

We like most farms have put in place Covid rules and procedures to protect our workers. In the farm environment farm work can be carried out with social distancing outside in the fresh air in very safe conditions. Rigorous training though is required to get workers to comply at all times. We are very proud of the work that we have done. For the covid year we have had NO incidences of Covid on our farm, with up to 100 people working here.

McCarthy Family Farm Covid Rule Costs 2021

School buses-employee social distanced transport- 2 used buses

Pickup for sanitation worker-1 used

Registration and inspection

Total costs-\$18,000

Fuel and vehicle maintenance-\$2000

Contact sanitizing employee-1 full time-fall harvest time-\$7500

Contact sanitizing employee-1 full time-summer work-\$2100

Modifications to housing to meet covid rules:

Labor and Materials-\$4500

Worker Training-\$1700

Masks, sanitation supplies, sanitizer \$3500

Total \$39,300

Packing house:

Unlike some crops we send our fruit to a packing house where it is packed and sold on a Cost Plus basis. Packinghouses do not buy our crop.

Packing house managers have estimated that the extensive Covid procedures that they have put in place, adds between \$0.50 and \$0.75 to each box of fruit packed. So for our fruit that would add to our costs to pack and sell our fruit of from \$85,000 to \$127,500.

So revenue for our crop would be reduced by that amount.