

# Teamwork Keeps the Wheels Turning

Perricone Farms Juices has maintained its position as the largest manufacturer of fresh-squeezed juice in the Western United States for three generations by following one core belief -teamwork rules. Managers stress that "the 'we' will always be greater than 'me'" as it takes a family to keep the wheels turning.

Teamwork was a key decision factor when Jerry Badeau, Perricone Farm's plant manager, selected the flooring contractor for the conversion of an older structure into a modern processing plant. The high-profile project had a quick turnaround and required coordination from all project participants.

Badeau selected Concrete Protection Systems West (CPS-WEST) located in Ontario, CA. CPS-WEST, is a factory-trained applicator of DEX-O-TEX products and specializes in high-performance floor installations. Badeau had worked with CPS-WEST on previous projects at his operations and knew they were team players. On this project, CPS-WEST had to be flexible and meet any unexpected challenges that could occur. Badeau knew that as a DEX-O-TEX applicator, CPS-WEST would have access to a strong technical support team and a wide-range of products that result with a durable floor.

The main feature of the Perricone Farm's project was the transformation of an old, 4,400 sq. foot cooler into an Extraction Processing facility. The project included new plumbing and installation of processing equipment. But the key and beginning element were the floors.

The cooler's flat interior slab had to be constructed into a high-performance, sanitary, and non-slip floor. This upgrade included the installation of a second trench drain. Additionally, the floor and drain had to be waterproofed to prevent any potential infiltration of process water from infiltrating the groundwater table.

The plan specifically called for CPS-WEST to contour the existing flat floor into a sloped surface that easily drained process waters into collection drains without pooling. After the new drain was installed,



the contractor surface-prepped the entire cooler floor by grinding and shot-blasting, preparing it for the contoured floor that required up to 3-inches of epoxy mortar. Crews sloped the final surface from the outside walls to new trench drains.

CPS-WEST installed Tek-Crete SLF for Self Leveling, a urethane modified cement floor system manufactured by DEX-O-TEX. The self-leveling urethane mortar was a perfect choice for the application. First installers can use Tek-Crete SL for monolithic applications of thicknesses from 3/16" to 1/4" thickness. The material cures quickly allowing for quick installation. And Tek-Crete SLF provides a floor system designed for long service life in heavy-use and abusive conditions.

Badeau noted CPS-WEST was a great team player. They not only completed their portion of the project on time, their craftsmen were always

on-hand for additional material applications as the other contractors completed their task. CPS-WEST had an additional player on their team. DEX-O-TEX provides a wide-array of products, knowledgeable technical support, and factory training so their crews could confidently complete all the aspects of this difficult project.

Badeau also praised CPS-West for the quality of the final product. Their efforts provided a zero-defect high-performance floor that is safe and durable.

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