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Work starts at 7.00 am tomorrow (Thursday), however for most pickers there is no work until Sunday at 7.00 am.

We will finish the first pick of the Williams Pears today and for all gangs there will be no picking until Sunday when we start the strip pick of the pears and begin colour picking the 211 variety of peaches.

This is a chance to take a rest for a few days before we get stuck into the next part of the harvest. At this stage we have only picked a small percentage of our total crop so you can be assured we have a long way to go with most workers probably being able to work until early April.

The colour picking means we need to go back to a 7.00 am start. The forecast temperatures for next week are cooler which is a welcome relief after a very tough week. The company thanks all workers for their assistance in getting the crop off in very high temperatures.

The seasonal conditions this year have been difficult and unusual for the development of the fruit and the timing of the harvest. The company understands that pickers and others want consistent work and we try and balance our labour supply to give all workers a fair go.

Times for working days for most pickers and other workers are now as follows:

- 6.00 am Breakfast (for those in camp)
- 7.00 am Start Work**
- 9.30 am Rest Break (10 minutes)
- 12.00 noon Lunch (30 – 45 minutes)
- 2.30 pm Rest Break (10 minutes)
- 3.55 pm Finish (Friday finish is often two hours earlier)**
- 5.30 pm Evening Meal (on Friday this is at 5.00 pm)

Breakfast for those in camp will be served at 8.00 am this Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

	Forecast	Min./Max.
Wednesday	Sunny	22 / 39°C
Thursday	Sunny	21 / 40°C
Friday	Sunny	18 / 39°C
Saturday	Possible shower	21 / 44°C
Sunday	Possible shower	25 / 36°C
Monday	Sunny	13 / 27°C
Tuesday	Mostly sunny	10 / 25°C

When are the main crops harvested? ...

Crop	January	February	March	April
Canning Pears	→			
Canning Peaches	→			
Fresh Market Pears	→			
Apples			→	

At work this morning ...

			
<p>Johnny Haung, originally from Taiwan, has been living in Australia for 20 years. He has a Science degree in Agriculture and hopes to find work using his professional skills.</p>	<p>Zach Lawrance is from Ballarat where he is in the third year of his Psychology degree. This is his first fruit picking job and he says it is interesting and given him inspiration to keep on studying!</p>	<p>Parashar Ravel from India has been in Australia for two years. He has a Masters Degree in Accounting and is hoping to find a permanent job in business in the near future.</p>	<p>Cass Draper has been coming to our farm for a few years and travels with her partner James O'Connell full time on the harvest trail. This just about makes her a Bachelor of Fruit Picking!</p>