

The Pea Story



The Hirsell has been growing peas as part of Scottish Borders Produce Ltd, a growers co-operative, for many years contributing to the 3000 hectares of vining peas grown within a 30 mile radius of the factory (Eyemouth Freezers Ltd) in Eyemouth. This allows the peas are frozen within 150 minutes of being harvested, preserving their natural quality and taste.

The planning of the pea crop starts in the autumn with the securing of suitable land. Drilling (sowing) takes place in spring, with harvest beginning in this area towards the end of June and through July for about 9 weeks depending on the weather, operating round the clock, 7 days a week for as long as there are peas available. It involves 4 viners, 4 fast tractors and trailers for delivering peas to the factory, a tractor with a high-lift trailer for collecting peas off the viners and loading the road trailers, a fleet of support vehicles and two full shifts of drivers and engineers.



Here are some videos to help you learn more:

The story of Peas from field to fork:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qnhqkhEVZul>

Harvesting peas – SBP's viners are red!:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0y2ikOQ8GkQ>

How a pea viner works:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ykKLIXTqIbl>

Tell the story of peas from field to fork - design a poster, a zig-zag book, a cartoon strip, or a power-point

If you live in the pea growing area look out for the hard-working pea harvest happening soon!