

Gleaning

Tips & Rules

✦ **FIELD GLEANING:** The collection of crops from farmers' fields that have been harvested or that are on fields where it is not economically profitable to harvest.

✦ GLEANING TIPS

- Dress in layers.
 - Wear sturdy shoes. Closed toe shoes are often better, sandals can lead to injuries.
 - Long sleeves and pants are needed in corn fields and orchards to protect against sharp corn stalks and poison ivy.
 - Hats and gloves are recommended.
 - Most fields do not have restroom facilities, so it is important to go to a restroom before arriving.
 - Bring water with you to stay hydrated.
 - Have a first aid kit handy in case of injuries.
 - Sunscreen is recommended.
 - A three to five-gallon pail with a handle is recommended to collect the produce.
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✦ GLEANING RULES

- Safety is the number one rule. If you feel unsafe, notify the field supervisor.
- When gleaning, you are a guest on someone else's property, treat it as if it was your own.
- Follow all instructions and directions of the field supervisor.
- Glean and park only in the areas designated by the farmer or field supervisor.
- Every gleaner must fill out the medical/liability waiver. All gleaners under the age of 18 must have the waiver signed by a parent or guardian.
- Children and youth must be closely supervised by responsible adults.
- Check the area where your group has gleaned to make sure you have left nothing behind.
- The field supervisor can cancel a gleaning at any time if he/she feels these rules are not being followed.



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