

CASE STUDY: EMBER COFFEE CO.

Cropster

From Gut Feel to Data-Driven Excellence



"None of these improvements happened by accident. What made them possible was the real-time visibility, structured planning, and detailed roast and inventory data we had access to through Cropster."

- Matt Berry, Co-Founder & Director of Coffee

Key Success Metrics



Brought roasting recovery time down from **92 to 54 seconds**



Decreased unplanned overages by 62%



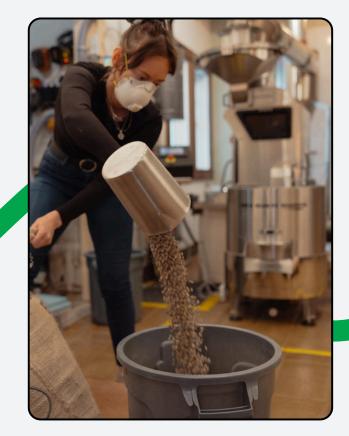
Faster workflows Lean inventory mgmt. More consistent quality



Got to roast 2-3 more batches a day with better BBP's

Company Snapshot

- Name: Ember Coffee Co.
- Location: Minnesota, USA
- **Founded:** 2021
- Roasting Capacity: ~3,000 lbs per month
- Specialties: Roasting, and brewing standout coffees for wholesale and retail partners across Minnesota
- https://embercoffee.co









As Ember scaled up from a **small-batch startup to a full-scale roasting operation**, they hit a wall: the systems that once served them couldn't keep up with growing complexity.

"We were running on intuition. But intuition doesn't scale."

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- Roast profiles were inconsistent
- Inventory forecasts didn't match depletion
- Production planning felt reactive

The Turning Point

Matt knew **Ember needed a new level of clarity**. The team wasn't making bad decisions—they just didn't have the data to make great ones.

They needed a system that would:

- Tie together planning, roasting, QC, and inventory
- Flag issues before they became problems
- Support both speed and consistency



Cropster gave Ember an integrated view across their operations. In just weeks, they had:

- Live roast tracking and profile comparison
- Real-time green inventory management
- QC data tied directly to roast batches
- Forecast-driven production planning
- R&D tools that cut new coffee launch time in half

"It wasn't just about software. It was about changing how we think as a team."

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