
Overview

This standard covers the harvesting of crops by hand. Harvesting methods will depend on the type of crop involved and the customer or market requirements.

This standard is for those responsible for the harvesting of crops by hand.

You will be working in accordance with instructions and specifications.

You must carry out your work in a way which will minimise any impact on the natural environment

**Performance
criteria**

You must be able to:

- P1 prepare, use and maintain equipment in a safe, clean and effective condition throughout
- P2 where problems arise during harvesting take the appropriate action
- P3 handle the harvested crop in a way which maintains quality and minimises damage to the crop
- P4 maintain suitable levels of hygiene and biosecurity during harvesting
- P5 complete harvesting in line with specifications
- P6 dispose of waste safely and correctly in accordance with specifications
- P7 carry out all work in accordance with relevant environmental and health and safety legislation, risk assessment requirements, codes of practice and company policies
- P8 complete records in line with specifications

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 the equipment which is needed to carry out the harvesting activity
- K2 how to prepare, use and maintain equipment in a safe and effective condition
- K3 stages of plant development
- K4 the importance of carrying out the activity in accordance with specifications
- K5 how to recognise crops which do not meet specifications
- K6 how to carry out the harvesting activity
- K7 methods of maintaining the quality of the crop during harvesting
- K8 why it is important to maintain suitable levels of hygiene and biosecurity during harvesting and the methods for achieving this
- K9 problems which may arise during harvesting and the action to take
- K10 the methods for the recycling or disposal of waste created by the harvesting process
- K11 the records which must be completed
- K12 your responsibilities under current environmental and health and safety legislation, codes of practice and company policies

Glossary

Specifications: drawings, schedules, method statements, Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), manufacturers' guidelines.

Instructions: verbal or written.

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