## What am I getting myself into?

The Harvest Trail Experience provides an opportunity for you to help NSW farmers get food from the paddock to the plate.

Paid Work
Free accredited training
Subsidised food & accommodation
Hang out with you friends over summer
A great life experience

#### Is there a minimum commitment for harvest work?

An ideal commitment is six weeks finishing before Christmas, however there are extensive opportunities to continue your harvest experience across NSW into 2021. Head to <a href="https://tinyurl.com/NSWHarvestTrail">https://tinyurl.com/NSWHarvestTrail</a> to view a comprehensive harvest trail guide. Consider turning this experience into a great gap year experience with a bunch of friends. The YouTube link provided demonstrates how to register and build a longer harvest experience across the state.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QqOdHvth4is

## What does a typical day look like?

The workday starts at sunrise and will finish up around 2:30pm, with the rest of the day your own. The many roles that contribute to the harvest include:

Picking Grading Packing Transporting Machine Operations

## How much will I get paid?

The Commonwealth-funded Harvest Trail Service Provider – Cozwine, has provided a video to help answer all questions about wages. <a href="https://youtu.be/NvY04s3S--U">https://youtu.be/NvY04s3S--U</a>
For example, the minimum award wage for harvest workers is \$25/ hour (approx. \$1000/week), however most harvest payments are calculated at a piece rate where you can expect to receive 15% above award for an average days' work (approx.\$1200/week).

# Will my rights be protected and will I get paid properly?

Under Cozwine's Deed, they are required to check both working and pay conditions. This ensures that by engaging in harvest through the recognised provider, all worker's rights will be enforced.

# How do I register for employment?

The best way to ensure you will be well looked after and payed correctly is to register through a Harvest Trail Service Provider. For the Young harvest, Cozwine is the provider. They have produced a video on how to apply. <a href="https://youtu.be/npKUm-7ciJo">https://youtu.be/npKUm-7ciJo</a> You can also head straight for their website which links into the Commonwealth Government's Job Access site. <a href="https://www.cozwine.com.au/harvest-trail-jobs/">https://www.cozwine.com.au/harvest-trail-jobs/</a>

# How do I ensure I stay and work at the same farm as my friends?

When applying for roles with Cozwine, if you identify on your application that you're coming with a group and identify the names of the group, they will ensure you are all placed together.



#### What will the accommodation look like?

The types of accommodation under the Harvest Trail Experience will range from well-appointed camping to dormitory style options, all with fully equipped and maintained bathroom facilities. Each site will accommodate up to 50 people. Participants will only need to provide their own pillow and linen.

There will be lockable storage, refrigeration, CCTV security, Wi-Fi and power for charging devices provided. The accommodation sites will all include a large communal dining area, and recreation space with TV and lounge areas.

### How much does it cost?

To utilise the all-inclusive accommodation and meals package, it is \$75 a day. To offset this cost, if you are travelling more than 90 minutes from your home to the harvest site, you may be eligible to claim an accommodation subsidy of up to \$6,000 through the Commonwealth via Cozwine. Cozwine will provide guidance on accessing and eligibility.

### How do I access the accommodation subsidy?

By applying for harvest work through Cozwine, they will assist you to access to the accommodation/meals package.

## How will I fill in my time when not working?

All onsite accommodation facilities will have a recreation space that will house a big screen TV, lounge area, Netflix and stage for local entertainment and cultural events. Participants are encouraged to bring any musical instruments for a jam session, so remember to pack your guitar!

There is ample time to take advantage of visiting some of the surrounding areas, or even just relaxing by one of the pools in the region. The larger centres of Wagga and Canberra are only 90 minutes away if you want to plan a day trip.

#### Will it be safe?

The camps are illuminated of an evening and under 24 hour CCTV surveillance to ensure safety. Beyond this, local Community groups will be visiting the accommodation daily to deliver catering and will check-in with participant's well-being.

All accommodation and farms will all have COVID-Safe plans that include multiple hygiene stations and daily temperature checks in place to ensure everyone remains healthy.

### How do I get to the Region?

If you are unable to drive yourself, you could car pool with your friends, or utilise the local Transport for NSW bus and rail network via <a href="https://www.transportnsw.info/trip">www.transportnsw.info/trip</a>

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