



Orchard View Farms Selects Novazone To Provide Consumers With Fresh And Safe Cherries

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Novazone Provides Ozone-based Food Disinfection Solution to Reduce Foodborne Pathogens and Eliminate Use of Chemicals in Cherry Processing

Livermore, CA - Novazone, a provider of innovative ozone-based solutions to improve the freshness and safety of food and water, today announced that Orchard View Farms, a grower and packer of cherries located in the Pacific Northwest, has selected and deployed its environmentally-friendly, ozone-based cherry disinfection solution.

Established in 1923, Orchard View Farms is a family-owned operation that harvests more than 3,000 tons of fresh cherries each year. Orchard View is a known leader in using innovative solutions to improve the practices, quality, and safety of fresh food. Examples include their View Fresh® modified atmosphere bags, which naturally extends the quality, freshness, and shelf life of cherries; and its leadership position in the Integrated Fruit Program (IFP), an industry program focused on optimally managing all phases of fruit production from planting to the delivery of high-quality fruit to consumers around the world. These efforts, and others, have led to many industry accolades and food safety certifications including EUREPGAP and Tesco Nature's Choice.

Using the integrated solution from Novazone, and its partner Doubl-Kold, Orchard View is able to reduce foodborne pathogens and the use of chemicals, including chlorine, in its dump bins, processing flumes and hydrocoolers. In addition, the solution allows Orchard View to reduce water usage and waste water disposal; decrease operational costs including power and equipment maintenance; and reduce worker exposure to chemicals - all while improving the overall quality of its cherries.

"When applied appropriately, ozone is a wonderful and natural disinfectant," said Bridget Bailey, vice president of Orchard View Farms. "Ozone kills pathogens on the fruit and equipment, and in the water. Novazone's science-based solution allows us to dramatically reduce the use of chemicals and deliver safer, higher quality cherries with bright green stems. This is important to us and our buyers around the world."

"Today, consumers and retailers are looking for a year-round supply of food with fewer pathogens and chemicals," said Paul White, president and CEO of Novazone. "It's a pleasure for Novazone to work with a company as progressive as Orchard View. Both companies pride themselves on taking a leadership, rather than reactionary, role in simply and effectively providing the world with safe and fresh food."