

Commercial Cost Accountant

Location: Blagdon, Somerset

Job level: 6S

Salary: Competitive

Closing Date: Friday 14 June 2019

So what will I be doing?

As Commercial Cost Accountant you will be joining the Commercial team in a distinctive, ambitious and trusted manufacturing company that is committed to making great British dairy the right way. Forever.

Supporting the Commercial Finance Manager, you will be responsible for managing our open book costing models and supporting Account Managers with other product costings, linking the different areas of the business and parts of the finance team to enable a comprehensive and accurate costing process with optimum pricing and margin strategies. You will provide analysis and insight to aid evidence-based decision-making and identification of opportunities for lowering our cost base and helping the Commercial teams (Sales, Marketing and Procurement) maximise our return from commercial opportunities.

This role will support the process of translating analysis into insights and solutions through strong business partnering relationships and supportive challenge, up to and including board level.

Key responsibilities will include:

- Managing and overseeing the production and maintenance of open book costing models for our key suppliers and retailers, providing recommendations and scenario analysis for alternative approaches
- Supporting the Commercial Finance Manager, Account Managers and Procurement team and other senior stakeholders in understanding value and cost drivers and in accurately identifying causation and links from different areas of the business, and solutions (such as opportunities to lower the standard costs of production or maximise commercial opportunities).
- Providing costing support for Account Managers for customers not in open book costing agreements, including ensuring consistency of assumptions.
- Supporting the Commercial Finance Manager in delivering insightful, timely, accurate and relevant product costing and management information.
- Identifying, reporting and monitoring risks and opportunities.
- Supporting the process of producing the Monthly Performance Report, annual budget, quarterly reforecasts and weekly KPI reports, especially relating to direct product costings and direct procurement impacts.
- Development of tools for analysis of cost drivers for annual budget and quarterly forecast reports and ongoing analysis of actuals and variances.
- Performing ad hoc analysis as requested by the Commercial Finance Manager.

Sounds interesting, what do I need?

These skills:

- Qualified accountant (ACA/CIMA/ACCA)
- Strong analytical skills
- Advanced excel skills including financial modelling and analysis
- Excellent communication and stakeholder management skills
- Experience of working within a fast-paced team environment

- Experience working with Microsoft Dynamics AX and managing open book costing relationships are desirable
- Experience working within the food or manufacturing industry and with major retailers would be an advantage
- Willingness to travel to other sites as required

How do I apply?

To apply please send a copy of your CV and a covering letter to careers@yeovalley.co.uk

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Please bear in mind that our closing dates are used as a guide for when the application window is expected to close. We reserve the right to close the application window sooner than the date displayed if we can. **We therefore recommend that you get your application in straight away – and don't miss the opportunity to join us.**

Why should I join the family?

At Yeo Valley we are independent, British and proud to be making the highest quality yogurts, desserts and ice cream under the Yeo Valley brand and for many of the UK's major retailers. Operating from four dairies and two logistics centres in Somerset and Devon, we employ over 1700 staff and produce more than 25% of the UK's packaged yogurt.

We're sure you don't need convincing, but there's a whole host of benefits that we offer including: 25 days' holiday, plus bank holidays, pension scheme, healthcare, childcare vouchers, cycle to work scheme, subsidised products and services and preferable rates with our partners.