

## **From Brazil to the Bay of Plenty**

Meet Breno, a young trainee manager for Seeka! Breno was born in Brazil but moved to New Zealand 6 years ago, and he has a passion for horticulture that stems from his upbringing. His father, an orchard manager, taught him the ins and outs of the industry and encouraged Breno once he decided to pursue a career in horticulture.

From there Breno focused on his goals, and completed his Level 3, 4 and 5 in Horticulture at Toi Ohomai. He obtained a variety of certifications, including a forklift licence, tractor licence, chainsaw licence, and LUV licence, making him uniquely qualified for his current role as a trainee manager at Seeka.



At Seeka, Breno continues to hone his skills and gain valuable experience, helping to oversee the day-to-day operations of the orchard. He works closely with his team to ensure that every aspect of the harvest runs smoothly, from planting and pruning to picking and packing.

*"I've done winter pruning, male pruning, thinning, picking, pretty much everything,"* he says.

He understands that there is a lot more to the job than just physical work, as there is a huge science behind it, including the timing of spraying, the effects of weather events, and the intricacies of seasonality. Breno has experienced the full range of horticultural work.

Breno loves the diversity of work in the kiwifruit industry, and feels he's experienced the full range of horticultural work in his field. From harvesting the fruit in February and March to winter pruning and everything in between, Breno is enjoying the variety of work and the challenges that he gets to overcome alongside his team.

"We might do the same thing for a couple of days in a row, but after that it changes and we're doing something else,"

Breno says. He's also grateful for the diverse team of people he works with, who come from all over the world and share his love for working outside in the sun.

With his commitment, Breno is poised for a successful future in the kiwifruit industry. He's grateful for the opportunity to work with Seeka and eager to continue making a positive impact in the world of kiwifruit. If you're someone who enjoys working outside and wants to be part of a dynamic and growing industry, Breno says to give it a try. You just might love it as much as he does!

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