

### Today's Speakers.



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### Reducing food safety risk in flour.

Your take away from this webinar.

- Food Safety trends, challenges and hazards in flour processing
- Hygienic factory and equipment design, microbial reduction in milling, mycotoxin control, foreign material removal, traceability
- Food safety management at plant level
- 4 Q&A



### Food safety facts for flour.

2,597

recall news

Reported worldwide in 2019

\*Bühler safefood.ai

63

Salmonella Infected people

in 2016 outbreak associated with flour

\$243m median loss in corporate value

due to a recall

\*Gomez and Marks, 2020

### Top hazards in 2019



Aflatoxin and other mycotoxins

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E. coli, Salmonella and other pathogens



Peanut and other allergens



Foreign materials





### New challenges.

- Stricter requirements FSMA (2011)
- New detection methods tracking system whole genome sequencing
- Foodborne outbreaks associated with flour
- Consumer behavior RTE flour
- Seed contamination with allergen or other contaminant
- Some pesticides banned which contributes to alkaloids production

Infant food



Ready to eat food



Ready to cook food



Ready to cook food



Raw ingredients

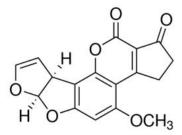


### 1<sup>st</sup> top hazard: Mycotoxins.

### Toxic metabolites from fungal mold.



Fungal mold



Aflatoxin B1



PMID: 25780825 DOI: 10.5604/12321966.1141366

Free article



### The burden of mycotoxins.

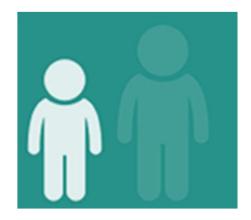
Liver cancer

up to **155'000** year



Liu & Wu, 2010

Stunting of children



WHO report, 2011

Post-harvest losses

30 % of losses

- □ Pests
- Spoilage
- □ Contamination

FAO, 2011



### 2<sup>nd</sup> top hazard: bacteria.

### Prevalence in flour.

### **TVC**

• 100 – 10,000 cfu/g\*

### E. coli (STEC)

• 10 - 30 %\*

### Salmonella

• 1%\*\*

Key factors making Salmonella high risk for flour:

- Survive in dry conditions (10 years)
- Low infection dose (reports of <1 cfu/g)</li>
- Resistant to heat

\*BfR opinion No 004/2020. 2020; German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment, Escherichia coli in flour – sources, risks and prevention, www.bfr.bund.de

\*\*(Published by Sperber (2007) based on data from [Richter et al., 1993], [del Pozo et al., 2000], [Eiroa et al., 1975] and [Kehl and Bostel. 1999]).



### Dry heat is not effective to inactivate microorganims.

### Inactivation of Salmonella Weltevreden in flour at 65 °C

Moisture content in flour [% wb]	Processing time to reduce 1 log oder 90 % [D-Wert]
> 50 % (dough)	~ 5 min
14 % flour	~ 50 min
12 % four	~ 100 min
10 % flour	~ 500 min

(Archer et al. 1998, J. Food Sci.)



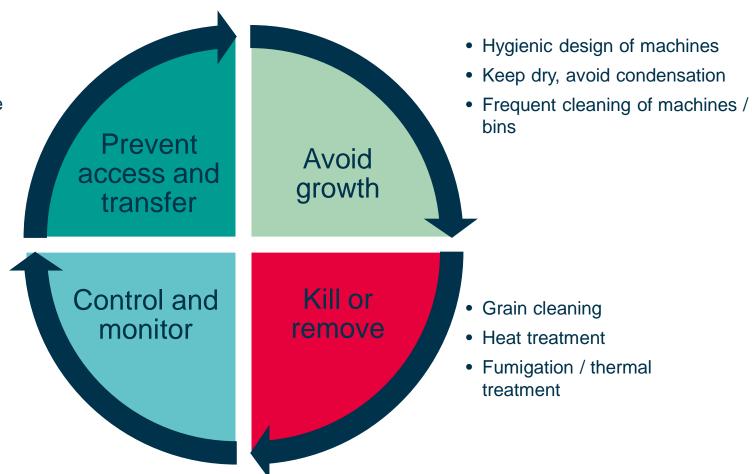
# Holistic view of food safety

## Holistic view of food safety.



- Building design
- Quality control at intake
- Personnel hygiene
- Safe storage
- Traceability

