Luis Ortega

Farm Worker

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SKILLS

- Hand Harvesting
- Crop Planting
- Weeding and Thinning
- Drip Irrigation
- Pesticide Safety
- Forklift Operation
- Produce Packing
- Food Safety
- Teamwork

EDUCATION

High School Diploma

06/2024

Roosevelt High School

Fresno, CA

CERTIFICATES

Worker Protection Standard Pesticide Safety Training

California Department of Pesticide Regulation

03/2025

Forklift Operator Certification

Kings River Produce Packers

06/2024

SUMMARY

Farm worker with two seasons on San Joaquin Valley vegetable and stone fruit operations. Experienced in hand harvesting, crop planting, weeding and thinning, and drip irrigation checks on a 600-acre ranch. Trained in pesticide safety and forklift operation, and steady on long shifts in summer heat.

EXPERIENCE

Farm Worker 03/2025 - Present

Valley Crest Farms Fresno, CA

Family-owned 600-acre ranch growing bell peppers, sweet corn and peaches for regional packers.

- Complete hand harvesting of bell peppers and sweet corn with a 12-person crew, filling up to **140** buckets per shift.
- Handle crop planting, weeding and thinning across 80 acres of row crops each spring.
- Check drip irrigation lines for leaks and clogs, flagging repairs that saved about 15 hours of crew downtime a month.
- Observe pesticide safety rules on restricted-entry intervals and field postings, with zero incidents in 2 seasons.

Packing Shed Worker 05/2024 - 02/2025

Kings River Produce Packers Reedley, CA

Seasonal stone fruit packing house shipping to grocery distributors.

- Sorted and packed peaches and nectarines on the grading line, packing about 900 boxes per shift.
- Moved about 60 finished pallets a shift to cold storage with a forklift after earning in-house forklift operation certification.
- Cleaned bins and packing tables at shift end to the food safety checklist, and the shed passed 2 buyer audits.