



Cycle of Freshness

Based in Spalding, Lincolnshire, UK, the company was formed in 1988 under the name Malet Azoulay. The acquisition of topfruit supplier Empire World Trade in 2014 further strengthened the company's position within the UK's fresh produce market, as the combined company now has considerable cold storage and ripening capacity accredited to the most demanding industry standards. In the same year UNIVEG UK also integrated horticultural sister company Winchester Growers into its structure.

ACTIVITIES

Grower, importer, ripener, packer and distributor of fresh fruit, dried fruit and nuts for the UK and Irish markets.

KEY COMPANY FACTS

- UNIVEG UK as a total business employs 540 permanent colleagues, handling and ripening approx. 13 million cartons annually.
- One of the country's leading stonefruit, topfruit, tropical fruit, dried fruit and vegetable suppliers, with product ripening as a key point of difference.
- Offers a wide range of fruit, utilising the UNIVEG grower base and a cost-effective, vertically-integrated supply chain.
- The business has established a market leading position in the import, development and distribution of Fairtrade fruit (excl bananas).
- A broad skill base within the business allows UNIVEG UK to offer a tailored approach to meet the category requirements of individual UK retailers.
- Integration of Winchester Growers added the growing and packing of daffodil flowers and bulbs to the company's repertoire.