficiently place products** in overflow or pick slots.
- ✓ **Improve fulfillment** by utilizing a variety of replenishment methods, ensuring a single pass pick.
- ✓ Continue to **properly track products** even with repack items.
- ✓ **Improve overall inventory accuracy** and product waste with built-in date-rotation rules, real-time cycle count, and more.

ACHIEVE 99.9% INVENTORY ACCURACY WITH BFC

2. Labor efficiency

A warehouse is only as efficient as its workers.

To run at peak performance, employees need tools and processes that empower them to work smarter and faster, while managers need full visibility into accountability and metrics.

The BFC WMS delivers both. BFC makes it easy for warehouse managers to oversee KPIs such as throughput, cases per hour, cost per case, pallets per hour, turnover rates, and fulfillment. The easy-to-use platform simplifies tasks and prompts, reducing the impact of distractions so staff can get more done in less time. Performance monitoring tools plus better training and knowledge sharing create stronger teams, while intelligent processes enhance operational efficiency across the warehouse.

BFC WMS dashboards also help with resource management. Metrics like allocation of time and pieces per hour enable warehouse managers to see how their staff are performing as well as what time/resources are required for different duties. With that data, they can allocate people and tackle tasks more effectively.

TYPICAL RESULTS FROM BFC CUSTOMERS INCLUDE:

5-10 minutes

less time spent per pallet at Receiving

2X faster

put away processes

10-20 cases/week

in the typical distributor that receives 150-200 loads per week

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LABOR EXPENSES
BY 25%**



3. Traceability and safety

Ensuring compliance with OSHA, FDA, and now FSMA standards is one of warehouse managers' key responsibilities.

It's also tougher than ever, with seemingly always-evolving requirements and budget constraints that make it hard to balance profitability and regulatory compliance.

BFC takes the pressure off of warehouse managers with a software platform that's already ahead of the FSMA 204 curve. With end-to-end traceability from order to delivery and more accurate digital tracking, warehouse managers can eliminate paper-based processes and ensure compliance with safety regulations.



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BFC has been closely involved with food safety and regulations **for years.**

- ✓ Over 10 years on Food Safety & Traceability Councils
- ✓ Actively engaged on Blockchain Roundtables
- ✓ Advocating on behalf of all food distributors to the FDA
- ✓ Guest speakers and panelists with numerous food distribution groups

4. Warehouse optimization

Great warehouse managers know how to maximize every square foot of their space – but it’s not easy.

Manual spreadsheets are virtually impossible to keep up to date and even reports run by ERP systems only hold pick spots. Warehouse managers need more information, more quickly, and more accurately to ensure they’re making the most of their space.

The BFC warehouse management system puts that information at your fingertips in real time. The platform tracks every data point that warehouse managers need to set up their warehouses most efficiently, including:

The BFC WMS dashboards not only give you instant visibility into the state of your warehouse, they let you **uncover patterns and trends.**

If a certain slot isn’t scanned every night, for instance, it’s a red flag to see if there is an issue, like the slot is being blocked. This in turn allows the warehouse to run more productively and profitably.

- Slot types**: Represented by a solid red square and an outlined red square.
- Size of slots**: Represented by a red square with four corner arrows pointing outwards.
- Item hits report**: Represented by three red squares, each with a white horizontal line.
- Pick sequences**: Represented by three red circles connected by arrows pointing from left to right.
- Item missing UPCs**: Represented by a red barcode.
- Unscanned items**: Represented by a red square with four corner arrows pointing inwards.

**CITY LINE
IMPROVED MISPICKS
BY 45%
WITH BFC**

5. Employee satisfaction

For warehouse managers, running a successful team isn't just about sending out paychecks.

Employees want the information and systems they need to do their jobs well, so they can feel good about their work when they go home to their families.

Warehouse management solutions like BFC deliver this in spades.

Instead of relying on error-prone manual processes, employees have **immediate access to accurate data.**

This lets them do their jobs more quickly, efficiently, and accurately, so there is more time in the day to do higher-value work AND a much higher chance of getting home on time.

Simpler, more streamlined operations build morale in warehouse teams, too. Fewer mistakes lead to greater confidence. Less repetitive work turns into higher workplace satisfaction. Greater accountability results in stronger performance and opens up opportunities to consider incentive programs. All of these qualities eventually help warehouse managers improve retention rates and get more from their teams.





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Optimize Operations and Maximize Productivity in your Warehouse with BFC

At BFC, we've been building software for the food distribution industry for over 20 years. We know how warehouse operations are changing and we know what it takes to keep up. With BFC, you get features and functionality built specifically for food distributors and a team that truly understands the food warehouse world.

Learn more about how BFC Software can benefit warehouse managers and the entire business. Schedule a demo today to see the BFC warehouse management system in action.