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Hi everyone 😊

I have a customer who makes botanical creams, I'd love some ideas on how to cope with this:- They mix ethanol with herbs - they might mix 400 litres of ethanol but only get 200 litres out as the dried herbs absorb the rest.

If anyone has any ideas on how to best deal with the loss (I'm hoping to use auto-build) they would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks
Chloe 😊

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Hi Chloe

The autobuild works very well when the recipe is fixed, which it looks like it might be here. You are dealing with a yield not a loss.

I expect they make the product in batches. You need to choose the smallest possible quantity produced (eg 1 litre, 100 gms)), and work out how much of each ingredient is required to make that output quantity.

Bear in mind that you will not be able to invoice less than the multiple you choose above, that's why it needs to be small. And you may end up with some very small ingredient quantities (can go to 3 dec places only).

This will deal with raw materials. Labour cost can be included, but it has to be a stock item to start with, so recommend stick to materials only.

Regards
Mike

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Hi Chloe,
I had a client in a similar field a few years ago, and we spent quite a bit of time creating the auto-build. It worked to a certain degree, but fell apart when they started improving the mixture and substituting/changing ingredients. It meant a whole new auto-build which as they



grew became very time consuming. In the end after a few months, they switched all the stock codes to I Buy - I Sell only, and kept the formula's and true costs in excel. These guys also included packaging (bottles, pill packs etc) which didn't make things easy - plus the whole issue of labour couldn't be accounted for accurately. My thoughts - don't go there.

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Check out Knowledge Base Article 1602 for handling labour and give it a go. If you find the MYOB autobuild limiting, the principle is the same in any product and you might want to move to a product like Ostendo which is strong in manufacturing and links to MYOB. However, your situation sounds reasonably straightforward. I work with manufacturers a lot and I love the manufacturing process. Most manufacturers are keen to track their costs and measure their product margins.

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Hi

I am currently advising a manufacturing business with similar issues as those described - trying to use auto build, incorporation of labour and machine costs into the build etc. We came to the conclusion that, for the level of sophistication they are looking for, they'd be better off with a product aimed more specifically at manufacturing. They'd like to keep MYOB as they really like it, so ideally a bolt-on solution like Ostendo would be best. Does anyone know of any other good ones on the market?

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Hi Chloe,

I agree with both Mike and Jennie - it can be done with Auto-build, but take into account the skill level of your client. Once you get into using Auto-building it can take some care if recipes and situations start to change (as they are bound to do!) It is important to have strong procedures around inventory - these should be documented - including regular stocktaking. You will soon find out if the auto-build recipe is very accurate or not if there are large variances when you enter the stock count.

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Good luck,
Miriam

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