

HARVESTING

HOW do I pick them?

You can pick the olives once some have started to turn black. There will be a range of ripeness across the tree - you can pick them all (discard any that seem damaged).



You can:

- > pick the olives by hand individually or in handfuls (better for a smaller tree/fewer olives)
- > spread a tarpaulin or old sheet on the ground and shake the branches or use a rake to pull the olives down from the tree, then collect them up from the sheet at the end
- > if you're confident, prune out branches that need to be cut anyway and strip the olives off them once they're on the ground

Using a ladder can be effective to reach those higher branches - but make sure it's stable and ask someone to hold it steady while you're up there!

WHAT to take with you

- Cloth or plastic bags
- Rake and tarpaulin or old sheet (see above)
- A ladder if you feel comfortable
- Warm clothes/sun protection
- Water to drink
- A friend!

DELIVER to us for weighing



HOW MUCH oil will I get back?

We will distribute back to you the equivalent amount of oil to fruit that you harvested (we weigh your olives when you deliver them). Your oil will be available for collection shortly after the harvest.

Still have questions? email us here olivestooil@ceres.org.au