

# DMS Packhouses



When it comes to fruit packing and storage, DMS recognises that every single piece of fruit exported means profit for growers.

As a result, total care is taken in packing and storing fruit, with strong systems developed in inventory management, to ensure DMS offers uncompromising quality to growers.

DMS uses a 10-point best practice management system that is the platform for exceptional performance. DMS also encourages growers to visit the packhouse sites to watch their fruit go through the full grading and packing process. This transparent, open door policy encourages client participation and is focused on fostering trust with growers.

DMS has two packhouse sites in Te Puna and Te Puke, both of which feature Lynx Graders that have been specially modified to handle the new G3 variety with the utmost care, as well as all other varieties. NIR Technology is available at the Te Puna Site.

Growth of Sungold (G3) is set to exponentially increase over the coming seasons, due to Zespri releasing for the next 3 – 4 years G3 licenses. DMS remains well placed to handle the increased volume and continue its exceptional service delivery to growers.

This will be achieved through a strong management structure and culture, supported by experienced staff, increased plant and coolstore capacity, combined with unique operating systems that produce number one fruit loss results amongst Bay of Plenty post-harvest operators.

DMS has the planning, people and processes in place to cater for the increase in volume. Being medium-sized means DMS is large enough to cope with the challenge, but small enough to be nimble and adapt quickly to meet the changing environment.



# DMS – Packhouse Sites



## DMS Te Puna

The DMS packhouse and coolstore operation in Te Puna packs all kiwifruit varieties, including organics, and avocados.

There are two packhouses on site, featuring three separate packing lines. The largest line features twin bin tippers, ensuring minimal fruit-to-fruit contact and has been specifically designed to handle kiwifruit and avocados with the utmost care. NIR Technology is available on this site.

The DMS Te Puna site has the capacity to pack approximately 7.5 million trays of kiwifruit per season and 500,000 trays of avocados. The site has coolstore static capacity of 3.8 million trays.

The site employs around 300 staff in the pack season, with 24 hour production.

## DMS Pukepack

The DMS packhouse and coolstore operation in Te Puke packs Hayward kiwifruit and was modified in 2013 to pack G3(Sungold) and G14 (Sweet green) kiwifruit.

The Pukepack site has the capacity to pack up to 5.0 million trays, with existing capacity for much more as the industry continues to grow. The site also operates 24 hours in the packing season.

A combination of onsite and offsite coolstore facilities gives Pukepack a 4.2 million tray storage capacity. The majority of the onsite capacity has been built since 2015 and features racked storage with robotic pallet selectors.

During the harvest season the site employs approximately 220 staff over multiple shifts.