- HACCP
- Quality control
- Pest control
- Automation





# Building ventilation systems

# **Building ventilation system** for optimal climate in the mill.

Selecting the right building concept is key – and ultimately determines the added value!

#### The benefits are:

- Filtrated / clean air inside processing plant
- Reduction of condensation
- Minimal cleaning requirements
- Complying to food safety requirements
- Successful customer audits





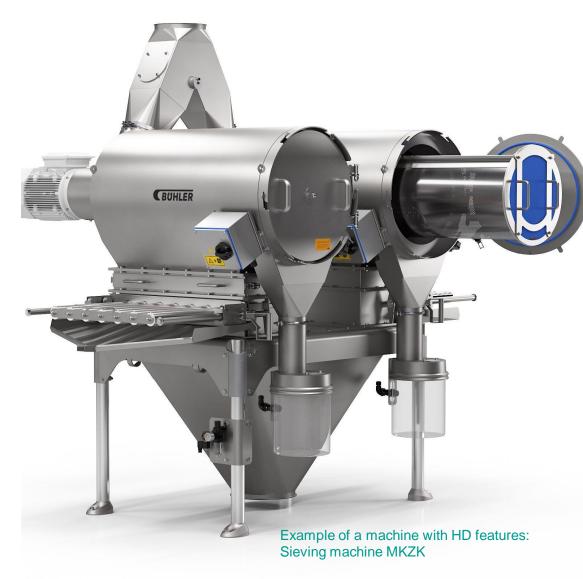
# Hygienic design of equipment

### What is hygienic design?

#### Allows the timely and effective cleaning

**Minimizes risks of product contamination** during the whole working life of the equipment.

- Chemical: e.g. migration of food contact materials, lubricants, etc.
- Physical: e.g. equipment parts falling into food.
- Microbiological: e.g. prevent microbial introduction, survival and growth.





