



## Professional Training – Tailor Made for You

Writtle College, a partner institution of the University of Essex, has a long history of providing training for the land-based industries. The College's Postharvest Unit, with its expertise in the fresh produce sector, is no exception; its MSc in Postharvest Technology is now in its 11<sup>th</sup> year.

In addition to traditional academic courses, the Unit also provides specific training courses tailor-made to an individual client's needs. These can be designed as required and delivered in a single day or over a number of weeks and to any group size. In this way, the client gets the specific information they need to ensure that the maximum benefit is gained from the experience.



Courses can be delivered at the Unit's dedicated site at Writtle College where practical instruction and training in the use of postharvest equipment can be included. As part of the training, visits can also be made from the Unit to growers, pack houses and retail stores in the region demonstrating examples of industry best-practice.

If a client prefers, delivery can be undertaken elsewhere in the UK (such as at the business premises) or overseas.

The courses are likely to be of benefit to:



- **Packhouse staff and Quality Control teams**
- **Importers and Exporters**
- **Transport companies**
- **Government extension workers and nationalised industry staff**
- **Aid workers**
- **Research and University staff**



Examples of recent client-designed courses undertaken by the Unit's staff:

Client: **Growers and Exporters** - A group from Egypt funded by the USAID programme. The clients received a course of lectures, simultaneously translated into Arabic, which assisted them in focusing on the factors needed to ensure continuity of supply of quality produce to their customers.



Client: **Supermarket** – A group of technical staff from one of the major UK retailers undertook an intensive course on the latest developments in the fresh produce sector, including the use of modern postharvest analytical equipment.

Client: **Packhouse Staff** – As part of a work-release programme, small groups of staff attended the Unit for entry-level training in conducting QC assessments and damage susceptibility tests, including the use of electronic damage detection devices.

Client: **Supermarket Suppliers** – Seminars have been delivered to a number of major supermarket suppliers providing technical updates on specific issues, products or processes within the fresh produce sector.

If YOU think The Postharvest Unit at Writtle College could help you with YOUR training needs, please contact:

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Writtle College Postharvest Unit is located 2 miles from Chelmsford, with easy links onto the A12 and M11 and is 40 minutes by train from London. The College is a short walk from Writtle village.

Some Courses Run in Conjunction with Cambridge Postharvest & Marketing