

Packaging Buyer**Location:** Blagdon, Somerset**Job level:** 6S**Salary:** Competitive**Closing Date:** Friday 23rd August 2019**So what will I be doing?**

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

Working closely with the Packaging Procurement Manager, you will be responsible for acquiring and developing our packaging supply base by identifying cost and quality improvements as well as enhancing our innovation and service standards.

Key responsibilities will include:

- Negotiating and implementing supply terms and agreements with our packaging suppliers, as well as managing and maintaining contract and price agreement forward cover
- Identify opportunities for cost savings projects
- Monitor and manage supplier performance
- Support & manage new packaging projects & customer launches, ensuring the introduction of new packaging items to the correct specification and on time
- Improve the performance and reducing the weight of packaging
- Sourcing and selecting supply base partners in line with our objectives
- Analysing key sector metrics to understand trends and translating them into continuous buying improvements
- Packaging category and sector analysis to identify opportunities and to mitigate commercial and technical risks
- Gathering and analysing market data, reporting on findings to support category management and procurement
- Maintenance of the MRP system to ensure the accuracy of contracts, price agreements and design versions
- Supporting the Packaging Procurement Manager through the accurate and timely provision of packaging information

Sounds interesting, what do I need?

Essential

- Strong negotiation capability with exposure to category management, contract management and innovation
- Ability to research, source and select supply partners and progress to negotiate future supply of materials
- Excellent numeracy, literacy and presentation skills, particularly Microsoft Excel
- Ability to communicate and influence at all levels both internally and externally
- Work well under pressure, multi-task and be self-motivated, flexible and adaptable
- Ability to work to tight deadlines and produce accurate high-quality work
- Passport and full driving licence

Desirable

- Experienced, successful and knowledgeable packaging buyer or category manager within the FMCG environment
- Ability to demonstrate an understanding of rigid & flexible plastics, cartonboard and corrugate materials

- CIPS qualified or currently studying
- Ability to produce reports to a high standard

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, cycle to work scheme, subsidised products and services and preferable rates with our partners.