



# Lavender Harvesting

FINDING WHAT WORKS FOR YOU

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- ▶ Traditional methods
- ▶ Actual harvesting
- ▶ Small farm setup
- ▶ Options available



# Traditional Methods









# Actual Harvest



# Small Farm Setup Choices

- ▶ How many plants
- ▶ What varieties
- ▶ Decide method of harvest and allow for change
- ▶ How many friends and family do you actually have
- ▶ Row spacing and lengths
- ▶ End use of flowers

# Options available

- ▶ Hand Harvest with sickles and hedge trimmers
- ▶ Back Pack Harvester of Tea Picker
- ▶ HT-Tom Harvester
- ▶ Larger Self Propelled Harvester
- ▶ Tractor Mounted Harvester
- ▶ Combine Harvester

# Options available



## Hand Harvesting

Good for small plantations but is hard back breaking work for the pickers



## Back Pack Harvester

Good for small plantations but is hard work for the operator



## HT-Tom Harvester

Easier operation but there is more heavy lifting with bags of Lavender



# Options available



## Self Propelled Harvester

Easier again for the operator and wool sacks are filled direct on the machine



## Tractor Mounted Harvester

Very easy harvesting but requires a large capital input and distillation infrastructure



## Combine Machine

Very easy harvesting but requires a large capital input and distillation infrastructure

# Conclusions

Things to consider when deciding on your harvesting system

- ▶ The volume of plant material to be harvested
- ▶ Row spacing for the harvester
- ▶ Your budget
- ▶ Availability of the required equipment