EMPIRE BREWING COMPANY - CASE STUDY



"BeerBoard is the most effective tool I have ever encountered to monitor and reduce draft loss and manage my brewing schedule. The system takes little time to learn, master and realize results."

- Tim Butler, Brew Master, Empire Brewing Company, Syracuse, NY

SITUATION

- · Few controls existed to help monitor losses, and manage inventory and brewing processes
- No way to easily/accurately schedule brewing cycles as there was no real-time info on when products needed replenishment
- Inventory process involved manual kettle/keg checks and counts
- Utilized theoretical costs to estimate profitability and product losses but couldn't isolate days/shifts/employees

SOLUTION

- Realized from looking at the BeerBoard data that projected draft beer losses were significant and needed a way to recapture waste/theft
- · Started using the BeerBoard web interface and email reports regularly for loss tracking and inventory management
- · Created staff awareness and accountability and eliminated excuses by regularly printing reports to show staff
- Started acknowledging staff performance and rewarding them for good variances during their shifts

RESULT

- Awareness and accountability generated quick results and losses dropped from 22% to 4% after staff training
- · System helped quickly identify when there were draft system issues
- · Streamlined brewing procedure to just in time process which could be monitored from off-site
- Realized pour cost reduction from approximately 22% prior to BeerBoard installation to 14.2% for the year 2009
- Real-time data improved management of seasonal brews through better and more accurate forecasting of demand and supply





COMPANY

Contemporary bar and grill with a brewery on the premises

LOCATION

Syracuse, NY

DRAFT LINES

15 draft lines

POS SYSTEM

MICROS

CUSTOMER SINCE

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