



A LOT OF CARE HAS BEEN TAKEN TO GET THE FRUIT TO THIS POINT. IT'S BEEN A COMBINATION OF A YEAR'S HARD WORK, SO GETTING THINGS RIGHT ON HARVEST DAY IS REALLY IMPORTANT.

The orchard owner will make sure the orchard is ready for harvest and it is a safe place to work.



Kiwi's POINTERS

HARVEST BASICS

FOR NEW ORCHARD WORKERS



ALWAYS BE ALERT, AND WATCH OUT FOR EQUIPMENT

- During harvest there is a lot of machinery, like tractors, forklifts and trucks, moving around the orchard.
- Truck/tractor drivers may not see you so always be careful around moving equipment.
- Keep away from the loadout area if you don't need to be there.
- Speak up if you see people operating machinery and equipment unsafely, including travelling too fast.
- Stay aware of what is going on around you and avoid using your phone when walking to and from your car or the toilets.



A FEW OTHER THINGS TO BE AWARE OF

- Animals can carry diseases so should not be on an orchard during harvest.
- Cover any cuts or wounds with a waterproof bandage.
- Talk to your supervisor if you are ill (vomiting, diarrhoea) as you are not allowed to handle the fruit.
- Picking is physically demanding so take regular breaks and stretch often.
- If you have any concerns let your supervisor know immediately. Don't wait until the job is finished to let them know.

YOU'LL BE GIVEN A CLEAN PICKING BAG

Make sure your bag fits you nicely

- Picking bags can get heavy when they're full so adjust the straps so the bag sits comfortably on your shoulders.
- Check the bag catch works before you start picking.

PICKING KIWIFRUIT

You are generally required to wear gloves

- Remember to wash your hands just before you go into the orchard.

Keep your gloves clean

- Your gloves should be clean before picking and removed before you leave the harvest area.
- Don't wear your gloves when you are eating, smoking, or using the toilet.
- Don't put your gloves on the ground, they may get contaminated.
- Squashed fruit on gloves can stain other fruit so replace them immediately.

Your supervisor will show you how to pick the fruit

- Make sure the entire stalk is removed.
- Don't pick in bunches.
- If an overripe fruit (soft or squishy) falls into your picking bag, immediately pull it out of the bag and put it on the ground. If it explodes in the bag, remove any fruit the juice has spread to.
- If you pick any fruit with bird poo, drop it to the ground, don't put it in your bag.

Gently place the kiwifruit in your picking bag

- Make sure you don't drop it in.
- Be careful not to overfill your bag.
- You can pick fast, but do it carefully so it doesn't get damaged or dropped on the ground.
- Never pick up dropped kiwifruit from the ground.

Gently empty your bag into the bin.

- Once your bag is full, head over to the bin.
- If the bin is being moved, keep clear.
- If you see anything in the bin that shouldn't be there, take it out before emptying your bag.
- Being careful, lift the bag over the side of the bin with the bottom of the bag as close as possible to the surface of the bin. Then, carefully release the catch on the bag so the fruit gently rolls into the bin.
- There should be someone at the bins to make sure they are not overfilled.



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