



Avocado Packhouse Head Quality Controller

Southern Paprika Limited (SPL) is a leading New Zealand capsicum grower located in Warkworth and we currently operate 27 hectares of glasshouse with plans for expansion. We are excited to announce that we are starting up a brand-new Avocado Packhouse that will be supplying both domestic and export avocados with expected start in mid-June. We are looking for an experienced quality controller / fruit inspector with immediate start possible in the capsicum glasshouse or packhouse.

Responsibilities:

- Ensuring fruit is packed to specification and compliant with New Zealand Avocado and marketer grade standards or as directed by management.
- Inspect fruit for phytosanitary purposes in accordance with procedures outlined in the Packhouse Operating System (POS) and be competent in identifying common insects found on Avocado.
- Identifying non-conforming product and aiding management in actioning corrective procedures.
- Following quality control procedure as laid out in the POS, ensuring quality standards are being adhered to across entire packhouse.
- Completing all required paperwork in a clear and timely manner.
- Directing, developing, and training the second in charge QC.

Requirements:

- A minimum of 3 years' experience in fruit inspection or grading.
- Proven competency in identifying common pests found on Avocados.
- Full knowledge of the NZA requirements and the Avocado Quality Manual.
- The ability to work well under pressure.
- A good attention to detail is essential.
- The ability to work well in a team environment and communicate clearly with others.
- Reasonable level of fitness and ability to lift up to 11 KG throughout the day.
- Flexibility with hours is critical to deal with our seasonal demands. This is a full-time role possibly requiring some evening and weekend work.

Qualifications:

- No Formal qualifications are required; however, any relevant Horticulture qualification would be advantageous.

This is an opportunity to take on a role in a growing company where hard work and enthusiasm will be well rewarded.

If you think you could be a good fit for this role, apply now. Please send a covering letter explaining why you would suit this role and your CV to niki@spl.nz or call 021 02783146.