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**DETERMINATION OF A WAGES BOARD ADJUSTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 33 OF THE
LABOUR AND INDUSTRY ACT 1953.**

I, Henry Norman Jones, Secretary for Labour and Industry, in pursuance of the powers conferred by the Labour and Industry Act, hereby make and issue the following adjusted Determination of the Wages Board referred to hereunder showing adjusted rates and prices to operate from the beginning of the first pay period to commence in May, 1955.

Dated at Melbourne, this
1st day of July, 1955.

H. N. JONES,
Secretary for Labour and Industry.

JAM TRADE BOARD.

Clauses 2, 3 and 29 of part I, and clause 1 of part II, of the Determination made on the 12th November, 1954, and in force as from the beginning of the first pay period to commence in November, 1954, shall be replaced by the following clauses:—

PART I.

(Other than persons employed by the Silvan Fruit Processors in the process, trade or business of processing and packaging berry fruits.)

ADULT EMPLOYEES.

(a) *Males—Weekly Hands.*

GENERAL PRODUCTION SECTION.	Wages Per Week.
	£ s. d.
Foreman (first jam maker)	14 15 0
Assistant jam maker (as defined) and/or assistant pickle maker	14 3 0
Foreman sauce, chutney, pickles or condiment maker (as defined)	14 5 0
Fruit preserver (as defined)	14 5 0
Assistant fruit preserver	13 15 0
Fruit crystallizer	14 0 0
Candy peel-maker in charge	14 0 0
Operator of peach-pitting, pear-preparing machine (as defined) and/or apricot-slitting machine	13 12 0
Leading hand, bottle department	13 15 0
Leading hand, pulp department	13 15 0
Employee engaged cooking and/or sterilizing corn, vegetable packs, soup, sauce, or other kinds of fruit or vegetables	13 15 0
Operator of apple-peeling machine	13 12 0
Operator of labelling machine labelling canned goods	13 12 0
Operator of fruit or vegetable lye machine	13 12 0
Syrup maker, i.e., a person who actually boils the syrup	13 12 0
Operator of sauce-labelling machine	13 12 0
Employees engaged in inspecting fruit for acceptance or rejection	13 11 0
Employee in fruit crystallizing department (other than fruit crystallizer)	13 11 0
Employee engaged peeling melons	13 10 0
Employees operating can-closing machine	13 11 0
Employee engaged feeding into and/or taking from lacquer machine	13 8 0
Employee feeding into and/or taking from bottle-washing machine	13 12 0
Employee engaged in bottle-washing department	13 8 0
Retort hand	13 8 0
Employee engaged in juice-making room or department (where juice is extracted for use in jams and jellies)	13 8 0
Man in charge of and operating retorts	13 15 0
Employee operating jam-filling machine	13 12 0
Employee operating sauce-filling machine	13 12 0
Employee operating bottle-capping or bottle-closing machine	13 12 0
An employee not elsewhere classified, directly engaged on the line of production (as defined) who feeds by hand a machine or machines on such line	13 8 0
An employee not elsewhere classified, who is directly employed on the line of production (as defined)	13 5 0
Employees engaged filling, stirring, weighing, loading in or taking off in the jam and pulp-making sections or doing work of a similar nature in other sections of the factory	13 8 0

ADULT EMPLOYEES.
(a) Males—Weekly Hands—continued.

	Wages Per Week.
	£ s. d.
DEHYDRATION, EVAPORATION AND/OR DRIED FRUIT SECTION.	
Leading hand	14 3 0
Man in charge of prunes or tree fruits	13 18 0
Man in charge of dehydrator	13 16 0
Man in charge of steam retorts on drying ovens	13 15 0
Man working in or in connexion with drier, kiln or sulphur box	13 12 0
All others working in dehydration tunnel	13 12 0
Operator of blancher which included spray washing	13 10 0
Unloader of trays from blancher	13 5 0
General hands	13 3 0
STORING SECTION.	
Foreman packer in charge of despatch and packing department	14 10 0
Foreman packer's assistant	13 18 0
Storeman and packer (as defined)	13 12 0
MISCELLANEOUS SECTION.	
Man working in connexion with freezing chambers	14 2 0
Man working in connexion with cooling chambers	13 12 0
Tapper	13 12 0
Driver of power-driven factory truck	13 11 0
General hands, i.e., persons not otherwise classified	13 3 0
Leading hand, 10s. per week additional to the class of employee over whom he exercises control.	

