



Barkeep Start and End Dates – Troubleshooting

One of the most common mistakes that users make when running either a Variance Report or Pour Cost Report is choosing the wrong Sales Start and Sales End Dates when they export Sales Data from their POS System.

Does my Sales Data have to coincide with my Inventories?

Yes, when you select the dates in your POS System to export Sales Data from, those dates should be ones that coincide with your Full Inventories.

In the example below let's say you take a Full Inventory every Monday morning before you open.

- When you want to run a Variance Report after your Full Inventory on October 30th you would select Sales Data from your POS System from Monday October 23rd to Sunday October 29th.
- You include the Sales on Monday the 23rd because they occurred *after* the Start Inventory.
- You do not include the Sales on Monday October 30th because they will happen after your End Inventory.

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Done Save Cancel

Inventory

First Previous Next Last Delete Inventory New Inventory Merge Download Reports

Inventory Type: Full

Inventory Date: 10/30/2017 10:12 am

Item Count: October 2017

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Inventory Items Add Items

Show 25 entries

Index	Item	Time	Quantity	Quantity Type	Case Size	Cost
0	Barton Reserve White	10:12 am	1	Cases	12	\$72.9
1	Seagram's 7 Crown I	10 am	1	Cases	12	\$170.0
2	Anchor Steam Beer	12	4	Cases	24	\$105.6
3	Miller Beer Singles 22 Oz Bottle 22oz	Stock Room	6	Cases	12	\$0.0

How often should I take a Full Inventory?

That is up to you — whatever works best for your business. You can take Full Inventories daily, weekly, monthly or whenever you wish. If you take a weekly Full Inventory every Monday morning before the start of your business day, like in the example above, when you export the Sales from your POS System, typically you would choose the Sales from Monday through Sunday.

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Can I only run a Variance Report based on two consecutive Full Inventories?

No. For example, if you took weekly Full Inventories, you can still choose a Start Inventory and End Inventory with other Full Inventories in between.

- You could choose a Start Inventory at the beginning of the month and an End Inventory at the end of the month.
- You could choose Inventories to run Variance Reports that are quarterly, annually or whatever the time period you need to review.

Example: Below notice a selection of April 14th for the Start Inventory and May 24th as the End Inventory. Also note, there is a Full Inventory on May 1st, May 15th etc. **a**

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Variance Report Done

Start Inventory **a** Full Inventory 05/24/2017 136

End Inventory Full Inventory 05/19/2017 47 Items

Use Default Item Price? Full Inventory 05/17/2017 48 Items

Exclude Banquets? Full Inventory 05/15/2017 50 Items

Show Pricing Details? Full Inventory 05/01/2017 148 Items

Your Variance Report will contain all Sales Data from the Start Date and the Sales End Date are between the Start and End Dates.

Run Report Download Report

Include Sales data from 4/17/2017 **b**

Include Sales data from 5/24/2017 **b**

Show Retail Value?

Fit to Window Width?

After choosing a Start and End Inventory, which Sales Data is included in the Variance Report?

All of the Sales Data that was uploaded to a BarkeepOnline account with dates between the Start and End Inventory will be factored into your Variance Report. If you upload your Sales Data weekly you could run a monthly or quarterly Variance Report and factor in all of the Sales Data with dates between you're the Start and End Inventory you choose.

Note: You also have options **b** to include Sales Data from the Start and/or End Dates (see next page).

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When do you include the Sales Data from your Start and End Dates?

When you run a Variance Report or Pour Cost Report you have options to include the Sales Data from the date of your Start Inventory and the date of your End Inventory. By default, these options are turned off.

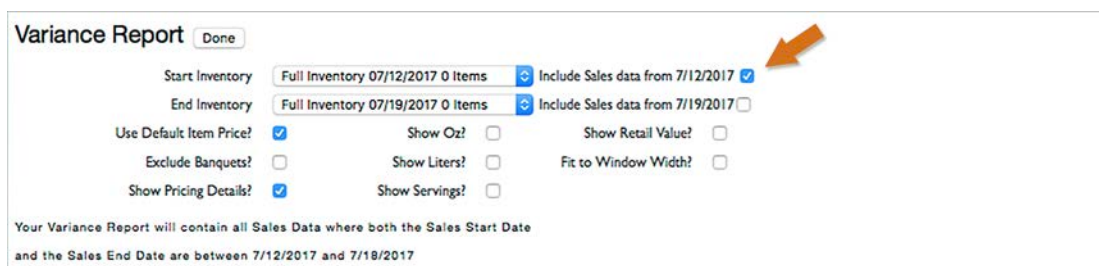
Please pay careful attention to these options.

