



Position: Fresh Produce Buyer	Posting Date: 1/30/2018
Reports to: Vice President	Location: Ontario Food Terminal

At Gambles, product is everything. We offer the widest assortment of top quality fruits and vegetables for the wholesale, foodservice and retail operator. Our goal is to be the supplier of choice for all of our Customer's needs.

We are looking for a Fresh Produce Buyer to join our team in the unique, ever-changing produce industry! We need someone who is passionate about produce and excited to build relationships with customers and suppliers while representing the Gambles brand. Our Buyer's key focus is to secure cost-effective, quality product for our valued customers. This position works out of the Ontario Food Terminal Heritage building and reports to the Vice President.

Description

- Source new products and suppliers in order to procure product
- Secure and analyze quotations; negotiate prices and terms with suppliers; and recommend suppliers based on cost, quality, and delivery competitiveness
- Research and consider market fluctuations and pricing
- Confer with existing vendors to obtain product information such as price, availability, and delivery schedule
- Minimize shrinkage/spoilage of fresh fruits and vegetables; address quality and quantity issues with suppliers; consider lead time for orders
- Communicate with vendors to determine order status
- Utilize problem solving skills to resolve customer or supplier issues
- Collaborate and communicate with all departments at all seniority levels
- Communicate favorable purchasing opportunities to sales
- Provide direction to warehouse workers on the arrangement of produce displays

Requirements

- At least 2 years of produce knowledge and experience
- Knowledge of CFIA regulations, import restrictions, and food safety
- Previous warehouse experience preferred
- Must be able to work a flexible schedule as the produce industry is a 24/7, dynamic business
- Ability to use computer and phone to complete work

Competencies:

- Strong verbal and written communication skills
- Strong negotiation, follow up and sales abilities
- Proven problem solving and decision making skills
- Demonstrated ability to work independently
- Ability to collaborate with team members at all seniority levels
- Detail-oriented and well organized
- Ability to manage competing priorities and meet deadlines in a fast-paced environment

Interested parties should apply to jobs@goproduce.com

Please note that Gambles Ontario Produce Inc., is an equal opportunity employer located in a heritage building with our main office at 165 The Queensway, Suite 240. During the recruitment process, if you require any accommodation please email accessibility@goproduce.com in order to notify us of your required arrangements.