

PIT Group session was organised and held on the 10th of March 2020.

TOPIC: VIEW THE OPERATION OF A NEW PISTACHIO HARVESTER.

DATE: 10th March 2020

VENUE: CMV Farms, Robinvale, Victoria.

START: 8:30 am for approximately a 1-hour demonstration.

(Please wear high visibility vests and appropriate footwear.)



25 growers from SA, Victoria and NSW attended this session.

While no formal evaluation was undertaken at this PIT Group meeting the following verbal contributions were made by the participants: -

- Impressive machine
- Needs to be adjusted to suit Australian trees or our tree structure needs to be modified to cater for an over tree harvester versus the normal under tree harvester.
- Not likely to be purchased by small growers but the opportunity to have a contractor purchase one or more and work across the smaller growers is worthy of investigation.
- Need to adjust the mechanism so that all nuts shaken actually reach the storage hopper.
- Will make harvest much more efficient and potential reduce the time of harvesting. This could result in financial savings.
- Need to do the costings to see what savings can be made.
- Gives food protection to the operator and they can look down on the harvest process.