



Spring and early summer are peak times for Lyckeby Culinar, which benefits from an early barbecue season.

“Once the barbecue is out you just keep on grilling. That’s when our spice mixes are enjoyed the most, such as in hot dogs and chips”, says Emiel Eggenkamp.

Barbeque season is Culinar season

“We produce spice mixes for the food industry and for direct customer purchases. Kockens is our own brand but we also subcontract for others”, says Emiel Eggenkamp, project engineer at Lyckeby Culinar in Fjälkinge outside Kristianstad.

Eggenkamp welcomes the early barbecue season which noticeably increases demand for Culinar’s spices.

A few years ago in 2015, Lyckeby Culinar greatly needed to modernize its facilities.

“They were run-down. We really needed to develop our production and create a new layout for dosing, bag filling, and palletizing. When looking around for different solutions, Vebe’s fully automated bag filling system quickly stood out to us on the international market. The system seemed well suited for our needs.”

Said and done. Lyckeby Culinar left its semi-automatic production line and opted for two sets of Vebe Autopac as well as two fully automated palletizers.

“That improvement was very welcomed. We had increased our sales and needed to maintain a higher production pace. When the new facilities had been up and running for five years, we supplemented them with a third automated bag filler, Autopac EC. We are very happy to be able to manage production in the way that we do today”, says Emiel Eggenkamp, who also reveals that sales continue to rise.

For Lyckeby Culinar, the investment has meant a substantial reduction in manual handling. Today, the company produces considerably more than before but with the same amount of staff.

“Vebe has truly met our needs. They conducted test runs of the new equipment prior to delivery. Our own mechanics managed assembly, but when the time came to launch the systems, Vebe was present to make sure that the overarching control systems ran smoothly.”

“Vebe’s experience and expertise in systems for bag filling and palletizing have benefited Lyckeby Culinar”, asserts Emiel Eggenkamp. Now he hopes that demand for the company’s spice mixes will continue to rise. If it does, preparations for another expansion will commence. ■



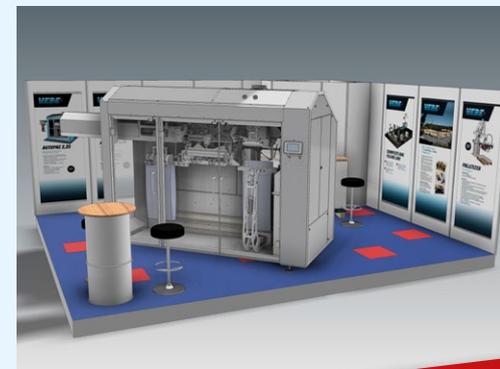
Vebe aims for Interpac

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“We judge this exhibition to be the most important one in the industry. It’s a given for us to be there with a big setup”, says Vebe sales manager Mats Lindgren.



Meet Vebe at Interpac 25/2-3/3 2021 Hall 12E Stand 74

When the Düsseldorf exhibition opens its doors next time, Vebe will be present for

the fourth time to present the latest news in packaging and bag filling technology.

“Among other products, we are going to display our Autopac EC 3.30. The entire sales staff will be there to meet customers and potential clients. This is an incredibly important meeting point and we make many new connections during the exhibition days.”

Interpac 2021 will take place from February 25 to March 3. Be sure to make a note in your calendar. Vebe can be found in booth 74, hall 12E.

Motor-driven bag shaker increases efficiency

Customers who run a just-in-time production have benefitted greatly from the motor-driven bag shaker. The transition between different bag sizes is made both quick and smooth, notes service manager Torbjörn Karlsson.



Shaking the bag after it has been filled compresses the contents and creates a higher fill density. This is important for many of Vebe's customers.

To ensure proper function, the height of each bag must be individually entered, which used to be a time-consuming task. Now, motor-driven height adjustment has been developed and is available as an extension to Vebe's fully automated bag filling machines.

"The point of our new bag shaker is that it enables you to automatically measure and input the height of each bag, which is achieved with the machine's programming", says Vebe service manager Torbjörn Karlsson.

"Automatic handling simplifies the process, especially for those of our customers who run an on-demand production where bag sizes must be adjusted quickly. This process is now both faster and smoother. For some customers bag sizes vary a lot, so it is a big help that these settings are managed automatically", continues Torbjörn Karlsson.

Vebe's bag shaker is located in the bag support.

"We are noticing that this solution has become very popular among our customers. Anything that simplifies and improves processes is of course welcomed with open arms, and we are happy to contribute to better production flows. That is what we are here to do." ■

Slip sheet handler effective without separate storage

Every step in a production chain that can be either simplified or removed constitutes an opportunity for saving time and money. Now, Vebe has raised slip sheet handling to a new level. A sophisticated robot picks up sheets directly from the pallet and thereby makes the separate slip sheet storehouse redundant.

The pallet just needs to be unwrapped and placed in the designated spot in the cell. The robot then does the rest and separates the slip sheets.

"Our new slip sheet handling means that the robotic tool has been further developed to pick up sheets directly from the pallet. After it has been unwrapped, the pallet can be placed directly in the cell. The robot takes over from there and separates the sheets for even more efficient handling."



One of the finesses of the new robotic handling of slip sheets is that the sheets no longer require manual lifting. This simplifies the process. It also removes a production step which creates a more ergonomic setup. ■

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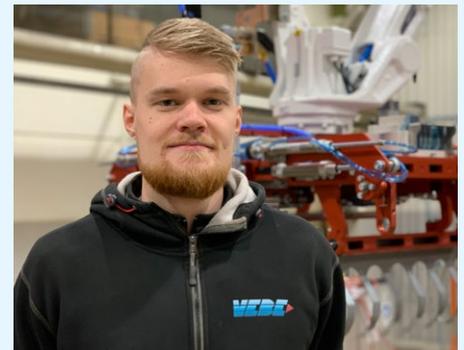
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Simon makes the robot do the work

If you buy a Vebe robot you can be sure that Simon Lindgren has been involved. As head of the robot unit, he makes sure that everything runs as planned.

"Exactly! Programming and robot cells are my field", says Simon who joined Vebe as an electrician five years ago.

"Working at Vebe has been, and still is, fantastic. Among other things, I've had the opportunity to take a very enriching robotics course at ABB."

The job also involves travelling, as customers globally receive installation and programming by Vebe on location.

"Meeting clients is fun. Our products are used widely and robots aren't exactly getting less popular", says Simon who is set to have his hands full also in the future. ■

