TUNNEL MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR

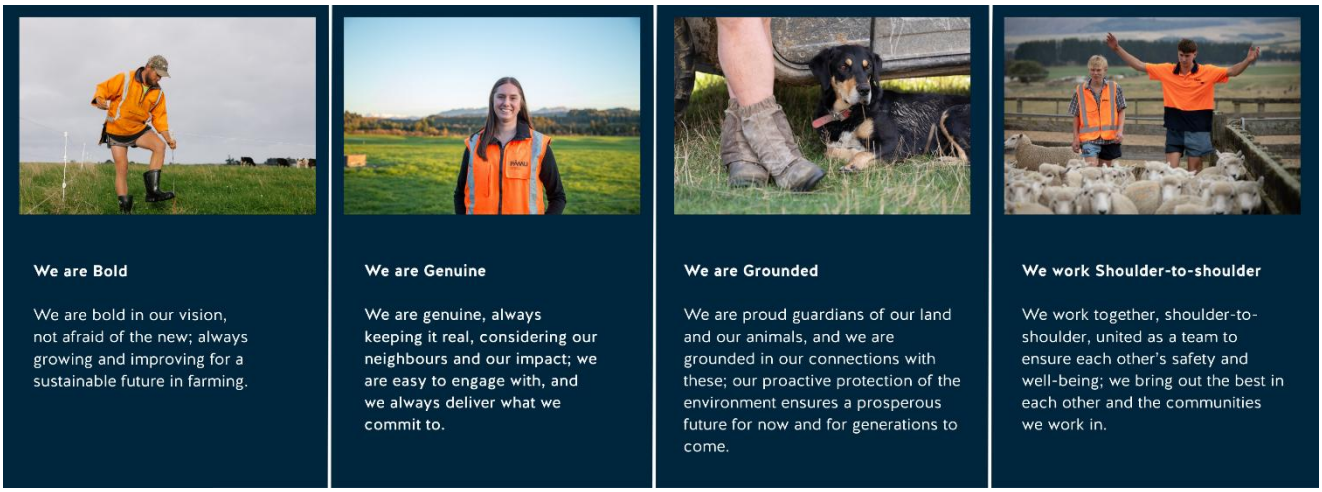
About Us

Pāmu is the brand name for Landcorp Farming Limited. We are a State Owned Enterprise and the largest pastoral farmer in Aotearoa New Zealand managing nearly 360,000ha over 110 farms.

Pāmu manages over 15 stations, 40 livestock farms, 42 dairy units, an orchard, several dairy support blocks, and calf-rearing facilities across the motu. We provide jobs for 630 permanent staff and over any 12-month period, we care for a total of 1.3 million sheep, deer, and cattle.

Our Values

Our values are core to who we are at Pāmu and the way we all work together.



Purpose of the Role

This role is responsible for maintaining the orchard's tunnel house structures and bird netting to support safe, reliable growing operations. The role regularly inspects structures, identifies damage, plans and completes repairs, and coordinates contractors where specialist support is required. It also develops and maintains the long-term plastic replacement plan.

The role also manages the day-to-day tunnel house growing environment by monitoring climate data and adjusting tunnel house ventilation to maintain conditions that support crop growth.

The role requires flexibility in working hours to respond to changing weather, growing conditions, and urgent tunnel house maintenance needs.

Scope and Scale

- The Tunnel Management and Maintenance Supervisor reports to the Plant Health and Irrigation Manager.
- Location: Kerikeri

- Direct reports: None. The role may supervise staff assigned to specific maintenance tasks.
- Budget: None
- Delegations (if applicable): None
- Internal Relationships: Horticultural business manager, Operations manager, Orchard manager, Plant health and irrigation manager, Production manager, Casual staff.
- External Relationships: Agronomists, Contractors, Suppliers

Key Responsibilities

- Monitor tunnel house structures and bird netting for damage
- Conduct repairs to structures and bird netting
- Monitor climate conditions inside tunnel houses
- Adjust tunnel house ventilation to maintain climate conditions that support optimal crop growth, with decisions made in consultation with the Orchard Manager and the Plant Health and Irrigation Manager.
- Maintain accurate records of climate data, inspections, identified damage, and completed repairs.
- Other tasks as required by Plant health and irrigation manager

Stakeholder Engagement

- Liaise with Agronomist, Orchard Manager, and Plant Health and Irrigation Manager to ensure optimal conditions for crop growth are maintained throughout the growing season.
- Coordinate with suppliers and contractors to ensure the materials, equipment, and specialist services required to maintain tunnel house structures are available when needed.

Knowledge and Experience

Essential

- Experience working at heights
- Working at heights and E.W.P. certificates
- Skilled at repairing structures/ installations
- Ability to record and interpret data
- Strong communication and engagement skills

Preferred

- Experience working in the agricultural sector and/or with farming systems.
- Working knowledge of the Priva irrigation and climate-control system.
- First aid certificate