

Introduction:

Stemilt is a renowned Tree Fruit Warehouse that is known across the world for growing, packing, and distributing cherries, apples, and pears. Stemilt was founded in 1964 in Wenatchee, Washington by Tom Mathison, the company is still owned and operated by the Mathison family to this day. Stemilt is known for having extremely high-quality fruit.



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Quality Control Internship



Internship Duties:

- Responsible for Japan Systems Approach Program
- Placing Codling Moth Traps in Skylar Rae Cherry Blocks
- Responsible for monitoring for Codling Moth in 13 Orchards
- Updating and Keeping Trap Records
- Perform WSDA/USDA Orchard Audit

Summary : Overall this internship taught me how to monitor for codling moth, and it allowed me to see the maturity that the fruit goes through. This internship also taught me how to be a better communicator, and it also allowed me to see how things are run at such a large company like Stemilt. I was also able to learn about the fruit quality, such as soluble solids, size, color, and potential defects that fruit can have. This internship helped me confirm even more that I would like to pursue a career in the Tree Fruit Industry, and it helped me network and form connections.

