

Implementing PTI: Best Practices for Retailers and Receivers

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Introducer

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Today's outline

- Getting started with your PTI implementation
- Inbound data capture and scanning
- An alternative to outbound data capture or scanning
- Outbound scanning versus utilizing the voice pick code
- Q & A



PTI milestones and target dates

6: Read and Store Information on Inbound Cases	2011
5: Encode Information in a Barcode	2011
4: Show Human-Readable Information on Cases	2011
3: Provide GTIN Information to Buyers	2009
2: Assign GTINs to Cases	2009
1: Obtain a Company Prefix from GS1	2009

7: Read and Store Information on Outbound Cases 2012



Getting started with your PTI implementation

Teri Miller

 Produce Category Manager, Delhaize America, LLC





Getting Internal Buy-In for PTI Implementation

- Executive Leadership is vital
- Involving all areas of the supply chain:
 - Distribution
 - Information Technology (all areas)
 - Food Safety
 - Accounting, etc.
- Listening, Communication, Education, and Repetition
- Patience
- Passion



Communicating With Suppliers

- •Started Early
 - Sent multiple letters to our suppliers and provided a contact
 - Held individual discussions
 - Provided Educational Sessions
- Participated in Industry Communication

•Repeated and repeating all of the above

•Consistent and Constant communication proves to our suppliers that this is important to us.



Forming a Cross Functional Team

•True or False?

•Your Information Technology Group should lead this effort

•Consider how the product flows through your organization to identify who should be involved

- Understand the physical flow of that product
- Understand the technological flow of that product from set-up to shipment to payment

•Without this, FAILURE IS IMMINENT



How to Get Involved & Stay Connected with the PTI

- Visit the website http://producetraceability.org/; it is the MOST reliable source of information and provides a great deal of guidance and tools.
- Attend webinars and/or seminars on the subject. Read produce industry publications (newspapers, magazines, linkedin, blogs, etc.)



How to Get Involved & Stay Connected with the PTI

- Inquire with your preferred industry organization (PMA, CPMA, or United Fresh) as to how you can become involved.
- Chat this subject up with your peers in your organization or with your peers in the industry.





Inbound data capture and scanning

Mike Agostini

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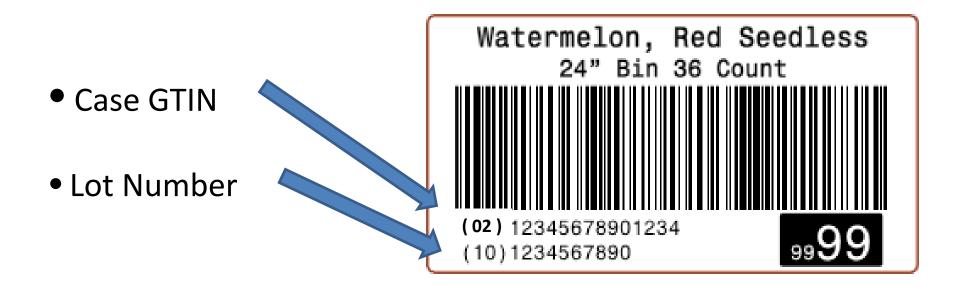




PRODUCE TRACEABILITY INITIATIVE Inbounds . . . One step back! Packer / Shipper Re-Packer └→ □Terminal Market Service Distribution Center Retail Distribution Center



Inbound Capture . . .

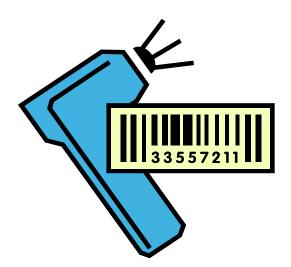


... Move and store in WMS or equivalent



Two methods . . .