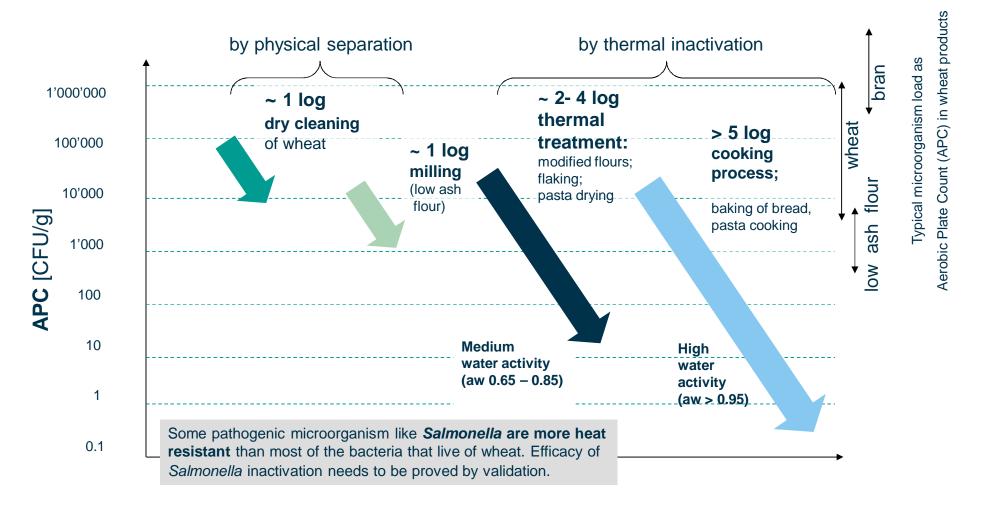
## Bacteria reduction

### Reduction of bacteria during wheat cleaning.





### Example of bacteria removal or inactivation in wheat processing.

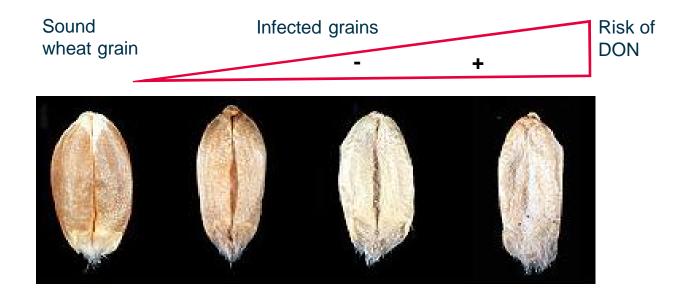




# Mycotoxin reduction

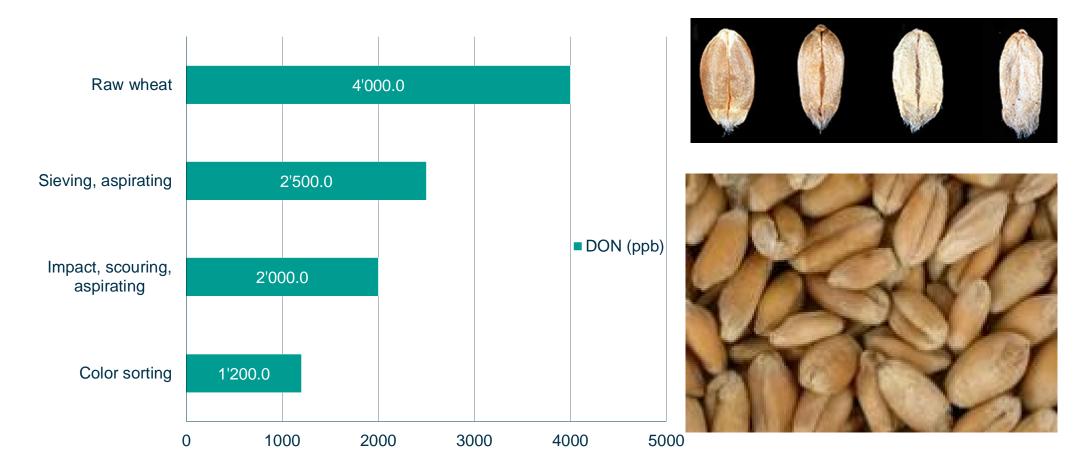
### DON (Vomitoxin) is the main concern in wheat.

- Different phases of the infection show different appearances.
- We use the change of the characteristic of the infected kernels to remove them form the form sound ones.





## Wheat: Reduction of DON (Vomitoxin).





## Aflatoxin is the main concern in Maize.

- Different phases of the infection show different appearances.
- We use the change of the characteristic of the infected kernels to remove them form the form sound ones.





### Reduction of Aflatoxin in maize.



**Dust** 



**Black spotted maize** 



**Green mold maize** 



Grain with insect bites (often internal infection, low density grains)



