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Adams Land & Cattle Streamlines and Expands Reporting Abilities Using the Solver Data Warehouse

Adams Land & Cattle is recognized as one of the premier cattle feeding operations in the world, distinguished for introducing technological advances to the beef industry. After switching from Sage 500 to Sage X3, the company quickly realized they needed more robust, custom report writing capabilities.

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> The Solver Data Warehouse made it easy to create and publish reports without linking Excel spreadsheets because all of our data is in the warehouse. Simply, one source for the data, eliminating the need for multiple spreadsheets and the linking that is inherent within those spreadsheets.
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> **–Tom Osmond**, Accounting/Financial Senior Analyst

THE CHALLENGE

The company wanted to expand their reporting efforts beyond native ERP functionality, streamlining multiple types of information for sub-ledger analytics. They were seeking a business user-friendly, self-service BI data management system that would allow them to produce custom general ledger and sub-ledger reports to continually improve their workflow and analytical processes.

THE SOLUTION

When Adams Land & Cattle was looking for a solution to upgrade their report writing, they knew they wanted to simplify and turbo-charge their processes. The Solver Data Warehouse appealed to them because of its Excel-based report and form designer, which was familiar to their users since Excel was what they had been using for financial reporting in Sage 500.

"The experience of Solver employees was extremely helpful in getting the data loaded, as well as training us to create our own reports with data from the warehouse," Osmond says. "We spent time in training, and then Solver worked with us one-on-one to create reports that were needed, like financials, budget-to-actual variance, and much more."

Solver provided guidance on how to harness the functionality of the Solver Data Warehouse, including customizing the reporting experience. The team started with General Ledger data for monthly financials and budget-to-actual reporting, then expanded to include fixed asset data for capital expenditure budgeting, payroll data for budgeted versus actual hours and rates, and began loading cattle data for operational analytics.

THE RESULTS

The Solver Data Warehouse created a single source of truth, eliminating the need for multiple spreadsheets and complex linking. Adams Land & Cattle now has a consolidated space for their diverse data types to create and publish reporting that goes beyond native ERP functionality.

Beyond financial reporting, Adams Land & Cattle also uses the Solver Planning module for budgeting and forecasting models. "We create balance sheet and income statement forecasts, and Solver allows us to store the values and update whenever drivers change and rerun reports for the new budget or forecast," Osmond says. The implementation has provided Adams Land & Cattle with more opportunities to leverage their Sage X3 data to better understand the overall financial health of their organization and effectively plan for the future.

SUMMARY

Solver has not only allowed Adams Land & Cattle to achieve their reporting goals but has also opened up new possibilities for data-driven decision-making. The self-service capabilities empower the team to create their own reports and modules, giving them the flexibility to adapt as their needs evolve.

The company plans to continue adding other types of data to the Solver Data Warehouse, particularly more cattle data for operational reporting. "In the future, as we continue to load more cattle data, we're eager to build reporting off of the data in the Solver Data Warehouse," says Osmond. This ongoing expansion will enable even richer analytics and smarter organizational decision-making for this innovative agribusiness leader.