Based on your choices, the Variance Report page displays a message indicating the exact date range of Sales Data that will be included in the Variance Report like in the example above, reminding you of the dates being used for the Sales Data.

“Your Variance Report will contain all Sales Data where both the Sales Start Date and the Sales End Date are between 07/12/2017 and 07/18/2017”

Including Sales Data from the Start Inventory

In the example below the box has been checked to “Include Sales data from 07/12/2017”.



The screenshot shows the 'Variance Report' interface. At the top, there is a 'Done' button. Below it, there are two inventory selection fields: 'Start Inventory' and 'End Inventory', both set to 'Full Inventory 07/12/2017 0 Items'. To the right of each field is a checkbox for 'Include Sales data from [date]'. The checkbox for the start date (07/12/2017) is checked, and an orange arrow points to it. The checkbox for the end date (07/19/2017) is unchecked. Below these are several other options: 'Use Default Item Price?' (checked), 'Show Oz?' (unchecked), 'Show Retail Value?' (unchecked), 'Exclude Banquets?' (unchecked), 'Show Liters?' (unchecked), 'Fit to Window Width?' (unchecked), and 'Show Pricing Details?' (checked), 'Show Servings?' (unchecked). At the bottom, a message states: 'Your Variance Report will contain all Sales Data where both the Sales Start Date and the Sales End Date are between 7/12/2017 and 7/18/2017'.

Below is an explanation with reasons why you might have decided to include the Sales Data.

- **When did the Sales actually occur?**

In this example let us say you set up your Sales Data from July 12th to July 19th.

The Sales Data would include all the sales that occurred in your business day starting at your opening at 3:00 p.m. on July 12th, it would include all the Sales for the dates July 13th through July 19th and it would also include an hour of sales, until closing at 1:00 a.m., on July 20th. This is because the hour(s) passed midnight are counted as part of the previous day.

- **When was the Start Inventory?**

In this example your Start Inventory was a Full Inventory done on July 12th at 10:00 a.m. – before you opened for business and before any sales that were included in the Sales Data.

Including Sales Data from the End Inventory

In most cases, you would not want to include the Sales Data from the same day as your End Inventory.

For example, let's say your End Inventory is a Full Inventory done at 11:15 a.m. on Tuesday, July 19th and you included Sales Data from Tuesday, July 19th. That would mean that all the sales on Tuesday, until closing, would be factored into the Variance Report. Including the Sales occurring after the 11:15 a.m. End Inventory.

Your Variance Report would be inaccurate. Only when your End Inventory occurs after closing on the same day as the Sales Data ends would you check to “Include Sales data from 07/19/2017”.

What about other kinds of Inventories?

Your Start and End Inventory determine the parameters of the Variance Report.

All the Inventories in between the Start and End Inventories are factored in.

This includes other Full Inventories, as well as Receiving, Return and Waste Inventories.

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What about Receiving Inventories on the same day as the Start or End Inventories?

- If you have a Receiving Inventory at 2:15 p.m. on July 12th after your Start Inventory at 10:00 a.m. on July 12th, it will be included in the Variance Report.
- But, if your Receiving Inventory occurred at 8:45 a.m., before the Start Inventory, it would not be included.
- With the End Inventory, all the other Inventories on the same day must be before the time of the End Inventory to be included in the Variance Report.
- This is why Barkeep recommends adding accurate times and dates to all of your Inventories.

What happens when my Sales Data is outside of my Start and End Inventories?

- Sales Data that begins before your Start Inventory will not be included.
- Sales Data that ends after you End Inventory will not be included.

