

## Standard Operating Procedure

FARM NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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Title: **Using Wood Bins in the Harvest Operation**

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Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_ GAP Coordinator, Date: \_\_\_\_\_

When using wood bins, additional care must be exercised to assure these containers are clean and sanitized.

1. All wood bins are inspected, cleaned and sanitized at the beginning of the harvest season and during cleaning sanitation before returning them to the field or orchard.
2. Repairs should be made at this time. If bins are not able to be repaired, they should be removed from harvest and disposed of.
3. After each harvest rotation, bins should be cleaned of any debris.
4. Bins should be pressure washed to remove remaining soil and embedded debris.  
*(This should be done in an area away from post-harvest activities where no mist or splash will contaminate any harvested product.)*
5. Once bins have been washed, they should be sanitized by application of an approved sanitizer-- Sanidate or Chlorine-- either dipped or sprayed. *(Note: Read the label for specific instructions related to application and rate. One material must remain to dry. The other needs to be potable water rinsed before drying.)*
6. Bins should be allowed to air dry on a concrete pad, gravel base or other semi-permeable base to avoid re-contamination before returning to the harvest field.
7. Store bins in a covered area or cover with tarps or plastic when not being used in the harvest season.

### SANITATION RATES

Rate for chlorine sanitation:

Chlorine:Water = 1:10 (5.25% food grade chlorine bleach Milton Solution see SOP 2.52) After sanitation, bins must be washed thoroughly and dried before use to avoid produce damage.

Rate for Sanidate 5.0:

1. Use SaniDate 5.0 at a dilution rate of 1:256 (0.5 fl. oz/gal) as a general coarse spray.
2. Allow solution to contact surface for ten (10) minutes.
3. Allow to air dry, do not rinse.