

EMPLOYMENT SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE INVENTORIES

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AGRICULTURE AND FARM WORK

HISTORY

1. Picked cherries in 2005-2006 on properties in New South Wales and Victoria, Australia.
2. Worked on apple and plum orchard and major plant nursery in Central Victoria, Australia as an orchard/nursery hand.
3. Employed on major project to rig and erect hail netting over 19 acres of apple trees; involved digging out holes, lifting into place manually six-metre poles, rigging of steel cable and overlaying of netting.

SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE INVENTORY

1. **Tree pruning**
 - 1.1. Pruning of apple trees taking into account varieties and trellising method
 - 1.2. Pruning of plum taking into account varieties and trellising methods
2. **Orchard maintenance**
 - 2.1. Trellis management
 - 2.2. Desuckering
3. **Fruit picking**
 - 3.1. Cherries –judgment on ripeness, size
 - 3.2. Apples and plums –judgment on colour (ripeness) and size
4. **Tractor driving**
 - 4.1. Slashing
 - 4.2. Towing trailers
 - 4.3. Fork lift operation
 - 4.4. Mobile tower operation
5. **Occupational Health and Safety**
 - 5.1. Machinery awareness
 - 5.2. Working at heights