**Small broken maize** 



**Dark brown maize** 

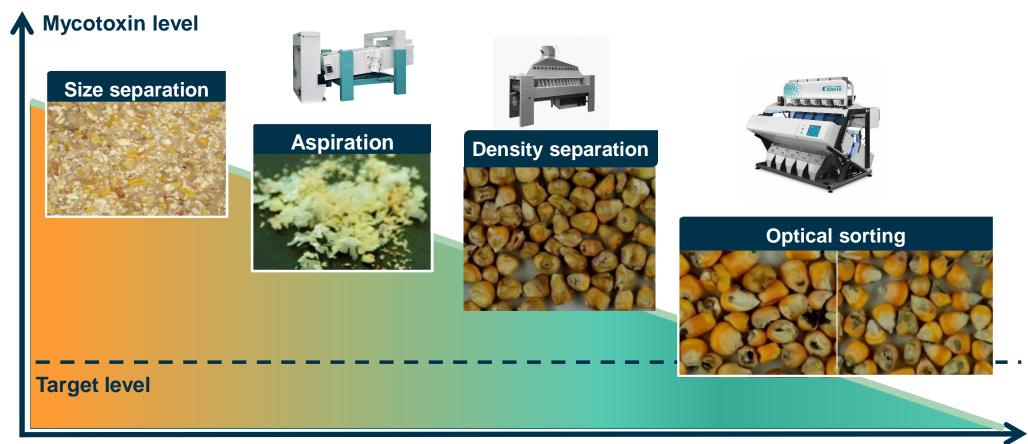


Shriveled brown maize

Mycotoxin reduction by grain cleaning



## Consistent reduction of Aflatoxin by grain cleaning.



Removed affected product (%)



# Elimination of foreign material

## Foreign material – what customer's perceive as being alien to food.



Insects



Plants matter



Bones and animal matter



**Plastic** 



Glass



Wood



Metal

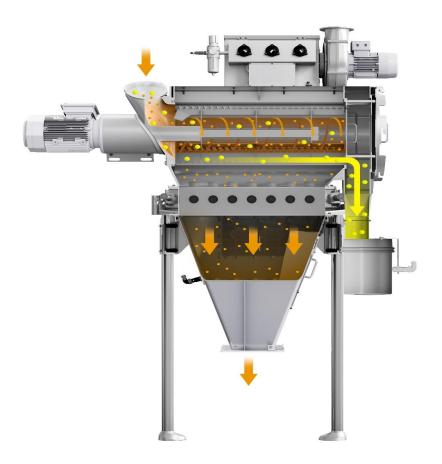


**Stones** 



### Control sifter to remove foreign material.

- The sieving machine removes foreign material in finished products.
- Easy and fast access for inspection.
- Often installed in combination with a magnet underneath.





# Impact machine to destroy the insect eggs.

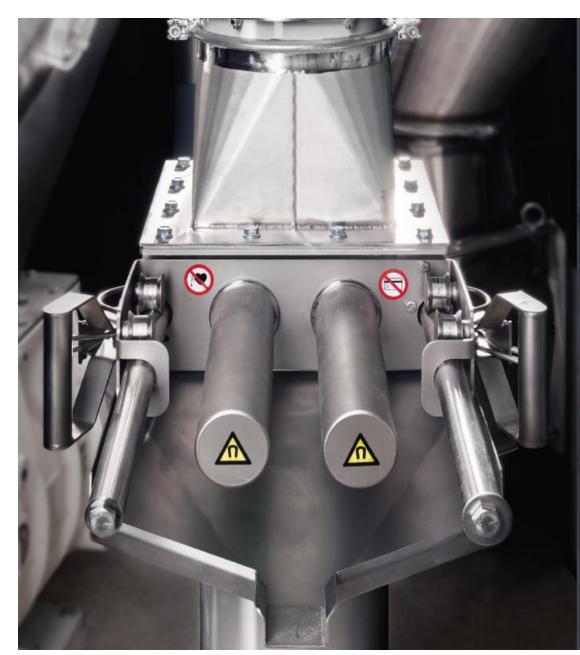
- Killing of insect eggs by impacting the flour
- Multiple Impact during product inflow and outflow
- Increase of the shelf life



