



PICKING – Pears

What to Expect

- While general weather conditions are on average between 5-15 degrees in the morning to 15-30 degrees during the day,
- Fruit is picked from the tree at ground level or by use of elevated work platforms.
- The fruit is then placed carefully into a picking bag (up to 20kgs) or you can make more trips to lighten the load, the fruit is then placed into a large bin
- Your workday usually starts between 6.30am and 8.00am
- Days are usually 8 hours long
- You may be working by yourself for parts of the day or within a team environment
- Your contribution is valued and you are expected to contribute positively to the team and team environment

What you need

- Ability to undergo and pass inductions and training when required
- Ability to follow instructions, willing to learn and adapt to new processes
- Good communication skills with a good understanding of basic English
- Able to work at heights when needed
- Physical fitness to enable you to undertake tasks including reaching, climbing ladders, lifting up to 20kgs, standing and walking through the orchard throughout the day
- While not required, skills such as tractor driving, machine operation (platform picking) and experience in picking, thinning and pruning fruit trees are desirable on the farm
- Your own reliable transport to and from work each day – public transport is very limited

Common Barriers

If one of these barriers applies to yourself, please contact your HTS office staff, we may be able to assist to overcome barriers such as:

- Providing more specific information on jobs and farms so you can make the right choice for you
- Transport to work locations. This could include farm organised transport, accommodation transport or carpooling with other workers
- Driver's licence
- Accommodation options nearby
- English language skills
- If technology is not easy for you, we can help you apply for the work and undertake WHS inductions – Just Ask!

What Is In It For You?

- Opportunity to follow the Harvest Trail locally, state-wide or nationally
- Work with great harvest teams, meet new people and learn new transferable skills
- While you often don't need any experience to get started when mastered these skills are highly sought after in the market. You can take this experience to your next farm or your next job anywhere
- Help farmers move produce to Australian family tables or even for export for others to enjoy overseas
- Opportunity to continue working on pear orchard after picking by undertaking tasks such as pruning and thinning

Contact us to find out more:
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