GLOVE USE STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

Glove Policy: You are only required to wear a glove over a bandage on the hand or if you are wearing a wedding ring with a stone. However, you may choose to wear disposable or reusable gloves for protection or warmth.

Purpose: Clear description of how disposable and reusable gloves must be used while handling fresh produce during harvest and postharvest activities to reduce the risk of cross contamination of food or food contact surfaces during handling activities. Gloves, just like worker’s hands, can be easily contaminated.

Procedure:
Wash hands utilizing correct handwashing procedure before putting on disposable or reusable gloves. Hand sanitizer does not substitute for handwashing.

Remove gloves before doing anything that would require you to wash your hands (using a toilet, using a handkerchief/tissue, handling contaminated material, smoking, eating or drinking, touching animals or waste, etc.)

Remove and replace with clean gloves if they are torn, damaged or contaminated.

Remove and replace with clean disposable gloves when you move from one product or job to another.

Reusable gloves must be of a type that can be cleaned. When used, they must be laundered and dried after each day of use. Dirty reusable gloves will be stored separately from clean reusable gloves and storage containers labeled properly.

New or cleaned gloves are stored safely so they stay clean and dry.

Record:
Glove cleaning is recorded on harvest equipment cleaning log.