

## What to Expect

- Work is a variety of environments such as outdoors, in a hydroponic 'hothouse' or, in a Hortinova which is a long "tunnel"
- The temperature can be warm in the tunnels and as this fruit usually picked leading into the warmer months
- It is typically warm and sunny during the day with cooler mornings
- Start times can vary but are usually between 6:00 am – 7:30 am, with shifts usually lasting 6-8 hours per day
- Strawberries are picked while standing while picking punnets straight into a trolley
- Work quickly and consistently while standing up throughout the shift

## What you need

- Ability to undergo and pass inductions and training as required
- You will need a keen eye, as when picking you will need to spot-check that strawberries are the right size, quality, and colouring
- Physically fit to stand for long periods
- Non-English speakers are most welcome. Most of the farms have team leaders who speak varied languages and they are happy to support workers who have English as a second language.

## 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 information about specific roles and farms so you can make the right choice for you
- Transport - You will need your own transport or to share with other workers to work on most farms. Most are not in an area with public transport
- Accommodation nearby

## What Is In It For You?

- Opportunity to follow the Harvest Trail locally, state-wide or nationally
- Support your farmers to get their produce onto family tables or into the export market for others to enjoy
- You have the opportunity to progress into a team leader role or you can stay after the season ends to work in a packing role
- There is an opportunity to meet new people from various backgrounds and countries who are also travelling the Harvest Trail
- After the strawberry season ends, there is the chance to move into other commodities such as apple picking or berry packing
- While you don't need experience to get started, when gained these skills are highly sought after in the market

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