Dairy production
Boosting productivity, reliability and energy efficiency
How to increase profitability without compromising quality

Changing consumer tastes and demands mean dairy facilities need the flexibility to meet these trends, while avoiding high energy costs and unplanned downtime. Variable speed drives (VSDs)/variable frequency drives (VFDs), motors and PLCs now play an even greater role in adjusting production to meet these challenges.

Food and personnel safety

“I need to make my plant and personnel safety a priority.”

Tackle diverse safety demands...
- Employees must not be exposed to hazards: from operating heat exchangers to risks associated with hot liquids, process steam and contaminated products.

... using best-in-class technology
- Remote condition monitoring protects personnel from potentially dangerous machinery.
- Advanced drive functions, like safe torque off, make sure separators, conveyors and mixers come to a safe and efficient stop.
- Dust ignition-certified motor and drive packages comply with demands of dusty and explosive environments, for example in areas where milk powder is produced or stored.

“We must always meet food safety regulations.”

Conform to the latest safety standards...
- Processing equipment must meet strict hygiene standards to avoid any risk of contamination and eliminate dairy product safety recalls.

... with solutions that build trust
- Compliance with high ingress protection standards can prevent product/motor failures in hygienic areas which are due to harsh wash downs/chemicals used.

Energy efficiency

“We need to cut our energy bill and carbon footprint.”

Find the big energy users...
- Some of the biggest energy users in dairy include: - pasteurization, spray drying, homogenizer, heating/boiling - pumps, compressors and separators

... unlock the saving potential
- Replacing throttle valves with VSDs/VFDs on pump control, reduces energy costs and cuts maintenance needs.
- Replacing direct-on-line starting with high efficiency VSD/VFD-motor package can lower energy costs up to 60 percent and reduce carbon dioxide emissions.
- ABB Ability™ services helps detect ways to optimize energy and resource consumption. Offers excellent reporting functions that give full production transparency.
- ABB Ability™ Sensors for pumps and motors, helps identify energy saving potential.
- Upgrading to IE5 efficiency class motors, such as synchronous reluctance technology (SynRM) significantly reduces energy consumption.
- ABB energy efficiency services assist in identifying energy-saving opportunities among electric-driven motors in rotating-equipment such as pumps and fans.
**Productivity improvement**

“Our production must adapt quickly to meet evolving customer tastes.”

Keep production agile and accurate...
- **Demand** is for batches of different quantities and variants with quicker delivery.
- **Changing** constant-speed equipment to meet varying production volumes takes time and money.

... with flexible motor-driven solutions from one supplier
- **Variable speed:**
  - is cost effective when applied to separators, compressors and pumps
  - applied to pumps increases product quality by avoiding cavitation
  - provides greater accuracy and repeatability which can improve end-product quality
- **Safely interlink processes** from production to logistics and warehousing, through fieldbus and digital variable speed drives.

“We need better intelligence on how production lines are performing.”

**Operation and maintenance**

“How can I control rising costs?”

Lower operational overheads...
- Operational costs must be controlled without compromising safety of plant, personnel or end-product.

... through advanced maintenance regimes
- Soft starting avoids sudden shock loading, leading to less wear and tear to gears, belts and driven machine.
- ABB Ability™ Condition Monitoring services deliver accurate, real-time information about drive and motor events to ensure equipment is available, reliable and maintainable.
- Global service network and preventive maintenance agreements relieve pressure on in-house teams and increase speed of response to critical issues.
- Shorter cleaning times using automated CIP systems with VSD/VFD control of pumps.

“We need the most reliable products and systems to avoid unplanned shutdowns.”

Eliminate production risks...
- Plant shutdowns are costly, from lost production time, spoiled goods and reputation damage.

... by utilizing smart functionality
- **Temperature**, **load**, under/overvoltage protection and warning features within drives help anticipate breakdowns.
- Plug and play digital solutions such as smart sensors and connected drives, securely collect data from your applications, providing deeper status insights and a true indication of the condition of your installed base, providing alerts and information predicting issues before failure can occur.
- A drive’s real-time clock allows timed tracing of faults, so you know what happened and when.
- Stainless steel motors last five times longer than standard motors in washdown environments.
Improving operational efficiency helps boost output and profitability

Each stage of dairy production can be fine-tuned to improve productivity, increase sustainability and enhance safety.