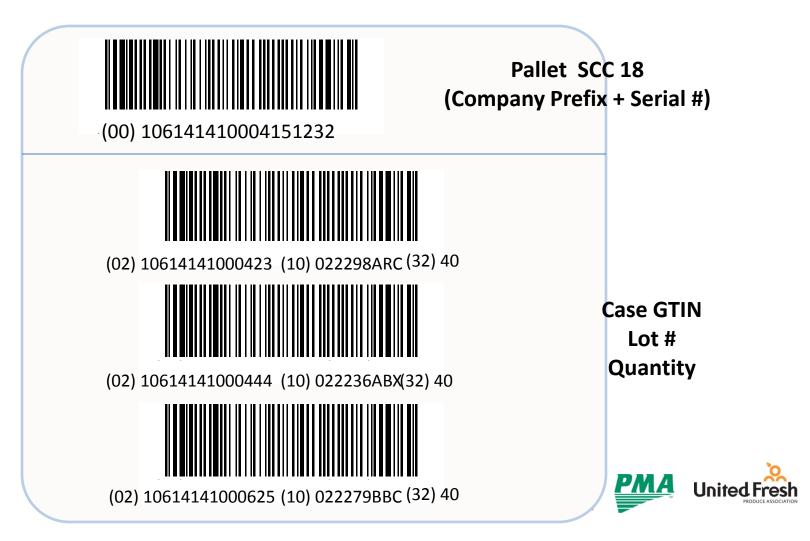
Scan inbounds
Advance Ship Notice (ASN)





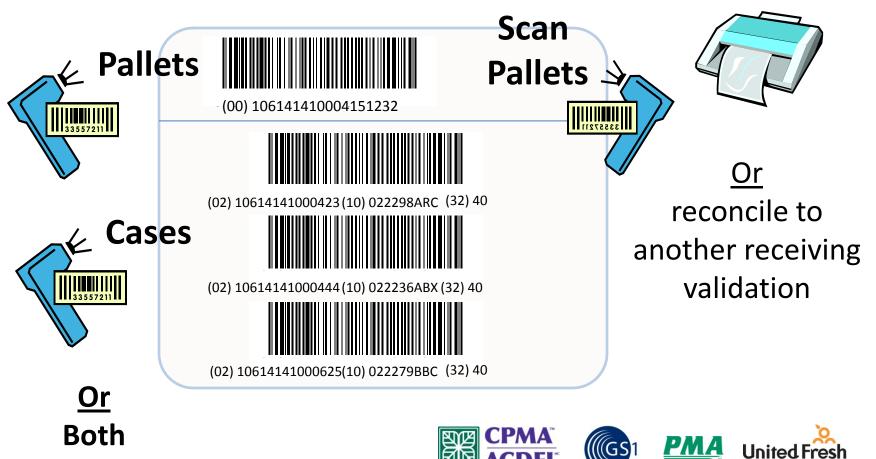


Pallet Label example . . .



Options for inbound . . .

SCANNING



ASN's

An alternative to outbound data capture or scanning

Nelson Longenecker

 Vice President, Business Innovation, Four Seasons Produce, Inc.





An Alternative Approach

Four Seasons Produce has achieved very high productivity and accuracy rates in its current casepicking operations





Major premise:

We want to achieve precise case traceability without significantly losing productivity

Core Assumption:

It is significantly more efficient to identify lots during receiving than case by case during selection



Plan:

- •Separate lots during receiving
- Store lots separately
- •Replenish lots based on demand, FIFO
- •Retain the efficiencies of voice-directed picking
- •Link each outbound case to a specific lot



Challenges:

- Dock space to separate lots during receiving
- •Reserve space to store lots separately
- •Number of pick slots needed
- Proliferation of lots with certain commodities
- •Efficiencies of high lift operations



Outbound scanning versus utilizing the voice pick code

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Milestone #7:

Read and Store Information on Outbound Cases







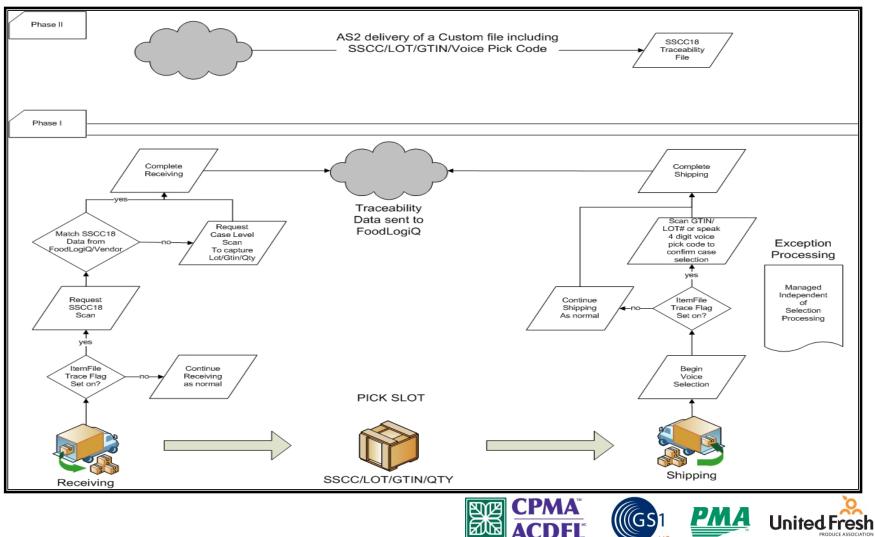






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Outbound Process Flow



Picking with

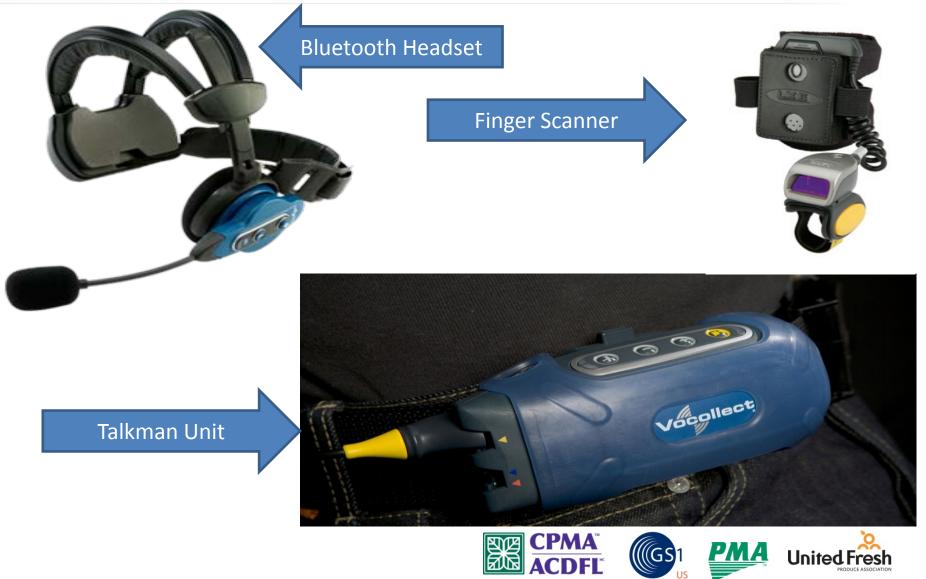


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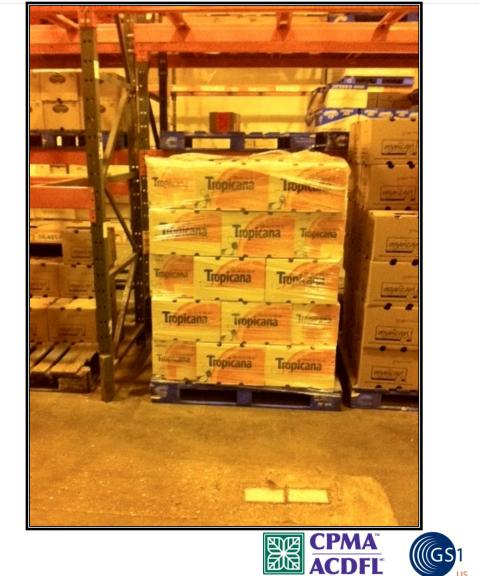
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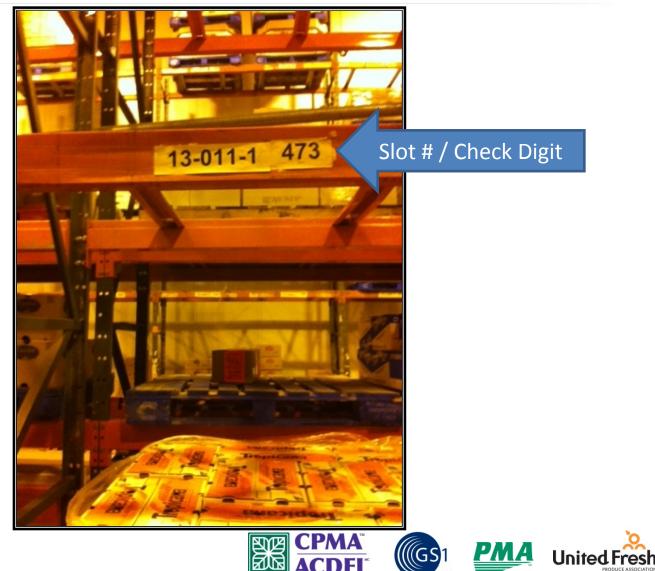


 Pallet is placed in pick slot waiting for order selector.





 Order
