

Picture Tour: Sugarbeet Harvesting

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Images of: Equipment • Harvest • Processing • Piling Grounds

EQUIPMENT



Sugar beets have a long history in Michigan. Above is a horse drawn beet lifter.



Currently used beet harvestors generally lift 4-6 rows at a time.

HARVEST



This is a typical beet harvesting operation.



Tractor driven loader carts are also used to collect beets and transfer to trucks for transport.



Loader cart in operation

PROCESSING



Sugar beets are transported either to piling grounds or to processing plants.



Beets are elevated into piles until they can be processed.

PILING GROUNDS



This is a typical sugar beet pile.



The beets remain in these piles into the winter, until they are processed into sugar. Processing is completed in March.