1. **RAW MILK HANDLING**
   - Milk is filtered, cooled and pumped to raw milk tank farm
   - **Applications:**
     - Pumps
   - **Requirements:**
     - Avoid cavitation
     - Energy efficient and 100 percent reliable control of vacuum pumps
     - Reduce energy costs and control pump speed to maintain constant pressure and flow rate
     - Eliminate contamination through cleaning and sanitizing residues
     - Use equipment that meets sanitary design guidelines

2. **SEPARATION**
   - Fine control and precision necessary for separating cream from milk
   - **Applications:**
     - Clarifiers or centrifugal separators
   - **Requirements:**
     - Accurate speed and torque control, even if rotational speed changes with weight of raw materials
     - Control centrifuge speed without inducing vibrations
     - Separators must overcome long starting time and high starting torque
     - Motors must tolerate high mechanical forces

3. **PASTEURIZATION & STANDARDIZATION**
   - After preheating, milk temperature raised to 72 °C for at least 15 seconds to destroy pathogens. Milk is mixed with cream to get specified fat content levels correct
   - **Applications:**
     - Pumps, heat exchangers, mixers
   - **Requirements:**
     - Accurately control milk stream through heat exchanger
     - Accurately control mixer and pump to achieve given fat content of milk by mixing cream and skimmed milk together

4. **HOMOGENIZATION**
   - High pressure pump driven by motor through homogenizer valve breaks fat globules into small size to prevent natural separation from milk
   - **Applications:**
     - Piston pumps
   - **Requirements:**
     - Compact homogenizer design impacts on components like motor
     - Pump starting torque is high and speed must be accurate
Refrigeration

Refrigerated storage is the largest energy consumer, with compressors using the most energy.

**Applications:**
- Milk powder spray tower comprising fan or air blower.

**Requirements:**
- Compressor needs high level energy efficiency
- High compressor reliability to avoid downtime destroying end product
- Avoid harmonic disturbances to electric network which can impact on overall plant and affect end product quality

Filling and Packaging

Primary packaging and secondary packaging

**Applications:**
- Roll and belt conveyors

**Requirements:**
- High hygiene area
- High speed bottling lines
- Synchronization

Milk Powder Production

Spray drying is one of the most convenient techniques for producing milk powders and stabilizing milk constituents.

**Applications:**
- Milk powder spray tower comprising fan or air blower.

**Requirements:**
- Motor and VSD/VFD package provides correct milk sprayer speed to optimize milk droplets
- Simultaneously, fan speed controlled to optimize hot air flow to ensure highest powder quality

Clean-in-Place

To ensure sanitary conditions, the inner surfaces of process equipment and piping system are cleaned once a day.

**Applications:**
- Pumps

**Requirements:**
- Cleaning times can be shortened with automated CIP systems that use VSD/VFD pump control. In milk production, up to 50 percent less water and fewer cleaning materials are needed
- Automated CIP systems require accurate pump control to minimize water use without compromising hygiene
Unlock the potential in dairy-specific applications

Alongside energy saving, improved productivity and greater safety, there are many other benefits from using variable speed drives (VSDs)/variable frequency drives (VFDs) and high efficiency motors on motor-driven applications.

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<td>Anti-cavitation software measures motor torque and speed to recognize cavitation</td>
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<td>Minimize water during process equipment and pipe cleaning</td>
<td>Clean-In-Place (CIP) with easy-to-use pump control software gives correct pressure and flow rate to pipe clean and fill functions</td>
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<td>High energy user</td>
<td>Running motor at half speed requires only 1/8 of power</td>
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<td>Often located in hygienic areas</td>
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<td><strong>Compressors</strong></td>
<td>Cooling/compressors are one of the biggest single energy consumers and therefore rely on energy efficient components</td>
<td>SynRM motor-drive package provides energy savings to IES standard</td>
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<td>Ensuring ultimate reliability of compressor operation</td>
<td>Softstarters are suitable for motors running at full speed</td>
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<td>Harmonics cause interruptions, interference and downtime</td>
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<td>Circulate right amount of cooling media in pipe lines essential for correct temperature</td>
<td>Vary water or glycol flow rates</td>
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<td><strong>Conveyors</strong></td>
<td>Precise, smooth and consistent control and synchronization of conveyor speeds</td>
<td>The drives’ built-in brake chopper provides precise control of conveyor deceleration rate(s), without external hardware</td>
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<td>Ultimate reliability so production never stops</td>
<td>Motors and mechanical power transmission products offer best in class sealing system</td>
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<td>Control centrifuge speed without generating vibrations</td>
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Mixers

- High starting torque, wide mixing speed range and precise control to ensure best quality end products
- Direct torque control provides accurate speed control and adapts to mixing load
- Safe torque off
- Optimizes production speed and process up-time
- Improves operational safety

Cooling towers

- Belt driven cooling towers are costly to maintain due to mechanical parts wear
- ABB provides a unique cooling tower package which eliminates start-up current peaks, fewer parts, low noise level and increased safety
- Lower total cost of ownership

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01 VSD/VFD pump control helps automate CIP systems, leading to less water and fewer cleaning materials.