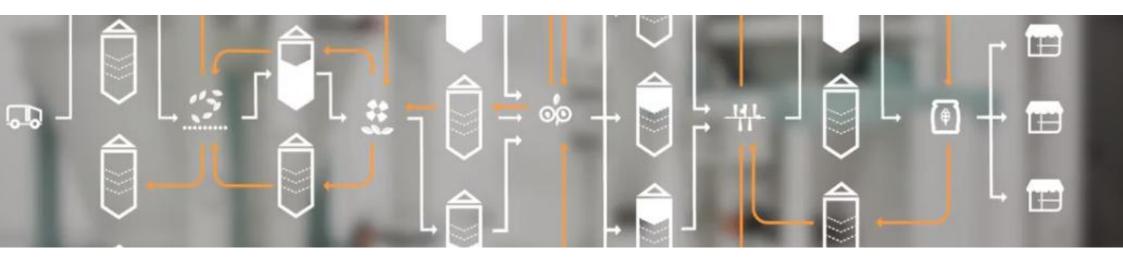


## Removing of metals.

- Magnets
- Neodymium magnets with up to 10'000 Gauss
- Metal detectors
- X-Ray







### **Automation & traceability.**

- Forward and backwards product tracing
- Traceable product quality
- Fast tracking of possible threats
- Full compliance with regulations and laws
- Minimization of human errors



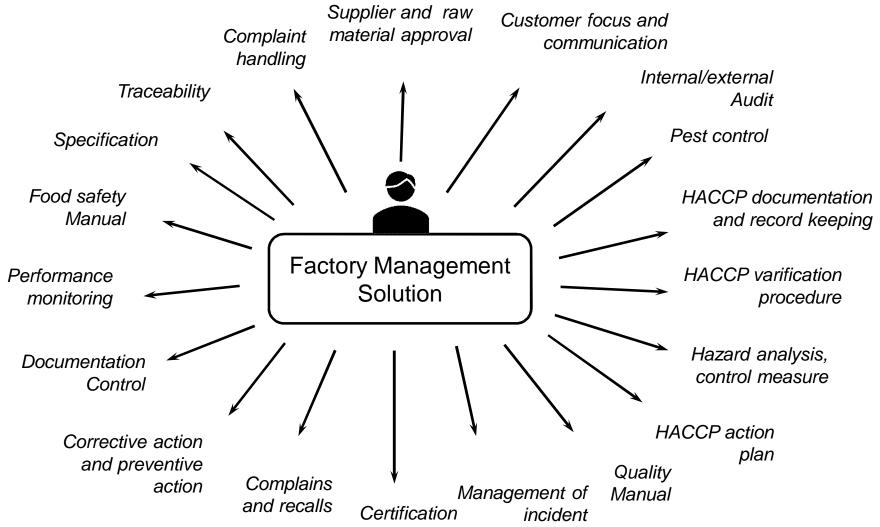
### Summary.

- Food safety is the responsibility of the entire grain value chain.
- The base of a food safe production:
  - Building concept, hygienic design of equipment.
  - Controlled and filtered air intake
  - HACCP and further food safety concept in place.
- The main food safety threats in the milling industry are:
  - Foreign materials, including insects
  - Bacteria
  - Mycotoxins
  - Allergens
- Modern cleaning lines are reducing contamination and the risk.
- Control sieves, impact machines, magnets, metal checks and x-ray for finish products.
- Automation system with traceability module.

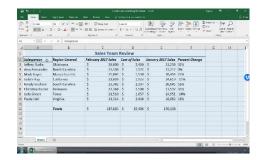




### Tasks of Food Safety- and Quality Manager



### What are todays challenges of a Food Safety- and Quality manager?







- Time consuming
- Difficult to trace back
- Hard to get an overview of "what's going on"
- Re-active instead of preventive
- Auditing is difficult
- Easy to manipulate
- Difficult to benchmark sites
- Low efficiency
- High mistake rate
- Etc..

