

ABSTRACT

Handling of crops in cultivated plants related to the criteria and harvest period, use of harvesting equipment, as well as the process or method of harvesting. Handling of crops is one of the important stages in agricultural cultivation activities including tea plants. The tea plant classified as a type of plantation where the part of the plant that is harvested is the top of the leaf, with a picking process that is very dependent on the equipment used.

therefore needs of picking staff is a major issue on tea plantations. Further explained that one of the alternative to overcome scarcity of tea pickers is developing a mechanical picking equipment such as scissors or picking machines.

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