02 High speed bottling lines require synchronized conveyor systems.

03 The CIP wash solutions are circulated in the pipelines by centrifugal wash pumps, the speed of which is controlled by VSDs/VFDs.
Features and functions benefiting dairies

Drives, motors, PLCs and service all play a vital part in keeping your production moving. Choosing the right product with the correct features is essential in ensuring an optimized production.

Variable speed drives/ variable frequency drives

- **Anti-cavitation software**
  - Extend pump lifetime and secure the process by detecting cavitation and ensuring optimal process or liquid flow

- **Energy efficiency**
  - Control operating costs by seeing energy costs in local currency, kWh and CO₂ emissions

- **Fieldbus compatible**
  - Use information such as milk flow rates and separator centrifuge speeds to get the VSD/VFD to adjust motor speed and torque
  - Get detailed insight into productivity performance and quality control through fieldbus comms connecting VSD/VFD with plant monitoring systems

- **Flying start**
  - Reduce wear and save time by starting a motor while the load is still spinning

- **Functional safety**
  - Safely stop applications like mixers and separators using in-built safe torque off (safety level SIL3)

- **Low harmonics**
  - Eliminate supply disturbances that could trip production with built-in active supply unit and integrated low harmonic line filter

- **Reduced noise**
  - Protect staff health and safety with lower motor noise through adaptive switching frequency control

- **Repeatability**
  - Accurately adjust conveyor speed to suit filling rates of products with varying viscosities, such as milk, yoghurt and ice-cream

- **Soft pipe filling**
  - Increase lifetime of piping and pump system by avoiding pressure peaks

- **Ingress protection**
  - IP55 for washdown zones

Softstarters

- **Built-in bypass**
  - Reduce system complexity and size, saving time and money during installation
  - Reduce heat generation from internal losses by activating bypass at full speed

- **Harsh environment use**
  - Ensure uninterrupted production in dusty or wet environments with IP66 keypad and coated electronics

- **Flexible communication**
  - Operate in local and remote mode by accessing all major communication protocols and built-in Modbus-RTU

Drive and motor packages

- **High efficiency motor and drive packages**
  - Save energy across the dairy process with IE5 synchronous reluctance motors and drive packages

- **Cooling tower packages**
  - Reduce energy, vibration, noise and maintenance costs using a package that removes the gearbox from cooling towers
  - Special low-speed permanent-magnet motor

- **Globally certified drives and motors packages**
  - Protect plant and people and conform to global regulations using tested and certified motors and drives for potentially explosive atmospheres
Motors

Food zone 1
- IP69 for water rating ensures suitability for aggressive, clean in place washdown procedures
- Uses H1 grease to lower risk of food contamination

Splash zone 2
- Eliminate risk of paint chips entering food chain with paint free motor
- Uses H1 grease to lower risk of food contamination
- Surface is easy to clean

Dry zone 3
- Prevent dust explosions with certified dust ignition proof motors
- ABB Ability™ Smart Sensor ready
- Widest product offering

Stainless steel motors
- IP69 stainless steel motor ensures suitability for aggressive, clean in place washdown procedures

Programmable logic controllers (PLCs)
- Comprehensive range of scalable PLCs, I/Os and robust HMI control panels delivering performance, quality and reliability
- One integrated engineering tool for programming, simulation and commissioning for PLCs, safety, drives, control panels and network
- Flexible choice of network and fieldbuses to integrate I/O’s, drives, HMI, Scada and 3rd party devices fulfilling the needs of tomorrow
- IIoT gateway functionality onboard the PLCs and control panels offer secure connection to cloud
From the factory floor to the cloud and beyond

ABB Ability™ Condition Monitoring for powertrains optimizes the performance and efficiency of electric motor-driven rotating equipment. It enables better decision making by providing real-time access to data on all parameters for drives, motors and general machinery.