Start Date	End Date	Sales Count	Sales \$Amt	Notes	Description
07/19/2017	07/25/2017	2,822	\$22,409.00		
07/12/2017	07/18/2017	2,811	\$22,573.00		
07/09/2017	07/11/2017	2,099	\$16,219.50		
07/08/2017	07/08/2017	872	\$5,448.80		
07/05/2017	07/07/2017	1,306	\$11,056.40		
06/28/2017	07/04/2017	3,404	\$25,455.00		
06/21/2017	06/27/2017	1,366	\$10,324.00		

Above is a list of Sales Data uploaded to a BarkeepOnline account. Based on the Sales Data:

- If you used a Start Inventory on July 1st and an End Inventory of July 31st your **c** Sales Data that begins on June 28th would not be included in the Variance Report.
- But, if you used a Start Inventory on June 27th and an End Inventory of July 31st your **c** Sales Data that begins on June 28th would be included in the Variance Report.
- If you used a Start Inventory of July 12th and an End Inventory of July 19th your **d** Sales Data that begins on July 12th would be included if you choose the option **e** to include it.

Variance Report Done

Start Inventory Full Inventory 07/12/2017 0 Items Include Sales data from 7/12/2017 **e**

End Inventory Full Inventory 07/19/2017 0 Items Include Sales data from 7/19/2017

Use Default Item Price? Show Oz? Show Retail Value?

Exclude Banquets? Show Liters? Fit to Window Width?

Show Pricing Details? Show Servings?

Your Variance Report will contain all Sales Data where both the Sales Start Date and the Sales End Date are between 7/12/2017 and 7/18/2017 **f**

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Can I upload Sales Data on a daily basis?

Yes. For example, if you are doing a Full Inventory on a daily basis you also could upload Sales Data every day. Then you could run a Variance Report every day comparing your Inventory to your Sales Data. This might be something you do regularly or for a period of time when you are trying to use Barkeep to narrow in on issues you are having with usage anomalies in your Variance Reports.

How does Barkeep use daily Sales Data when I run a weekly Variance Report?

In the Variance Report example below, you selected the Start Inventory on October 23rd and the End Inventory is on October 30th. The option to Includes Sales Data from 10/23/17 was also selected. Barkeep will run a Variance Report that factors in your separate uploads of Sales Data on every day from October 23rd to October 30th as shown below.

The screenshot shows the BarkeepOnline interface. The top section is titled 'Variance Report' and includes the following configuration options:

- Start Inventory: Full Inventory 10/23/2017 140 Items
- End Inventory: Full Inventory 10/30/2017 136 Items
- Include Sales data from 10/23/2017:
- Include Sales data from 10/30/2017:
- Use Default Item Price?:
- Show Oz?:
- Show Retail Value?:
- Exclude Banquets?:
- Show Liters?:
- Fit to Window Width?:
- Show Pricing Details?:
- Show Servings?:

Below the configuration, a note states: 'Your Variance Report will contain all Sales Data where both the Sales Start Date and the Sales End Date are between 10/23/2017 and 10/29/2017'. Buttons for 'Run Report' and 'Download Report' are visible.

The bottom section is titled 'Sales' and displays a table of sales data. The table has columns for Start Date, End Date, Sales Count, Sales \$Amt, Notes, and Description. The data is filtered to show entries from 10/21/2017 to 11/02/2017. The row for 10/23/2017 is highlighted in yellow, and an orange arrow points from the 'Include Sales data from 10/23/2017' checkbox in the Variance Report settings to this row.

Start Date	End Date	Sales Count	Sales \$Amt	Notes	Description
11/02/2017	11/02/2017	370	\$2,473.90		
11/01/2017	11/01/2017	427	\$3,108.90		
10/31/2017	10/31/2017	1,039	\$7,910.45		
10/30/2017	10/30/2017	441	\$3,345.90		
10/29/2017	10/29/2017	911	\$7,233.45		
10/28/2017	10/28/2017	1,290	\$10,084.90		
10/27/2017	10/27/2017	2,718	\$20,814.90		
10/26/2017	10/26/2017	417	\$2,814.90		
10/25/2017	10/25/2017	390	\$2,676.90		
10/24/2017	10/24/2017	631	\$4,584.90		
10/23/2017	10/23/2017	330	\$2,172.40		
10/22/2017	10/22/2017	847	\$6,439.90		
10/21/2017	10/21/2017	1,746	\$15,137.10		

Important Note: If you plan to upload Sales Data every day it is crucial that you get in the habit of exporting your Sales from your POS System daily and uploading it to BarkeepOnline. For example, if you missed a daily upload and ran a weekly Variance Report as shown above, your data would be off.

