

# Food cost tracking and waste reduction

This workflow automatically tracks food costs and identifies waste patterns by monitoring inventory usage, sales data, and disposal records to optimize purchasing and reduce waste. It generates actionable insights and automated reordering recommendations to improve profit margins.

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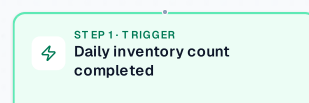


## WORKFLOW TRIGGER

Daily inventory count is completed in MarketMan

## Visual Flow

Each node represents an automated step. Connections show how data and decisions move through the workflow.





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## Step-by-Step Breakdown

Detailed explanation of each automated stage in the workflow.

1

⚡ TRIGGER

### Daily inventory count completed

MarketMan receives updated inventory levels from daily counting process. This triggers the cost analysis workflow to begin processing current stock

2

 ACTION

### Retrieve sales and usage data

System pulls actual sales data from Toast POS and calculates theoretical usage based on recipes. This creates baseline comparison for waste analysis.

Toast

MarketMan

3

 ACTION

### Calculate food cost variance

Compare theoretical food costs against actual inventory depletion to identify discrepancies. Calculate cost per dish and overall food cost percentage for the period.

MarketMan

4

 DECISION

### Evaluate waste threshold breach

Check if food waste percentage exceeds predetermined thresholds (typically 3-5% of total food costs). Routes workflow to either optimization or alert paths based on results.

MarketMan

5

 ACTION

### Generate waste reduction recommendations

Create specific recommendations for menu adjustments, portion control, or inventory reordering based on waste patterns. Identify top waste contributors and suggest corrective actions.

MarketMan

Toast

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 ACTION

## Update staff scheduling priorities

Send waste reduction tasks and food prep priorities to 7shifts for staff assignment. Ensure proper coverage during high-waste periods or prep-intensive days.

7shifts

7

 OUTPUT

## Deliver cost optimization report

Generate comprehensive report with food cost analysis, waste reduction recommendations, and automated reorder suggestions. Send to management dashboard and relevant staff.

MarketMan

Toast



## Outputs

- Daily food cost variance report

- Automated inventory reorder recommendations

## AI Business OS

- Staff task assignments for waste reduction



### Key Metrics

- Food cost percentage
- Waste reduction percentage
- Inventory turnover rate



### Tools & Integrations

- MarketMan
- Toast
- 7shifts

## AI Business OS

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