**Intelligent powertrain**
The powertrain is equipped with sensors and cloud connectivity and can consist of motors, drives and general machinery.

**Turning data into valuable insights**
Data gathered through VSDs/VFDs’ built-in sensors and loggers together with that collected from ABB Ability™ Smart Sensors fitted to motors and general machinery, can be collected, stored and further accessed via the cloud. The ability to gather and analyze this data insights paired with service expertise can reveal information on the status and condition of your equipment, so that service activities can be scheduled more effectively.
Accessing data for analytics
Detailed information can be extracted into a company’s portal and systems. Information on many aspects of the dairy process is available, including the ability to know exactly when and how production equipment was cleaned. Detailed dashboards give full transparency so that you can take actions that lead to less downtime, extended equipment lifetime, lower costs, safer operations and increased profitability.

Gain a digital advantage
While the data is always at your disposal, ABB service experts can work with you to provide help on how you analyze the data and define the steps for improving your operations.

Ensuring that the right person is exposed to the right information at the right time brings:
• Appropriate response to production challenges, lowering operating costs and product waste.
• Greater insight into various aspects of the bakery process, thereby improving quality and reducing variations, errors and waste.
• Maximum material traceability helps fulfil regulatory compliance.
• Lower risk of production failure and change the maintenance from reactive to predictive.
Our service expertise, your advantage

ABB Motion Services helps customers around the globe by maximizing uptime, extending product life cycle, and enhancing the performance and energy efficiency of electrical motion solutions. We enable innovation and success through digitalization by securely connecting and monitoring our customers’ motors and drives, increasing operational uptime, and improving efficiency. We make the difference for our customers and partners every day by keeping their operations running profitably, safely and reliably.

With a service offering tailored to your needs, ABB Motion Services maximizes the uptime and extends the life cycle of your electrical motion solutions, while optimizing their performance and maximizing your energy efficiency gains throughout the entire lifetime of your applications. We help to keep your applications turning profitably, safely, and reliably.

Digitalization enables new smart and secured ways to prevent unexpected downtime while optimizing the operation and maintenance of your assets. We securely connect and monitor your motors, drives or your entire powertrain to our easy to use cloud service solutions. Connecting your applications also gives you access to our in-depth service domain expertise.

We quickly respond to your service needs. Together with our partners, local field service experts, and service workshop networks, we provide and install original spare parts to help resolve any issues and minimize the impact of unexpected disruptions.

Our tailored to your needs service offerings and digital solutions will enable you to unlock new possibilities. Not only are we your premier supplier of motion equipment, we are your trusted partner and advisor offering support throughout the entire life cycle of your assets. We ensure your operations run profitably, safely and reliably and continue to drive real world results, now and in the future. Our service teams work with you, delivering the expertise needed to keep your world turning while saving energy every day.
OUR EXPERTISE

YOUR ADVANTAGE
With you, wherever you are in the world

Partnering with ABB, gives you access to some of the world’s most innovative technology, expertise and solutions.

Global reach
ABB operates in over 100 countries with its own manufacturing, logistics and sales operations together with a wide network of local channel partners that can quickly respond to your needs. Stock availability is good, with short delivery times for many products backed by 24-hour spare parts delivery.

In addition, we work closely with bakery producers to develop custom products, services and solutions to help standardize processes across multiple sites and streamline your supply chain.

We have several global R&D centers with thousands of technologists and considerable investments annually on innovation.

End-to-end product portfolio
Alongside its variable speed drives (VSDs)/variable frequency drives (VFDs), motors and soft starters, ABB’s automation offering includes a wide range of scalable PLCs, a selection of HMIs, instrumentation and robotics. With functional safety options, from built-in safe torque off in drives to safety PLCs, you can readily implement safety requirements.
ABB’s offering includes:

- **End-to-end power and automation solutions**, from power distribution, raw material receipt, to process and machine control, to end of line packaging
- **Power protection and power quality solutions** to safeguard equipment and processes
- Industry leading **robotic automation solutions** that improve your speed-to-market, flexibility and help make packaging a differentiator
- A complete range of **protection, connection and wire management solutions** that withstand harsh environments and extreme temperature swings, and provide the reliability needed for continuous operations

**Streamline sourcing**
ABB’s end-to-end product and services portfolio streamlines your sourcing and purchasing activities and standardizes production across multiple sites, saving you money on spare part inventories while reducing maintenance costs.