

Biography

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Nigel joined the Fresh Produce Consortium as Chief Executive in May 2004.

With a wealth of experience in the fresh produce sector, starting life in a family owned glasshouse business, Nigel was educated at Writtle College and began his career with the Department of Agriculture & Fisheries for Scotland, experiencing the diversity of the Glasgow Wholesale Market before moving to Aberdeen.

In 1988 Nigel moved to a senior management role within the commercial world of Heinz where he enjoyed the pace and variety of an international leader in the manufacture of a range of convenience food products.

Moving on in 1996 Nigel progressed his career in the role of Managing Director of a potato packing business which he converted into a limited company and expanded the customer base to include major multiples and manufacturers. Subsequently Managing Director of a leading vegetable co-operative focussing on the production of fresh and prepared products produced at multi-site locations supporting sales to major retailers, food service and manufacturing sectors, Nigel gained first hand experience of temporary labour issues.

Currently Nigel heads up the FPC and also sits on the EU equivalent organisation as Vice Chairman of its Wholesale Division and attends regular EU Fresh Produce Advisory Meetings in Brussels.

Nigel has held a directorship of the Gangmaster Licensing Authority Board since its inception. Its primary function is to police and promote the licensing of labour providers in the UK fresh produce industry in order to focus on the welfare of migrant workers.

Leading a small but dedicated team, Nigel is committed to the promotion of fresh produce in the UK, actively involved in the development of the industry including initiatives such as 5 A DAY, the School Fruit & Veg Scheme and the FPC's Eat in Colour healthy eating campaign. More recently, his increased profile and in depth knowledge of food security, sustainability and ethical trading matters have led to consistent lobbying and communication at an international level, debating at many forums on these and a variety of related issues.