

**THE STORY OF A
MAJOR TURKEY
PROCESSOR**



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A major turkey processor opened for business in **2004**. This major turkey processor is **owned entirely by its growers**, ensuring that growers receive 100% of the cooperative's profits. In recent years, the major turkey processor has overhauled its first processing and deboning areas and **expanded their plant** to increase processing capacity.

Challenges Faced

With a goal of **increasing processing capacity** during an industry-wide labor shortage, this processor had to make their processing more efficient.

One of the best ways to do this is with equipment that can **reduce or replace operations** of a repetitive nature. Increasing processing efficiency in this way allows processing plants to **redirect human resources** to other areas of the organization that do not have automated solutions.



HOW DELONG'S EQUIPMENT

MADE A DIFFERENCE

Breast Trim Line:

This major turkey processor would have employees working to hand trim fat from the breast. By using the [DeLong's Multipurpose Skinner](#) for this work, they were able to reduce manual labor needs **by 50%** and increase yield **by 20%** by not hand-trimming fat. Currently, with DeLong's Multipurpose Skinner, this major turkey processor processes 120 breast lobes per minute.

Thigh Trim Line:

Typically, the labor needed to trim the edge bones after meat was processed through the back half separator was significant. With the use of the [DeLong's Multipurpose Skinner](#), the major turkey processor was able to reduce the labor needed to trim edge bones by 50%. Aggressive rollers remove approximately 35-40% of edge bones, **avoiding the need for manual trimming**. This allowed the major turkey processor to refocus human resources to other tasks.

Tender Trim Line:

The major turkey processor produces silver skin removed tenders. This would typically take employees 2.5 days to generate 40,000 pounds of finished product. By running the tenders over the peeler rollers of [DeLong's Multipurpose Skinner](#), they have been able to **reduce the time needed to generate this same amount of product from 2.5 days to 8 hours and lowered the labor needed by 25%**.

With the use of DeLong's equipment, this major turkey processor was able to increase efficiency and decrease processing time during a labor shortage.



LEARN MORE ABOUT DELONG'S

DeLong's Gizzard Equipment is a manufacturer of poultry processing equipment and the world's leading provider of rollers for poultry and gizzard processing machinery. DeLong's precision-engineered rollers meet or exceed manufacturers' specifications for all major brands of processing equipment. DeLong's helps clients maximize profitability by improving work processes and increasing product yield.

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