

Mechanical Planting



Berms are prepared in advance, and the trees are pre-staged in the fields before planting. Forklifts load the trees onto a planter, and irrigation hose is placed in the middle of the rows.



Bins with trees staged in the field. The bins are sitting on top of a berm that was prepared in advance. A forklift loads the trees onto the planter.



Trees are dropped into prepared holes.

Two men are standing on a berm with sprinkler hose in the middle of a row not yet planted, while the mechanical planter works in the background.

A machine at work covering the tree with soil.

A machine planter finishing planting a field. Planted trees can be seen in the background.



Support crews prepare to install sprinklers by moving the hose into place and placing the sprinklers. Dirt is shoveled onto an exposed root ball, and the trees are wrapped.



Crews follow behind the planter realigning the hoses and installing the sprinklers. Dirt is shoveled on the occasional tree where the root ball was exposed.



Established plantings south of Fresno that were mechanically planted on berms.