Provided that—

- (i) if at any time any adult male employee is employed for any period of not more than two weeks, he shall be entitled to 1s. for each working day of such period in addition to the minimum rate prescribed by this clause;
 - (ii) if at any time any adult male employee is employed for any period of more than two weeks, but not more than four weeks, he shall be entitled to 6d. for each working day of such period in addition to the minimum rate prescribed by this clause;
 - (iii) an employee required to lift, carry or stack by hand, crates, cases, tubs, or other containers of goods or commodities of any description weighing over 90 lb. each, for continuous periods exceeding half an hour, shall in respect thereof be paid an amount of 3d. per hour or part of an hour (not being less than half an hour) in addition to his appropriate rate of pay as above prescribed.
- (b) Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained, an adult male employee who is at any one time employed for less than three consecutive days shall be paid at an hourly rate which shall be calculated by dividing the weekly rate for the work upon which he is employed by 40 and by increasing the quotient by 50 per cent: Provided nevertheless that such an employee shall be paid as for not less than four hours in respect of each engagement; and an adult male employee who is employed at any one time for more than two consecutive days shall, notwithstanding the provision of clause 6 of this Determination, thereafter be deemed to be a weekly employee for the purposes of this Determination.

(c) Females—Weekly Hands.

	Wages Per Week.
	£ s. d.
Head forewoman	11 4 3
Forewoman's assistant	10 14 3
Head woman supervisor	10 11 3
Supervisor (as defined)	10 9 3
Operator of peach-pitting machine, pear-preparing machine or apricot-slicing machine	10 9 3
Employees engaged in—	
(i) clipping piecework tickets	} 10 6 3
(ii) cutting or pulping lemons, pineapples, oranges or grape-fruit by hand or working on gouging or reaming machines	
(iii) lifting jam, fruit, sauce, sugar, vegetable or wet condiments weighing over 20 lb.	
(iv) operating can-closing machine	
(v) packing clear mixed pickles into glass containers	
(vi) pouring out or filling jam by hand	
(vii) pouring out pulp by hand	
(viii) stirring jam, sauce, or pulp	
(ix) washing bags	
(x) working at a fruit press	
(xi) feeding into and/or taking from lacquer machine	
(xii) feeding into and/or taking from bottle-washing machine	
(xiii) bottle-washing department	
(xiv) pouring out soups, chutneys, pickles or other preparations	
(xv) operator jam filling machine	
(xvi) operator sauce, soup, pickle, spaghetti, bean or pea-filling machine and/or any machine of a like nature	
(xvii) operator bottle-capping or bottle-closing machine	
(xviii) operator sauce-labelling machine	
(xix) feeding peach-slicing machine	
(xx) operator of apple-peeling machine	
(xxi) operator of tomato coring machine	
All other adult females, i.e., females 18 years of age or over	9 17 3

Provided that—

- (i) if at any time any adult female employee is employed for any period of not more than two weeks, she shall be entitled to 9d. for each working day of such period in addition to the minimum rate above prescribed;
- (ii) if at any time any adult female employee is employed for any period of more than two weeks but not more than four weeks she shall be entitled to 4d. for each working day of such period, in addition to the minimum rate above prescribed;
- (iii) No female 18 years of age and over shall be permitted or required to lift or carry by hand a greater weight than 35 lbs.

3. JUNIOR EMPLOYEES.

	Percentage of Male Basic Wage.	Wages Per Week.	
		£	s. d.
(i) Males—			
Under 17 years of age	45	5	0 6
17 years of age and under 18 years of age	56	6	16 0
18 years of age and under 19 years of age	67	8	3 0
19 years of age and under 20 years of age	79	9	12 0
20 years of age and under 21 years of age	95	11	11 0
Provided that any junior male employee employed operating a peach-pitting machine, a pear-preparing machine or an apricot-slicing machine shall be paid 12s. per week in addition to the above rates.			
(ii) Females—			
Under 18 years of age	83	7	11 0
Provided that any junior female employee employed operating a peach-pitting machine, a pear-preparing machine or an apricot-slicing machine shall be paid 12s. per week in addition to the above rate.			

The above rates to be calculated to the nearest 6d., any fractions of 6d. in the result not exceeding 3d. to be disregarded

PIECEWORK RATES.

29. Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained, the rates to be paid for piecework shall be as follows:—

Fruit or Vegetable.	Work Performed.	Purpose for Which prepared.			
		Jam.	Canning.		
		Price Per Standard Case Except Where Otherwise Specified.			
		s. d.	s. d.		
Apricots	Cutting and stoning by hand	2	1 011	2	9 348
Peaches	Cutting and stoning unpeeled peaches 2½" and over by hand .. .. .	..	..	1	4 674
Peaches	Cutting and stoning "Golden Queen" and/or "Goodman's Choice" 2½" and over in diameter .. .. .	..	..	1	7 651
Peaches	Cutting and stoning peaches under 2½" in diameter .. .. .	..	..	1	10 182
Peaches	Trimming or specking per bucket .. .. .	..	..	0	4 168
Peaches	Feeding into peach pitting machine—per thousand .. .. .	..	..	2	10 687
Pears (large and medium)	Peeling, cutting and coring (not into water) .. .. .	..	..	3	5 685
Pears (small)	Peeling, cutting and coring (not into water) .. .. .	..	..	3	9 853
Pears	Feeding into pear preparation machine—per thousand .. .. .	..	..	3	0 325
Pears	Trimming or specking—per bucket .. .. .	..	..	0	4 168
Quinces	Peeling, cutting and coring by machines	1	6 013	1	6 013
Quinces	Peeling by hand (not topping or tailing)	1	9 14	1	9 14
Quinces	Peeling by hand and topping and tailing	2	3 095	2	3 095
Quinces	Cutting by hand	1	6 013	1	6 013
Quinces	Coring by hand (quarters)	1	6 013	1	6 013
Quinces	Coring by hand (halves)	1	1 547	1	1 547
Quinces	Sorting and picking over machine-cored slices (per bucket)	0	6 252	0	6 252
Tomatoes	Peeling (per bucket) by hand	0	9 081	0	9 081

	Per tray of twelve cans—Open tops.
	s. d.
Apricots—grading or placing in No. 2½ cans—	
Halves	0 4 466
Whole	0 2 828
Peaches—grading and placing in No. 2½ cans	0 2 382
Pears—grading and placing in No. 2½ cans	0 2 977
Any other fruits or tomatoes—grading and placing in No. 2½ cans	0 2 382
Asparagus grading and placing in 10–11 oz. cans, 24 tins per tray	0 11 463
14–16 oz. cans, 24 tins per tray	0 8 337
28–30 oz. cans, 15 tins per tray	0 8 337
Pickles—packing mixed pickles with vegetables as already cut—per dozen bottles	1 7 602
Pickles—cutting vegetables for mixed pickles and packing same—per dozen bottles	1 11 968
Pickles—Cutting up vegetables for mustard pickles by knife per cwt.	7 5 473
Pickles—Cutting up vegetables for mustard pickles by chopper per cwt.	5 11 46
Onions—peeling small onions (1-inch diameter and under)—per cwt. when weighed before the operation	22 4 272
Onions—when weighed after the operation	29 9 448
Onions—peeling onions (over 1-inch and up to 1½ inches in diameter) per cwt. when weighed before the operation	17 10 528
Onions—per cwt. when weighed after the operation	23 10 286

Tomato Sauce or Chutney—Preparation for Sale.	Price Per Gross of Ordinary Pint Bottles.	Price Per Gross of Ordinary Quart Bottles.
Class of Work—	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
Labelling with one label	1 6·013	1 8·098
Wrapping	0 7·443	0 7·443

Provided always that if tins or cans of any other sizes than those hereinbefore specified are used the piecework rates in respect thereof shall be such as may be agreed upon between the employees and the employer concerned.

For the purposes of this sub-clause a standard case shall be understood to mean the equivalent of a kerosene case when not filled above the level of the top.

Where a pieceworker has been instructed to commence work on any day and has attended and is ready to work, but is prevented from or delayed in completing eight hours of piecework on that day through any cause for which the employer is responsible, such piece worker shall be entitled to be paid not less than one-fifth of the weekly wage prescribed in this Determination for an adult male, or a junior male, or an adult female, or a junior female, employee as the case may be.

PART II.

This Part applies to persons employed by the Silvan Fruit Processors in the process, trade, or business of processing and packaging berry fruits.

1.	WAGES.	
	Males.	Females.
	Per Hour.	Per Hour.
	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
(a) For the first four hours on any start at work on any day	9 10 ⁷ / ₂₀	7 4 ²¹ / ₂₀
(b) Thereafter	13 1 ¹ / ₂	9 10 ⁷ / ₂₀

The above rates are based on the "General hands" rate in clause 2 of Part I, in the case of males and the "All other adult female" rate in the same clause in the case of females and are calculated at time and a half on the said rates for the first four hours and double time thereafter.

Clause, other than clauses 2, 3 and 29 of part I. and clause 1 of part II., of the said Determination shall remain in force.