



## Chelan Fruit

Chelan, Washington  
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Chelan Fruit is a grower-owned cooperative that receives and packages apples, pears, cherries, plums and pluots at six different plants.

### Responsibilities



Stem bowl decay on Golden Delicious apples.



A tray of Golden Delicious apples being examined for bitter pit, decay, bruising, and lenticel.

- Checking apples and pear packs that have been in storage to determine if they should go back to inventory, be repacked, or get dumped based on quality and defects.
- Pressure testing apples, pears, and cherries
- Receiving cherries from trucks, tagging bins, taking samples, testing them, observing quality, checking for defects, and calling growers and field men with concerns.



Pallets of apple boxes that were checked for defects.



Trucks coming in to the transfer dock to drop off cherries.



A bin of cherries.

### Summary

This experience fostered my professional growth by improving my communication skills, teaching me how to work in a safety oriented work environment, refining my data entry abilities, and introducing me to important people in the agriculture industry. It contributed to my career goals because it gave me hands-on experience with fruit defects and showed me how growers, cooperations, and field men interact to produce the highest quality fruit possible.