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Pulling the seedlings

1. Pull the seedlings in the seedbed a day before transplanting. Pull the seedlings carefully with few seedlings at a time to reduce root damage.
2. Wash the roots to remove the soil.
3. Bundle seedlings into convenient sizes for easy handling during transplanting.
4. Transport seedlings to the field where these will be transplanted.
5. Handle the seedlings carefully to enable these to recover from stress quickly.
6. Keep the roots immersed in water if seedlings cannot be transplanted immediately to avoid water stress.

Source: Field Operations Manual. 2007. Philippine Rice Research Institute.