Below interview question and description is addressed for Matt Delumpa, UBC Farm’s processing manager. The goal of interviewing Matt is to look into a systematic approach in identifying where crops are normally washed. Then from the findings of the interview I can arrive at a possible solution that works for both the researcher and the farmer.

Hi Matt, my name is Brian and I am an undergraduate student working for Prof. Mark Johnson on his UBC Farm water innovation node project. He has been in contact with you previously regarding the installation of water flow sensors in the harvest hut. The purpose of this interview is to address the variability in the crop washing process with the ultimate aim to provide recommendations for reducing those uncertainties in the yearlong measurement for the upcoming year.

1. How often are harvested crop washed?
2. What does a typical processing day look like?
3. I am wondering what you think of the current measurement system. What are things that are working well and what would you like to see improved?
4. Based on my observation during volunteering, is the area where the crop being washed consistently throughout the harvesting season?
5. Do all the crops get pre-rinsed?
6. Does the same crop get the same washing procedure consistently?
7. Do you see big changes in the type of crop harvested between seasons?

Thank you for your time, I appreciate your helpful insight into the farm’s processing operation.