

WWOOFer Worksheet: PRODUCE



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How Produce handling affects the farm set-up :-

e.g.: They had a traditional sealed cold store room, with shelves, The Selling Apples. The rest were sent direct to a local brewery.

Produce handling equipment used :-

e.g.: They had fruit picking sticks, to get apples from the tallest branches. Pickers each had special picking baskets. The apples were placed into adapted pallets with sides, and loaded onto flatbed trucks.

Produce Storage on The Holding :-

e.g.: They had the Apple Store, it kept them at the right temperature and humidity. The walls were thick and made of stone, the roof was an Earth Roof that also helped regulate the climate. Ventilation was passive, relying on temperature difference, to generate flow in the pipes.

Produce packaging and presentation :-

e.g.: The cider was bottled at The Brewery and labeled with Farm ID. The apples are bagged up, for The Supermarkets and sold loose on The Market Stall.

How Produce was marketed :-

e.g.: They sell The Cider to a wholesaler and also at The Market Stall. A veg Wholesaler dealt with The Supermarkets and they also had a stall at the Town Market, and a farmers Market on Sundays.

Produce Quiz

Underline the answer or answers that you think is/are correct.

1). Organic Produce needs less presentation because :-

- a) People who buy Organic understand that Nature is variable and not an ideal.
- b) Packaging and presentation are part of marketing and can add to unsustainability.
- c) The farmers are lazy Hippies.

2). Processing Produce can help The Farm by :-

- a) Adding value to the product and increasing the farm income.
- b) Products can last longer as jams, pickles etc, reducing waste and income variability..
- c) Saving time and work.

3). Ecological Packaging :-

- a) Is not required by law, but organic farms try to make good choices.
- b) Is a scam by corporations wanting to greenwash their products.
- c) Is the best alternative at this time, but there can be better solutions, as people learn.

4). Specific Produce handling equipment can :-

- a) Save time and make the work easier.
- b) Make it a lot more fun to harvest.
- c) Reduce damage to the produce and save money and waste.

5). Appropriate Produce storage facilities help the farm by :-

- a) Reducing pest damage by mice, etc..
- b) Making use of the old pig-sty now that there are no pigs living in it.
- c) Improve Product life and maintain optimal ripeness and freshness.

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