MEI-LING HUANG

INVENTORY ANALYST

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Summary

Inventory Analyst supporting Costco's regional DC network. Lifted inventory accuracy to 99.3%, cut stockouts 31%, and unlocked $5.7M in working capital through SKU rationalization and cycle-count program redesign.

Skills

Other Skills: SQL (90), Power BI (92), Manhattan WMS (86), Cycle Counting (94), Excel (advanced) (95)

Experience

Costco Wholesale — Issaquah, WA

Inventory Analyst II — 2022-Present

Owns inventory analytics for non-foods category across 3 regional DCs serving 92 warehouse clubs.

- Drove inventory accuracy from 96.8% to 99.3% via cycle-count program redesign and root-cause CAPA tracking.
- Cut stockouts 31% on 2,800 high-velocity SKUs by tightening safety stock formulas and lead-time buckets.
- Unlocked $5.7M in working capital through SKU rationalization (retired 412 slow movers) and inbound deferral.
- Built Power BI scorecard tracking IPI, weeks-on-hand, and shrink, adopted as regional standard view.

Home Depot Distribution — Atlanta, GA

Junior Inventory Analyst — 2019-2022

Inventory analytics for a 1.6M sq ft RDC serving 78 stores across the Southeast.

- Reduced shrink 18% by cross-checking RF scanner exception reports against POS sell-through.
- Maintained 98.4% case-fill rate during 2021 hurricane season by rebalancing inventory across alternate DCs.
- Automated weekly aging-inventory report in SQL, replacing a 6-hour manual Excel workflow.

Projects

Project Lead

Cycle Count Program Redesign — 2024

Region-wide cycle count overhaul that lifted accuracy 2.5 pts and unlocked $5.7M working capital.

Manhattan SCALE • Power BI • SQL

Education

University of Washington — Seattle, WA

Bachelor of Science — 2015-2019

Operations Research · GPA: 3.7

Certificates

APICS CPIM — 2024

ASCM/APICS

End-to-end production and inventory management certification covering MPS, MRP, and DRP.

RF Scanning and WMS Power User 2023

Manhattan Associates

Advanced cycle counting, putaway, and exception management in Manhattan SCALE.

OSHA 10-Hour General Industry 2022

OSHA Training Institute

Foundational workplace safety for warehouse environments.

Awards

Costco Excellence in Analytics 2024

Costco Wholesale

Awarded for inventory accuracy program that exceeded the 99% network target.

Languages

English	Mandarin	Cantonese
Native	Native	Conversational

Strengths

Pattern Recognition — Spots inventory anomalies in noisy operational data before they become shrink writeoffs.

DC Floor Fluency — Spends time on the floor with cycle counters to validate every analytical insight.

Hobbies

Trail running and competitive board games