

# Do you want to earn between £18,000 & £30,000?

Have you thought about a career in commercial horticulture?

Commercial horticulture - the growing of plants for commercial purposes  
Food crops - fruit, vegetables, salads, herbs, grapes for wine-making  
Flowering plants, trees and shrubs for gardens/parks; fruit trees

Crops are either grown in the field or under protected conditions, in glasshouses or polytunnels

## CASE STUDY



### NAME

Neil Helyer HNC, MPBR (Hort.)

### ROLE

Entomologist (Integrated Pest Management Specialist) for Fargro Limited [[www.fargro.co.uk](http://www.fargro.co.uk)]

### SALARY

£18,000 – 30,000 bracket for this type of role

### QUALIFICATIONS NECESSARY

Membership of the British Professional Register MBPR (Hort); BASIS (British Agrochemicals Safety Inspection Scheme). I have an HNC in Applied Microbiology.

### IS TRAINING GIVEN?

Yes, continuing professional development training in all aspects of integrated pest management.

#### WORKING LIFE (WHAT DO YOU DO?):

Working hours tend to be between 8am/6pm on average. I work mainly in southern England, but also travel around England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, putting in place pest and disease control solutions on commercial plant nurseries.

#### SKILLS AND PERSONAL QUALITIES:

IT skills, attention to detail, record keeping; people skills (I work alone or with a team). Decision making, delivering advice, good memory, project management, presentation skills, communication skills (verbal and written).

Happy to work outdoors. Physically fit for the job, good practical skills, reliable, responsible. It helps to be fascinated by plants and insects. I write books and undertake media interviews on my specialist subjects.

#### DID YOU DO ANY WORK EXPERIENCE BEFORE JOINING?

Yes - I was a research scientist for 20 years working in southern England in the plant pathology laboratories of government horticultural research stations.

#### ROUTES INTO HORTICULTURE:

Routes vary but a degree is useful if not essential. Previous experience of working in horticulture would prove useful. Roles require study in Higher Education. See [www.lantra.co.uk/careers](http://www.lantra.co.uk/careers)