

## Rosh Hashana for Produce

Ref: *Sefer Zeraim, Hilchot Maaser Sheni, Chapter 1*

### Reminder:

Summary of Separations 1. Ref: *Sefer Zeraim*.  
Order of Tzedakah Allocations of Crops Through 7-year cycle.  
Ref: *Sefer Zeraim, Hilchot Matanot Aniim, Chapter 6*.



### Growth patterns

 You should set aside the *maaser sheni* (second tithe).<sup>1</sup>

Amount to set aside is  $\frac{1}{10}$  of remainder after *trumah* and *maaser rishon* taken.

In the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year, instead of *maaser sheni*, we separate *maaser ani* (same amount).

There are two *Rosh Hashanah* for produce (regarding the agricultural cycle).

- 1<sup>st</sup> of *Tishrei*
  - Grains
  - Legumes
  - Vegetables
- 15<sup>th</sup> of *Shvat*
  - Fruit trees

### Reminder:

Pack on Land  
Pack on Definitions (General)



### GRAINS AND LEGUMES

Liability to tithe is in the year that they are edible, which is usually when they have reached  $\frac{1}{3}$  of their full growth, (*onat hamaasrot* – phase of tithing). I.e. even though they are only harvested after 1<sup>st</sup> of *Tishrei*, the tithes belong to the previous year.

### Reminder:

Pack on Land



### VEGETABLES

Vegetables are tithed according to the year harvested i.e. if harvested on or after the 1<sup>st</sup> *Tishrei*, the tithes belong to this new year.

The rules are different for vegetables because they require extra irrigation.

 Tithing of vegetables is Rabbinic in origin.

### FRUIT TREES

Liability of fruit trees same as grains and legumes, except the cycle starts on 15<sup>th</sup> *Shvat*.

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An *etrog*, which also requires irrigation, follows the laws of vegetables in terms of being tithed according to the year harvested. I.e. if harvested on or after the 15<sup>th</sup> of *Shvat*, the tithes belong to this new year.

These points will be needed to decide whether the tithe belongs to *maaser sheni* or *maaser ani* (i.e. which year they belong to).

Snacking of produce can only take place after *maaser sheni* (or *ani*) has been taken.