### All in one System - ADVACTORY

Manage schedules MANAGE ALL **ADVACTORY PROCESSES PAPERLESS ADVACTORY** Monitor in real time ADVACTORY ADVACTORY KARI - V.1 Everywhere on any device Alerting tresholds

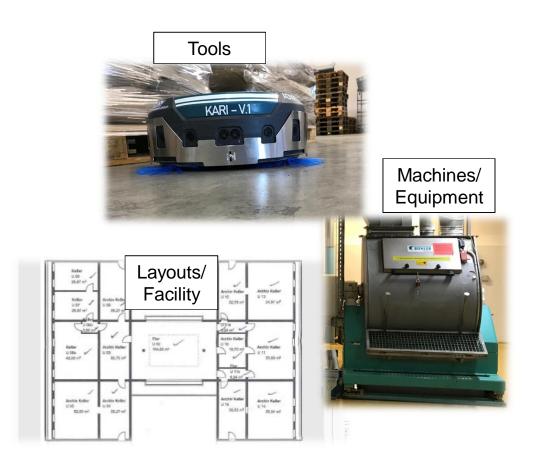
Assign Tasks to employees

Audits with "one click"

**ADVACTORY** 

## **How does ADVACTORY work**

# 1. Step – Asset management - Digitalisation of assets







## **How does ADVACTORY work**

2. Step – Process management - Digitalisation of processes and documents



## **ADVACTORY** knows it all





Where ?



Which?



When?

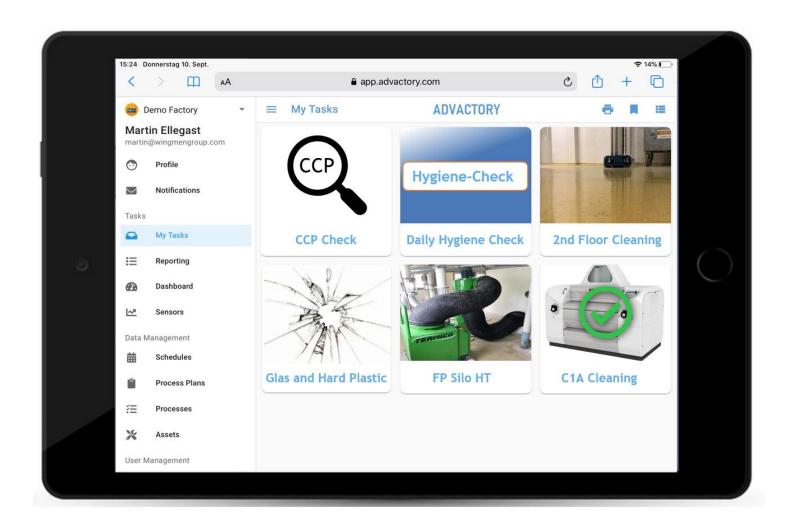


Who?



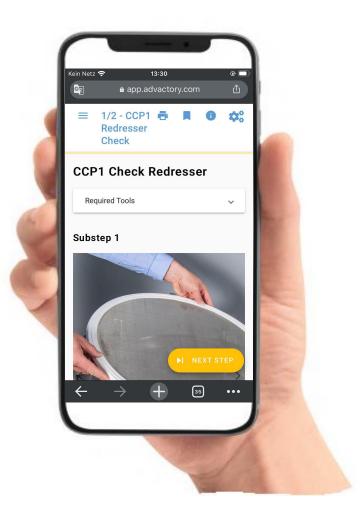
What / How?

