

CGB Enterprises Consolidates Financial Reporting Across 15 Business Units with Solver

CGB Enterprises (Consolidated Grain and Barge) operates in the grain industry, handling commodity trading, storage, and distribution throughout the river ways to the mouth of the Mississippi. With terminal logistics, loan processing, a hay division, and multiple grain-related businesses, CGB's financial reporting had become fragmented across 15 different regions and business units.



INDUSTRY

Grain & Agriculture - Commodity Trading

ERP

Microsoft Dynamics GP, Microsoft Dynamics Business Central

“We can build a single report and utilize trees to produce the financials we need across all our business units. In the past, we'd have to produce 30 different versions of the same exact report.”

– **Kyle Malone**, ERP Administrator

THE CHALLENGE

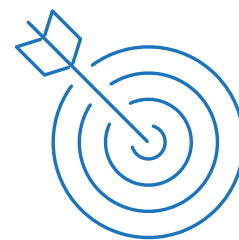
The company was managing four separate financial reporting systems. Each group used different tools for specific purposes, creating a reconciliation nightmare where data had to be validated across multiple platforms. Most concerning, CGB was producing comprehensive financial packages entirely in Excel—an unsustainable process despite years of reliance on it.



CGB had previously attempted to implement Profix, but the project failed due to tool limitations, implementation team challenges, and inadequate preparation. This experience made them cautious but determined to find the right solution.

THE SOLUTION

After evaluating multiple solutions, CGB selected Solver for several compelling reasons:



Excel-Based Interface: Since Excel was central to CGB's reporting, Solver's familiar interface provided immediate usability while delivering enterprise-grade capabilities.

Tree Structure for Multi-Entity Reporting: With 15 business units, Solver's tree functionality was transformative. CGB now builds a single Statement of Operations report and uses trees to automatically generate customized views for different locations, regions, and business units.

Centralized Account Mapping: Solver allows CGB to configure account mappings once at the dimension level, ensuring consistency across all report variations while maintaining flexibility for custom reports when needed.

Dimension-Level Security: Using Solver's security features with trees, CGB grants users access to specific locations. Users run standard reports and automatically see only their authorized data—no custom reports required.

CGB worked with a Solver Gold Partner for implementation, leveraging their expertise to successfully deploy Solver across three phases over a two-to-three-year period.

THE RESULTS

Solver has exceeded expectations across several dimensions. Its centralized account mapping ensures consistent reporting with minimal maintenance, while integration refreshes complete in just 30 seconds—far faster than anticipated. Report building is intuitive, with accounting managers onboarded in under an hour thanks to the familiar Excel interface.



CGB Enterprises has streamlined critical processes by consolidating four systems into one. Month-end reconciliation, location onboarding, and corporate-level reporting now happen in a single platform, saving teams hours each month and enabling real-time visibility across all business units.

The ROI is clear: report creation that once took days now takes minutes, and user setup is reduced to five minutes. Solver's scalability, ERP-agnostic design, and strong support have positioned CGB for future growth, including budgeting module adoption, data warehouse consolidation, and AI integration.

