

# Aidan Redbourn

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## PRODUCTION MANAGER

Self-motivated, committed **Production Manager** with comprehensive knowledge of systems and machinery and over 12 years' experience of working in the dairy industry within transport, project and production management roles. Extensive experience of controlling logistics and purchasing activities to ensure continuity within manufacturing activities.

- **Instigates and implements cost-saving and waste-reduction initiatives** to positively impact bottom-line profitability.
- **Effectively executes** changes to processes and procedures with minimal disruption to production, keeping staff informed at all stages.
- **Extensive experience of managing warehousing and stock management** on a just-in-time inventory management basis.

## KEY SKILLS

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| • Purchasing              | • Decision Making           |
| • Production Planning     | • Communication             |
| • Change Management       | • Interpersonal             |
| • Logistics               | • Administrative Management |
| • Negotiation             | • Technical                 |
| • Relationship Management | • Problem Solving           |

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### XYZ DAIRY LTD

**Apr 2005 – Present**

*Leading dairy company, manufacturing and selling market-leading branded dairy products and functional ingredients across the UK. Annual turnover £8M.*

### Production Manager, Shipley

**Jun 2009 – Present**

Joined as Assistant Transport Manager. Now heads a team of 50 staff including an Office Supervisor, Team Leaders and Production Operatives. Purchases all ingredients, dealing with various agents and importers, to achieve savings whilst ensuring ingredients are of the highest quality. Purchases all packaging material and ensures compliance with health & safety standards. Accompanies auditor to overseas factories to ensure best practice and works closely with sales team to accurately forecast material and staffing requirements.

- **Reduced waste by 10%**; standardised the size of Blue cheese manufactured across all three sites.
- **Effectively managed the introduction of robotic line equipment** within the manufacturing environment which aimed to increase speed and efficiency of operations; minimised disruption to production and maintained high levels of staff motivation.
- **Reduced cost of packaging materials by 10% per annum**; rationalised the usage of packaging materials, standardising the sizes of cardboard boxes across three sites.
- **Project managed the £1M extension in 1999/2000**; liaised with contractors, engineers and suppliers to ensure build was completed on time and within budget.

**Project Manager****Mar 2008 – Jun2009**

Seconded to project manage various cost savings initiatives including the examination of operational efficiencies to reduce waste and simplify processes.

- **Saved the business £150K per annum following a comprehensive packaging review;** identified more cost-effective materials and negotiated best prices with suppliers.
- **Increased profits by £120K in 2008 through the sale of surplus milk.**

**Assistant Transport Manager****Apr 2005 – Mar 2008**

Recruited to manage a team of 12 Drivers, an Administrator and a Garage Mechanic. Planned driver routes and ensured compliance to legal requirements.

- **Purchased additional raw milk when required** to complement quantity produced by the firm's own dairies.
- **Achieved an uplift of circa 10% in annual revenues;** sold surplus milk from the firm's dairies when an excess was produced.
- **Saved the business £15K per annum;** negotiated specialist chilled or frozen storage solutions for finished products.

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**EARLY CAREER**

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Enjoyed a 16-year career in the Royal Navy (Logistics) prior to joining XYZ Dairy Ltd

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**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

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**Intermediate Certificate in Food Hygiene**, Chartered Institute of Environmental Health, 2017

**Foundation Course in Health & Safety**, 2016

**Effective Leadership**, ACTC, 2006

**Certificate of Professional Competence in Road Haulage**, RSA, 2005

**Certificate in Management**, Institute of Logistics, 2004

**Various Leadership training courses** in the Royal Navy

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**HOBBIES & INTERESTS**

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Enjoy golf and cricket