

Policy and Credentials

Unique aromas... succulent and distinct flavours... superb quality fruit... stringent QC and management procedures... fresh ideas... flexibility... and a passion for providing the very best for clients.

Welcome to Place UK

We are, unquestionably, the most diverse of Britain's premier soft fruit suppliers.

Since the company's inception in 1954, Place UK have grown and diversified our own operations to meet the demands of an expanding customer base, including most of Great Britain's leading supermarkets and food suppliers. Our supply lines are 90% supporting the British marketplace and 10% export.

We won't be compromised on quality; crop breeding and development; succulence and flavours, or meeting the markets' and our own exacting standards. Traceability and Provenance are key to the company's continued success.

Employees

Operating throughout the year – as seasonal variations are a thing of the past – the company has a dedicated workforce of up to 800 employees. Many are overseas students who apply to join the company in order to learn food processing disciplines, modern growing and management practises.

We are proud to be the recipient of a Tesco 'Best Employee Facilities' Certificate, which recognises our attention to detail for all foreign workers' accommodation, health, welfare, and social and communication facilities, including an internet café.

It's our workforce that makes Place UK such a successful cosmopolitan team and recognised for quality, globally.



Place uk
perfect produce - naturally



Accreditations & Awards

Place UK use Integrated Crop Management Systems within GAP (Good Agricultural procedures). We:

- Prepare the fertility and structure of the soil with cover crops.
- Use beetle banks to maintain and encourage beneficial insects.
- Use predators and pheromone traps to control unwanted pests, thereby minimising the use of chemicals and benefiting our environment.

All our growing, processing and packaging enterprises are independently audited and accredited by numerous bodies such as:-

- **Assured Produce Scheme**
- **BRC** (British Retail Consortium) for which we have achieved Grade 'A' at 'Higher level' status
- **LEAF** (Linking Environment and Farming)
- **Natures Choice**
- **Field 2 Fork**
- **Soil Association** – the UK's premier organic accreditation body
- **CMI** (Change Management Institute)
- **SAI Global/EFSIS** – the world's premier 3rd party auditing & certification body
- **SEDEX** (Supplier Ethical Data Exchange) for which we achieved full compliance

N.B. In addition to these independently operated schemes we are regularly audited directly by most of the major multiples and their supply chain partners.

We have won many awards, including:

- **Environment Agency Awards** – for the efficient and sensitive ways in which we use valuable natural resources such as water
- **Value Awards** (Tesco) – as 'Best Employee Facilities' for our workforce

Over the years we have also helped many of our valued customers to achieve their own industry awards, such as the prestigious "Q" awards by supplying innovative quality ingredients.

For our imported ingredients we operate a system of direct technical auditing of all our suppliers growing and processing operations, combined with utilising leading 3rd party bodies such as SAI Global / EFSIS.

As growers and processors in our own right, we trail audit these ingredients back to **field** to give our customers full product traceability wherever possible.

