

Small Batch Production

– A Home Beer-Brewing Case Study –

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Small batch production can be illustrated in many ways. Home beer brewing, while perhaps unconventional, provides an intriguing structure for this discussion. The home-brewing process typically requires two weeks per batch and involves three working days; one day each for brewing, fermenting and bottling. This three-step process provides an excellent framework for examining inventory and supply chain issues such as vendor selection, purchasing, process controls, quality concerns, shelf life, safety and more. And who knows, perhaps a new batch of home-brewers will be born!

Attendees will be encouraged to recognize and examine parallels between the home-brewing process and their own production processes. Through interactive Q&A attendees will explore the issues identified above, enabling them to re-examine the parallels with their own processes from a fresh perspective. Come join in this fun and unusual learning experience.