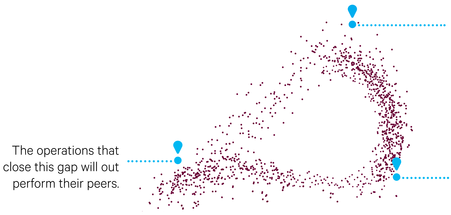
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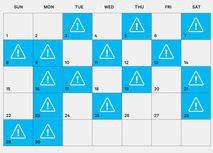
These are the key findings from our survey of 124 manufacturers across automotive, CPG, and high-tech.

Disruption is constant, but most warehouse systems were built for stability. The gap between volatility and execution is costing you time, labor, and margin.

Why it matters



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Disruption is the daily reality

Disruption is no longer occasional. It's continuous, and constant replanning has become part of the job.

72% face warehouse disruptions weekly or daily

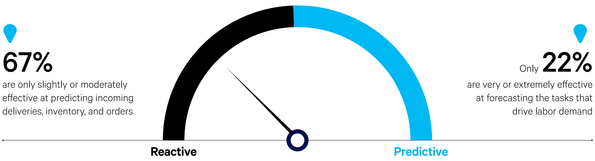
66% reforecast or adjust plans weekly or daily due to real-time disruptions

Plans get built, broken, and rebuilt before they ever stabilize.

Prediction isn't keeping pace

Limited visibility forces teams to react, even when they want to plan ahead.

67% are only slightly or moderately effective at predicting incoming deliveries, inventory, and orders



Only **22%** are very or extremely effective at forecasting the tasks that drive labor demand

Poor labor forecasting upstream drives overtime, idle time, and missed SLAs on the floor

Manual work and silos slow every decision

Spreadsheets and disconnected teams add delay, risk, and inconsistency at the moments where speed matters most.

71% rely on manual processes for resource planning to some extent, to a great extent, or completely

56% experience inefficiencies from siloed decision-making weekly or daily

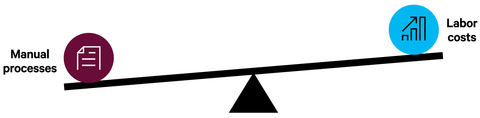
Only **17%** say reforecasting labor and equipment plans is easy or very easy



You can't replan quickly when your data lives in separate tools and separate teams.

Labor and cost pressure keep compounding

When planning is weak, labor becomes the pressure valve, and costs climb



55% say hiring and retaining warehouse labor is a very or extremely significant challenge

89% see higher operational costs from inefficiencies monthly, weekly, or daily, including overtime, equipment breakdown from overuse, and dock bottlenecks

Inability to predict what's coming and what needs to happen directly hits throughput, labor cost, and profitability.

From reactive to adaptive

Stop reacting to disruption. Start outperforming it.

What leading warehouse teams are doing now:

01 Move from periodic planning to continuous planning

02 Replace manual coordination with real-time orchestration

03 Unify labor, inventory, and execution decisions in one system

04 Put AI agents to work to anticipate, adapt, and optimize every shift



- See how the AI-driven Blue Yonder Warehouse Management System helps you predict labor needs, adapt intraday, and turn constant disruption into a competitive advantage.
- Data from: The Future of Warehouse Management survey, Blue Yonder and Elastic Solutions, June 2026. Based on 124 responses from manufacturers in automotive, CPG, and high-tech.

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