## **FOOD PRODUCTION**



### **INITIAL CHALLENGE**



The customer's packaging process required several employees, resulting in high labor costs. Looking for an efficient way to save on labor expenses and maintain their commitment to having state-of-the art faciliaites, the customer invested in a robotic system and partnered with Riekes to integrate it into their existing operations.

# A TURNKEY ROBOTICS SOLUTION TO REDUCE LABOR COSTS

An industry leader in private label food is headquartered in Nebraska. Known for its state of the art facilities and proprietary processes, this company is one of the nation's top producers of processed bacon products.

However, the company's packaging process requires numerous employees to get the job done. They were looking for a regional partner to integrate a new robotic system.

The ability to turnkey the project was essential as the company leaders sought to reduce labor requirements and long-term costs with automation. And Riekes was the right partner for the job.

### **OUR SOLUTION**

Riekes reduced the direct labor requirement in the packaging process by implementing a sizeable robotic system. Riekes oversaw the integration of the automated system and provided the customer with the ability to turnkey the project.

### THE RESULTS

The customer reduced the packing processes labor requirement by more than 70%, decreasing from 11 workers to three allowing employees to support other work tasks.

Thanks to automation, the company noted a direct reduction in labor costs. Additionally, the project had an ROI in less than 22 months.

Reduced labor requirement by

**72%** 



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