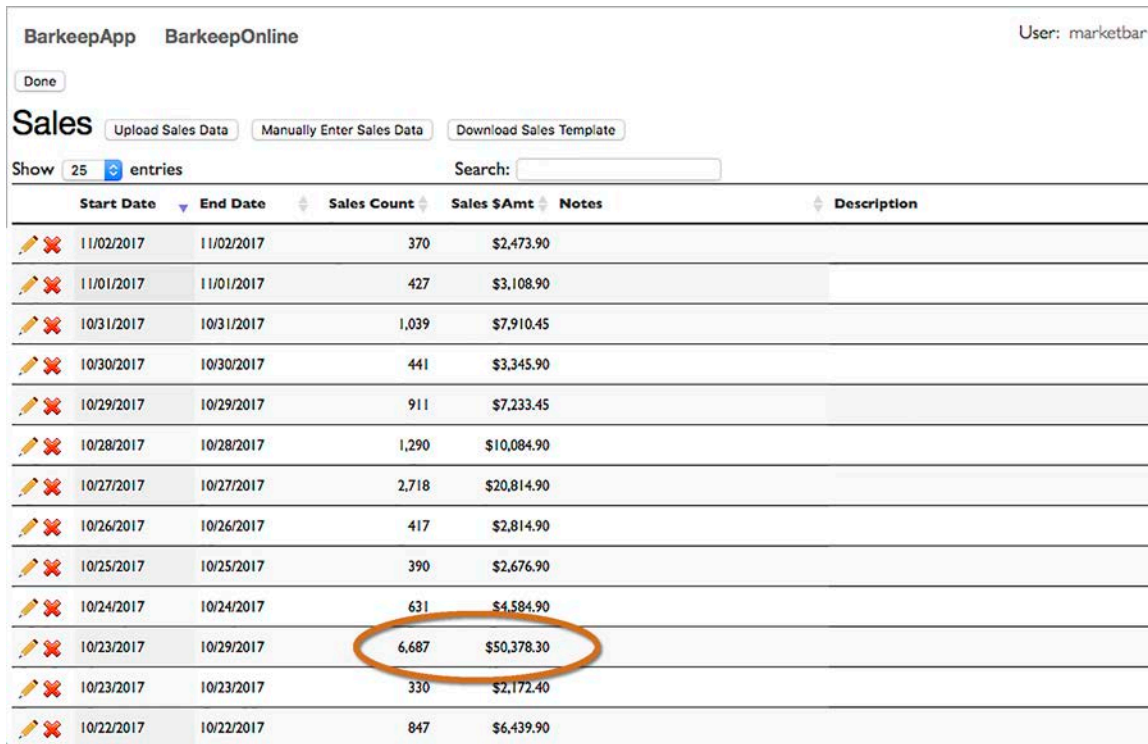
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If I upload Sales Data on a daily basis, should I also upload weekly Sales Data?

No, not really. When Barkeep runs a Variance Report it factors in all the Sales Data between your Start and End Inventories. The example on the previous page illustrated how Barkeep can use Sales Data from a series of dates for one single Variance Report.

Below is an example that shows how your Sales Data would appear if you were to upload Sales Data every day and then also uploaded Sales Data for the week of 10/23/2017 to 10/29/17. If you ran the same Variance Report as shown on the previous page, Barkeep would factor in the daily Sales Data and the Weekly Sales Data. Your Report would be incorrect.



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Start Date	End Date	Sales Count	Sales \$Amt	Notes	Description
11/02/2017	11/02/2017	370	\$2,473.90		
11/01/2017	11/01/2017	427	\$3,108.90		
10/31/2017	10/31/2017	1,039	\$7,910.45		
10/30/2017	10/30/2017	441	\$3,345.90		
10/29/2017	10/29/2017	911	\$7,233.45		
10/28/2017	10/28/2017	1,290	\$10,084.90		
10/27/2017	10/27/2017	2,718	\$20,814.90		
10/26/2017	10/26/2017	417	\$2,814.90		
10/25/2017	10/25/2017	390	\$2,676.90		
10/24/2017	10/24/2017	631	\$4,584.90		
10/23/2017	10/29/2017	6,687	\$50,378.30		
10/23/2017	10/23/2017	330	\$2,172.40		
10/22/2017	10/22/2017	847	\$6,439.90		

Note: If you decide to occasionally upload a daily set of Sales Data to narrow in on Usage and Sales issues, we would recommend deleting that Sales Data after you have resolved the issue so it does not conflict with sets of weekly Sales Data you would upload in the future.

For additional information please see the [BarkeepOnline User Guide](#).