Selector must voice in the check digit to verify he/she is in the correct location.



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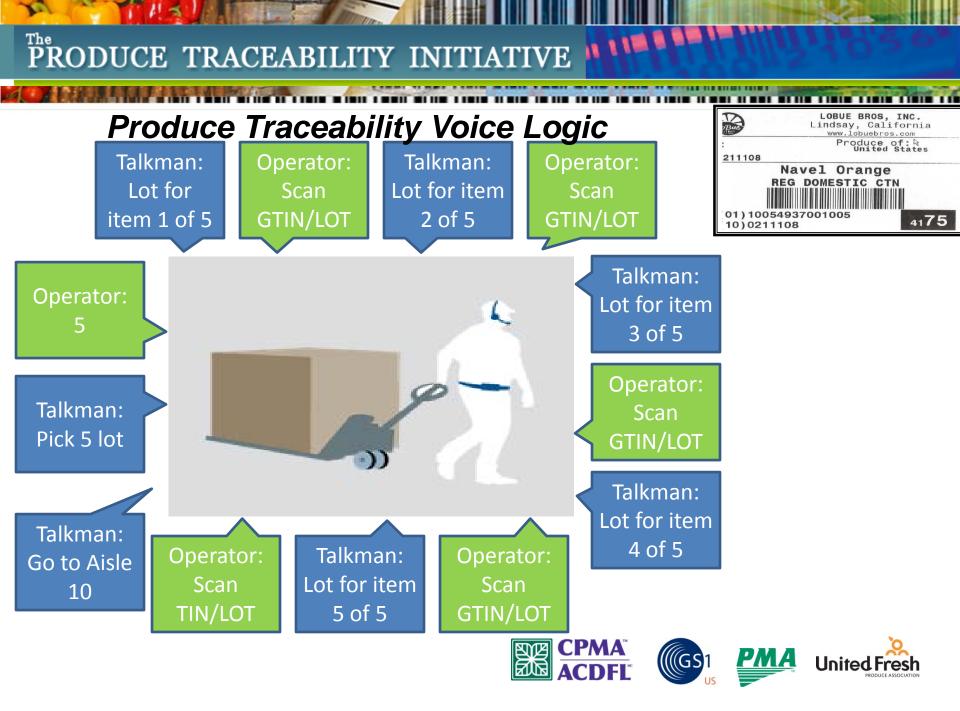




Produce Traceable Case Label







Q&A

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- type it into the "Q&A" box
 - bottom right corner of your WebEx window
- Send your question to "all panelists"
- Questions are submitted anonymously, to protect participants' privacy



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