# **ADVACTORY - My Tasks - Operator view**



# **ADVACTORY - My Tasks - CCP Check**

Operator gets routed through his daily tasks step by step

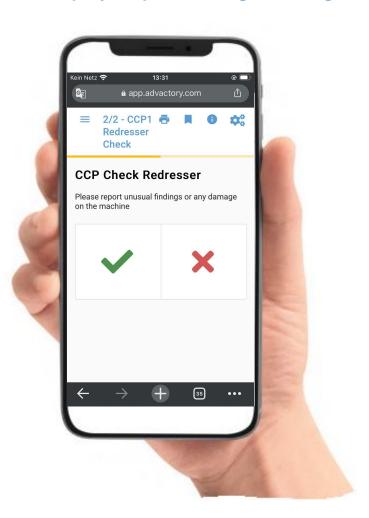


## **ADVACTORY - My Tasks - CCP Check**

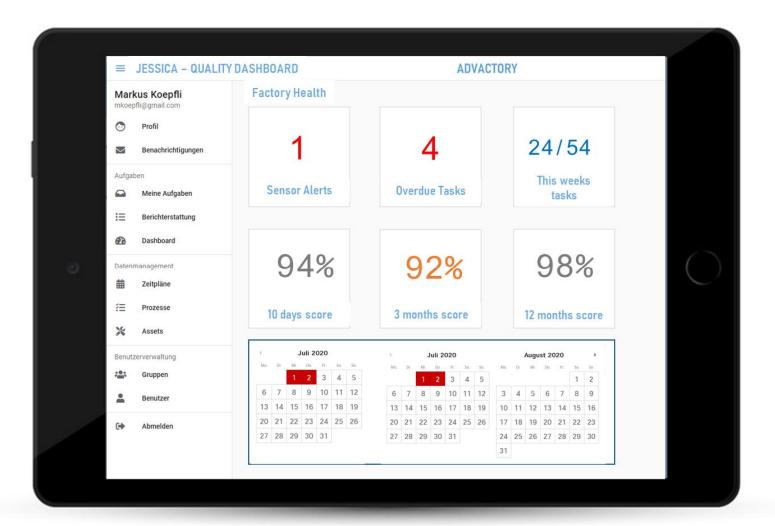
Operator gets routed through his tasks step by step - Cleaning/ Working instructions

#### Confirmation of tasks:

- Clicking
- Writing
- Picture/ Video
- Code Scanning



## **ADVACTORY – Dashboards and Documentation**

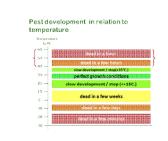




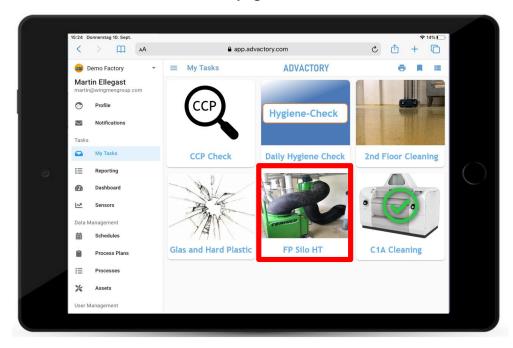
# **ADVACTORY – Industrial example (IOT) Preventive Cleaning**

#### **ADVACTORY SENS**



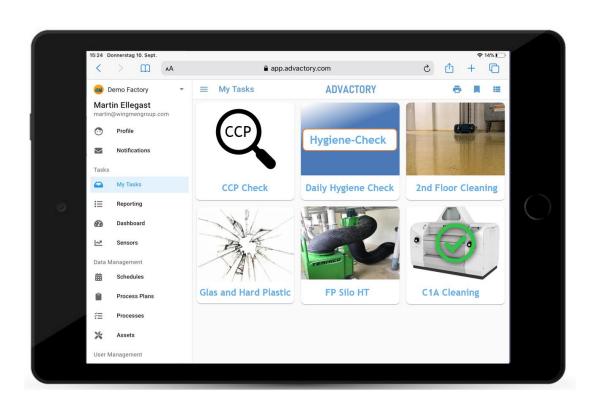


### Tasks are automatically generated to avoid weevil



# ADVACTORY – Let's make food safer - together

- Increase Traceability
- Complete overview of "what's going on"
- Preventive instead of Reactive
- Auditing with one click
- Highly efficient -Time saving
- Easy to benchmark sites
- Low mistake rate
- Less Recalls
- Higher Food safety
- Etc..



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