

**CUSTOMER STORY** 

# Milo's Tea is steeped in budgeting success

Milo's Tea, a family-owned manufacturer of 100% natural ready to drink beverages including sweet tea and lemonade, struggled to involve department managers in the budget process while relying on Excel as their primary finance tool. Prophix has allowed their finance team to budget and forecast collaboratively by involving staff early on in the process.

**Business Challenges** 

The budgeting process was predominately owned by the finance and accounting department. After determining projected sales for the fiscal year, the finance team compiled the remainder of the budget (i.e. cost of goods, expenses, etc.). This approach limited departmental input and made it difficult for the team to review their budgets as they progressed. Milo's Tea was eager to find a solution that would allow them to budget collaboratively and move away from their reliance on Excel spreadsheets.

**Why Prophix?** 

Milo's Tea chose Prophix's financial performance platform because it allowed them to centralize their financial data. With Prophix, they can also involve their wider team in the budget process and easily distribute reports to executives.

Milo's Tea Company is a familyowned, certified Women Owned
Business located in Birmingham, Ala.
Milo's was founded as a restaurant
in 1946 by Milo and Bea Carlton.
In 1989, Milo's began selling their
fresh brewed Famous Sweet Tea
to local grocery stores and now
Milo's beverages can be found in
thousands of retailers across the
United States. Read the simple
ingredient list on their juices and
teas, and you will see the Difference.
Drink Milo's and Taste the Difference.
Learn more at www.drinkmilos.com.

**Operating:** Since 1946 **Website:** www.drinkmilos.com

Employees: 450 ERP: Sage X3





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Establishing a forecasting process and cadence was one of the top priorities of Milo's Prophix implementation. With the platform, Milo's Tea can easily create flexible, accurate forecasts that empower their finance team to make strategic business decisions based on real-time information.

Prophix seamlessly integrates with Milo's ERP, Sage X3. They import data hourly from their ERP, improving their visibility into the business. Milo's Tea imports units sold by product by customers, revenue by product by customer, operating expenses by GL account by site, and Cap Ex by project.

With Prophix's reporting and report distribution functionality, Milo's Tea can share crucial information with their executive team. Their finance team has also set up several automated reports including income statement, cash flow and balance sheet.

Milo's Tea also set-up a gross margin statement for each of their customers, which allows their management team to review each customer's profitability. With Prophix, they can evaluate the profitability of each of their products and understand where, when, and how they've accrued expenses. In addition, the finance team can track capital expenditures in Prophix and make recommendations for cost reduction and improved financial performance.

Overall, the finance team at Milo's Tea now has more time to analyze their business at the product and customer level.

### **Future Plans**

Now that Milo's Tea is confident that Prophix can more than deliver on their needs, they are keen to migrate to Prophix Cloud.

## **About Prophix**

Your business is evolving. And the way you plan your business activities and report on them should evolve too. To empower mid-market companies to achieve their goals, Prophix provides an integrated, cloud-based platform to the Office of Finance; one that delivers planning, budgeting, reporting, forecasting and consolidation solutions. With Prophix, finance leaders improve profitability and minimize risk and puts the focus back on what matters most uncovering business opportunities. Prophix supports your future with Al innovations that adapts to meet your strategic realities, today and tomorrow. Over 2,500 active customers around the globe rely on Prophix to transform the way they work.





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