



California Export Cherry Shipment Inspector (Seasonal Contract)

Position: California Cherry Shipment Inspector (Seasonal, On-Call)

Location: Okanagan and Similkameen Valleys, British Columbia

Contract Term: Approximately mid-July to end of August (dependent on cherry harvest timing)

Compensation: \$50–\$70 per hour (based on education and experience)

Mileage Reimbursement: \$0.61/km (for use of personal vehicle)

About the Position

We are seeking **3 to 4 responsible and detail-oriented Seasonal California Cherry Shipment Inspectors** to conduct inspections of cherry shipments destined for California markets. This is an **on-call contract position** ideal for a mature individual - such as a retired professional - seeking rewarding part-time summer work, extra income, and flexible scheduling.

The position involves **field inspection work at cherry packing facilities** throughout the Okanagan and Similkameen valleys. Work is performed primarily outdoors but under cover, in environments that may be **hot or noisy**. The schedule will depend on packing operations and cherry shipment volumes and may include **weekend or occasional evening** work.

Key Responsibilities

- Conduct inspections of cherry shipments to ensure compliance with California import requirements.
- Accurately identify and record the presence of any insect larvae in accordance with inspection protocols.
- Evaluate shipments for quality and compliance with documentation.
- Communicate inspection findings accurately and promptly to the Inspection Coordinator, Provincial Ministry of Agriculture and Food, and shipping facility personnel.
- Maintain clear and detailed records of inspections conducted, time worked, and mileage traveled.
- Travel to packing houses across the Okanagan and Similkameen valleys using a **reliable personal vehicle**.

Qualifications and Experience

Required:

- A **university degree in the life sciences** (e.g., biology, agriculture, environmental science).
- Ability to work independently and manage variable work hours and conditions.
- Strong attention to detail and observational skills.



- Valid driver's license and access to a reliable vehicle.
- Excellent communication and record-keeping skills.
- Willingness to work weekends and occasional evenings.

Preferred:

- A **degree in entomology** or experience in identifying insect species or larvae.
- Background or familiarity with agricultural inspection, quality control, or food safety programs.
- Previous field or laboratory experience with fruit crops is an asset.

Compensation and Terms

- **Hourly rate:** \$50–\$70/hour (based on qualifications and experience).
- **Mileage reimbursement:** \$0.61/km for travel to and between facilities.
- Inspectors are compensated for **time spent on-site** and **driving time**.
- This is a **contract position**, and inspectors are responsible for their own **CRA deductions**.
- Scheduling will take into account personal commitments, with flexibility between inspectors to ensure coverage and time off as needed.
- There is potential for annual renewal of this contract

Ideal Candidate

This opportunity is well-suited to individuals who are comfortable working irregular hours based on fruit packing schedules. **It may be particularly appealing to retired or semi-retired life sciences professional** seeking a short-term role that combines fieldwork, independence, and supplemental income—perfect for those looking to fund leisure pursuits such as travel.

How to Apply

Interested applicants are invited to submit a **resume and brief cover letter** outlining relevant experience and availability to admin@bccherry.com.

Applications will be accepted until all positions are filled.