

# Apple and Pear Picking

## What to Expect

- While general weather conditions are on average between 10-15 degrees in the morning to 25-35 degrees during the day. You will be expected to be picking outdoors in all weather conditions
- Early morning starts, the day usually starts between 6.30am and 8.00am
- Standing while working for 8 hours a day
- Working well in a team of assigned pickers
- Carrying equipment such as picking bags or ladders (15-20kgs)
- Working at heights

## What you need

- Ability to undergo and pass inductions and training as required
- Ability to following instructions, willing to learn and adapt to new processes
- Good communication skills
- Physically fitness to enable to you to undertake tasks like; reaching, climbing ladders, lifting up to 15-20kgs, standing for long periods, walking through the orchard and able to work at a reasonable pace
- While not required, desirable skills are; tractor driving, machine operation (platform picking) and experience in picking, thinning and pruning of fruit trees.
- Own transport to get to and from farm each day

## 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:

- Transport or drivers licence
- Accommodation nearby

## What Is In It For You?

Most employers pay piece rate under the Horticulture Award 2020 but don't let this deter your decision as there are other reasons to start picking -

- Opportunity to follow the 'Harvest Trail' state-wide or nationally
- Work with great harvest teams
- Help farmers move produce to plate in the Goulburn Valley where we produce 86% of Australia's Pears and 35% of Australia's Apples

## AgMove

Financial assistance for workers relocating for short term agricultural work. You can be eligible for up to \$6,000 by taking up harvest work. Reimbursement can assist with travel to the work address, return travel home, accommodation for up to 2 calendar months and basic work clothing when you relocate to take up short-term agricultural work. Please contact your closest Harvest Trail Service or find out more through our website - <https://www.madec.edu.au/harvest-services/harvest-trail-services/hts-incentives/>



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