



Product Evaluation Assistant

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Key Accountabilities for 2026:

Purpose of role:

- To facilitate the development of data driven supply chains, embracing AI and fast emerging tools to transform the consistency of fresh produce.
- Internal organization and running of product evaluation process.
- Support the technical management team with systems and reports, along with store visits where required.

Product Evaluation:

- Work with Consumer Panel partner to organize regular samples to go for panelling.
- Work with growers, breeders and internal dps stakeholders to collate samples of new and existing products to be sent to Consumer Panel for testing.
- Organise samples to be transported to the Consumer Panel on agreed dates for panels to take place.
- Measure size, weight, firmness, colour, brix and brix acid ratios for varieties and log in Product evaluation database, with a focus on a new blueberry data collection project.
- Measure shelf life of samples sent to the consumer panel and log in Product Evaluation database.
- Attend panels on occasion to ensure being completed in line with SOP and run objectively.
- Upload results to Product Evaluation database, ensuring data is accurate, consistent, and easily reported upon.
- Conduct packaging and shelf-life trial work as required.
- Work to support the implementation and continual development of Business Objects.



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Development:

- Visit suppliers and breeders to review varieties and feedback on performance
- Expand scope of Product Evaluation to other products outside of Berry category.
- Support Product evaluation project collaborating with suppliers and research company to panel existing and new varieties and capture data.

Technical Team Support:

- Collate data and work with IT partners to create a database of varieties, breeders, licenses etc for use by external and internal stakeholders.
- Manage the supplier portal for quality intake reports including adding and amending contact addresses and users, liaising with I.T. support to help troubleshoot access issues, and communicating with suppliers.
- Support the technical team with collecting data, data input and internal taste panels.
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