



## Excellent Opportunity in our Commercial Department

### Head of Growing - Brierley

S&A Produce is one of the UK's largest independent strawberry growers. The Group, which also has berry growing operations overseas, uses modern and innovative growing techniques to drive and support its year-round soft fruit business. Our principal customers include the major multiple food retailers.

The very nature of fresh produce guarantees frequent issues that demand instant action to resolve. However, you can feel confident that there is no better place to be, you will be working with good people, people that have genuine passion, tenacity, and dedication to support us in our version of becoming a flagship UK grower.

We are excited to offer the opportunity for the following full-time, permanent vacancy within our Growing Department, based in Brierley, Herefordshire:

### Head of Growing

This role will undertake the following main responsibilities: -

Quality of plants – Have a good understanding of plant life cycles at propagation level. Understand different plant types and the way they can be used to manipulate various harvest cycles in different growing conditions. Understand flower mapping to determine the potential. Work with varieties from our own breeding program learning how to maximise them.

1. Crop planning and forecasting – Be able to create crop plans in various growing situations, glasshouses, heated tunnels, and traditional tunnels. Be able to long term forecast for the commercial department.

Be able to problem solve crop issues and have solutions to rectify problems.

2. Crop Maintenance & Husbandry – Together with the operations team plan and deliver crop costs against the annual husbandry tasks and labour requirements. PRIVA knowledge of Heating and irrigation be able to create program strategies confidently with PRIVA. Understand feed and substrate analysis and able to make necessary adjustments.
3. Crop protection – Extensive knowledge of Biologicals and pests. Able to create yearly biological programs. Recommend spray programs that work together with biologicals. Environmental assessments of crop surroundings.
4. People Management - Lead the growing team and support, inform and direct the team
5. Continuous Improvements - Maintain a culture of continuous improvements across the Farm.

### We offer:

- Competitive salary
- 33 days annual leave
- Range of financial & wellbeing benefits
- Scope to uncover your potential with a rapidly expanding, independent business.

Full Job Description is available upon request.

Please apply by email to:

[ruthjoesbury@sagroup.co.uk](mailto:ruthjoesbury@sagroup.co.uk) and attach an up to-date CV.

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