

OLIVE HARVEST

The whole family worked to pick the olives. They all helped to make the olives into oil and food. How did they do their work?

Getting the olives off the tree

The olives were black in November. Then they were very ripe. Sometimes the olives were taken off the tree before they were black. The olives were not picked. They were knocked off the tree. The mother and the boys in the family took long poles to knock off the olives. They shook and hit branches until most of the olives fell to the ground.

Gathering the olives in baskets

After the olives fell they were picked up from the ground. Then they were put in baskets.



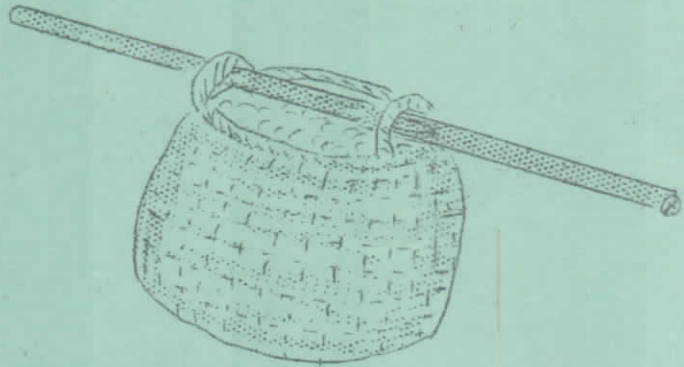
TURN CARD OVER

Carrying the baskets to the home or to the oilpress

Sometimes they used a donkey to carry the olives.



Two men might carry
this basket.



One man could carry
these two baskets. He
put the stick on his
shoulders. He carried
one basket on each side.

