

FIELD/BACKYARD GLEANING RULES

1. These instructions are intended primarily for field gleans with farmers, but its intent can be modified as appropriate to backyard gleans with homeowners.
2. For a backyard glean you may often find yourself in the position of field supervisor so you are responsible for these rules.
3. If this is a backyard glean, bring your paperwork with you to the glean site. The Contribution form is found on the RCC web site (<http://www.geocities.com/rentoncoop/index.html>) under Forms. The Contribution Voucher is a tracking number assigned by the harvest glean supervisor (Dennis Wood). It consists of the last 2 digits of the year followed by a sequential number. For example, 03-04 is the fourth glean assigned in 2003.
4. No young children. Keep your children safe - leave them home unless the glean call out indicated they could come. Ask if you are not sure. You are responsible for their behavior. This would include nursing infants unless otherwise stated. **Only the farmer/homeowner is allowed to make this determination prior to the Glean.** Please do not put the field supervisor in the uncomfortable position of having to ask you to leave.
5. Wait for instructions from the field supervisor before entering the field to glean.
6. Always park where the field boss tells you. Never bring your vehicle closer to the field than specified.
7. Pick only where specified.
8. Bring your own containers. Boxes are not provided. (Hint: two 5 gal. Laundry soap buckets work nicely for carting to your boxes. They hold a manageable weight.)
9. Put your name on your boxes, buckets, ladders, wagons, wheelbarrows, hand trucks, etc.
10. No pets allowed.
11. Gleaned food may not be sold, or made into something to be sold. It is illegal!
12. Never return to a gleaning site unless instructed to do so by a gleaning project staff. Farmers want contact with organized groups with field supervisors. Violation results in loss of opportunity to glean there in the future.
13. Take care not to use or damage the grower's property. Clean up area when finished. No pop cans or trash! Treat farmers/homeowners with respect. For backyard gleans, please rake the area clean.
14. Contact with the grower is to be greetings and thank you only. All instructions from the farmer will be given through the field supervisor.
15. All produce **MUST** be weighed and recorded in the field prior to loading into vehicles. RCC scales are available, or provide your own scales. We are required to record the weight and provide the farmer/homeowner with a record of produce obtained from each field, so leave the completed Contribution form with the farmer/homeowner. Also give the weight information to the harvest glean supervisor.
16. The field supervisors are necessary to maintain order on this project, and for our safety. Without them the farmers will not let us glean. Field supervisors are trained volunteers and do not have time to pick for themselves. In order to correct this disparity each family picking will donate 10 percent of their pick to the field supervisor's share. There is **no** field supervisor share for backyard gleans.
17. For field gleans there is a 50 percent share recommendation policy. In a nutshell you are encouraged to share approximately 50 percent of what you glean with others in need. This can be your baby-sitter, neighbor, extended family, food bank, shelter or team shed...you choose!
18. For liability reasons, RCC policy insists on at least two people per glean. This may be another family member on backyard gleans.