Always be in stock even during seasonal spikes with advanced planning and scheduling tools designed just for confectionery manufacturers.

Ingredients for speed and innovation

Your confectionery business succeeds because you understand your customers. Not only does your product line satisfy a sweet tooth with well-loved, every day treats, but you're constantly updating your inventory to meet the holidays, changing seasons, yearly promotions, and new product introductions.

To drive your confectionery business forward, it's critical that you make the right decisions to keep your inventory fresh, meet regulatory requirements, and deliver your products quickly. Your supply chain needs to meet consumer and retailer demands, while also keeping your costs under control. You need the agility to deal with fluctuations in raw materials, production, and shipping—all while using real-time data to fine-tune new recipes and processes.

Built to specification

At Infor®, we understand that the confectionery industry isn't like any other industry. So we've created software that's been created for your specific needs. Infor Food & Beverage is a purpose-built, complete suite of solutions developed specifically for the food and beverage industry that captures the unique requirements of confectionery manufacturers—and is engineered for speed. It can help increase speed to market, optimize long-term planning, improve

scheduling, and simplify and expedite regulatory and customer compliance—while lowering your overall costs.

Fine-tune your recipe for success

We know that your planning process involves growing assortments, the shifting demands of holidays and seasons, long lead times and contracts on ingredient sourcing, and printing packing materials. You can't meet these unique needs with generic software that treats all industries equally. Your unique set of requirements demand a tailored approach to all aspects of the confectionery business, including enterprise resource planning (ERP), product lifecycle management (PLM), supply chain management (SCM) and enterprise asset management (EAM).

With Infor Food & Beverage, you can efficiently plan your business with out-of-the-box functionality and industry-specific tools that account for volume-based constraints, such as tanks, ovens, and freezers, to maximize throughput, improve productivity, and reduce waste. You'll be able to increase your forecasting accuracy and improve planning with tools that help you predict demand due to holidays, promotions, product introductions, and phase-outs. You'll be able to efficiently balance capacity constraints and long lead times with the need for building stock. With Infor Food & Beverage, you get the visibility you need into days of

inventory coverage and out-of-stock situations across your manufacturing sites and distribution centers.

Tools for least cost formulation help you to develop new and revised products faster at a lower total cost, while ensuring you meet regulatory constraints. You can also maximize the longevity and performance of your capital assets so you can make the most of any budget without sacrificing the quality of your product lines

One of the foundations of the solution is Infor ION®, purpose-built middleware that supports your operational business processes and integration with both Infor and third-party applications. Infor ION helps ensure that you have a single source of information (both internally and externally) and that information is placed in context for your users. With Infor ION, you have the information you need—where and when you need it.

Best of all, Infor Food & Beverage has a completely enhanced look and feel that provides you with a consumer grade user experience, allowing you to take advantage of expanded industry-specific capabilities, make better decisions faster, and work more efficiently. With integrated social networking inside your organization, you can easily tap into the knowledge and expertise of your employees either in public or private communities.

Taken together, these tools are engineered to help you protect your brand integrity and dramatically reduce regulatory risk as you bring high-quality products to market more quickly.

Prepare for future growth

Whether you are a regional manufacturer or a global enterprise, you'll be better able to maintain the high standards you've set for your new and existing product lines with Infor Food & Beverage. Infor understands the unique demands of the confectionery industry, no matter if you have a small set of product lines or an incredible number of different products—with new lines on the way. With Infor Food & Beverage, you can produce consistent quality and compliant products to better satisfy shifting demand, adapt to volatile market dynamics, control your product, and meet your goals faster.

With Infor Food & Beverage you can better manage:

- Forecasting and stock build optimization to address seasonality of demand.

- Unique product attributes such as viscosity, total solids, and fat content.

- Catch weight for raw materials.

- Multiple sales channels, including online.

- Tank scheduling and management.

- Shelf-life restrictions for finished goods.

- Promotions pricing and discounts.

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