

Leading Producer of Pork Products Turns to the Grote Company Family of Brands for a Pork Belly Processing Solution

New Machinery Enables Brand to Operate on One Line Instead of Two, Saving Significant Space and Costs

ALGONA, Iowa, Nov. 19, 2025 - Today, PFI, a manufacturer of sanitary conveying equipment, announced that it worked with its sister brand, Grote Company, to deliver a pork belly slicing solution to a well-known producer of pork products.

The company was developing new offerings incorporating bacon bits and slices. The collaboration between the two companies, both part of the Grote Company Family of Brands, resulted in a solution that not only addressed the manufacturer's challenges but also provided one major additional benefit: enabling it to operate on one line instead of two. This saved the company significant space and costs.

After assessing the situation to determine the best equipment to meet the brand's needs, PFI and Grote Company collaborated on a processing line that included:

- A PFI sanitary stainless steel [two-stage dumper](#), which transfers product to the line, where a metal detector ensures the product is safe to continue processing.
- An inclined belt conveyor that transports the product to a custom platform. The conveyor includes tool-free adjustments for easier loading from the PFI platform.
- A [Grote High-Speed Slicer](#), which slices the pork into either bits or slices.

The customer worked with PFI as the single point of contact, enabling streamlined communication and project management. See the solution in action [here](#).

Behind the scenes, PFI and Grote Company worked together to manage the project, providing testing and support, which culminated in a seamless, on-time delivery and installation for the customer.

The ability to collaborate across brands gives customers access to a holistic solution that simplifies the purchasing process, delivery and installation, as well as providing reliable ongoing support and maintenance.

About PFI's Solutions for Meat Production Lines

PFI sanitary conveying solutions integrate entire meat production lines – from raw to prepared. Every system is custom-configured to the customer's precise application and layout and designed for:

- Optimal and safe product handling without residue or temperature changes

- Flexibility for multiple products across a range of formats and temperatures
- Simple integration with core equipment and processes
- Sanitary design with maximum accessibility and ease of cleaning

About the Grote Company Family of Brands

The Grote Company Family of Brands, which includes [Grote Company](#), [PFI](#), [Vanmark](#), [ProFab](#), [SPI Automation](#), and [McCabe's Mechanical Services](#), has provided food processing equipment, parts, and services for decades. We work together to give food manufacturers a team of experts dedicated to providing more complete solutions and unwavering support. Learn more about our brands [here](#). Visit the Grote Company Family of Brands booth at IPPE, [B41051](#).

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