



LYNWOOD AVOCADO NURSERY

Autumn 2019 Newsletter

Welcome to the first edition of the Lynwood Avocado Nursery newsletter. We aim to produce this newsletter quarterly each year to keep you informed about what is happening in the nursery and orchard. Please feel free to get in touch with us if you would like any further information on anything discussed in our newsletter.



New staff member

Sarah Williamson joined the Lynwood team in February as Customer and Technical Support. Sarah has been involved in the horticulture industry for nearly 30 years and more specifically with avocados for the past 15 years. Sarah's role includes managing customer relationships and providing technical support both in the nursery and to growers. Please feel free to get in touch with Sarah with any of your technical questions. Ph 027 550 7016 or email sarah@lynwood.co.nz

Zutano seeds

We are looking for Zutano fruit for supply in July/August this year for our nursery. We pay a fee for each viable fruit supplied and organise and pay for any freight required. If you have Zutano fruit available and are interested in supplying us, please get in contact with Sarah or Stuart for more details. We will need an estimate of how much fruit you have and you will need to ensure that the fruit are Zutano and not Bacon. Sarah's contact details are above and Stuart can be contacted on 022 657 9695 or you can send an email to stuart@lynwood.co.nz.

Tree orders

We are currently taking orders for trees for the 2020/21 season. All our trees for the 2019/20 season are sold so we will not have any trees available until spring 2020. We have trees available on both seedling and clonal rootstocks including Dusa, Bounty, Latas, Duke 7 and SR1. If you would like to order trees for next year, please get in touch with us as soon as possible so that we can ensure we have trees available. Orders can be placed by emailing the nursery - orders@lynwood.co.nz.

In the nursery

Production of new seasons trees has begun in the nursery. Seeds have been planted out and rootstock grafting has begun.

The hardening area is slowly filling up with trees which will harden off over the winter to be ready to be planted out in the spring.



Autumn pruning

We have finished our autumn pruning on our production blocks and it looks like we have a good crop set for spring with an estimated yield of 20T/ha. Our trees in the photo are 6 years old and are planted on 6m x 3.2m spacings. The trees are pruned twice a year to maintain tree height and an open canopy. We do not use growth regulators on these trees, we manage the canopy through pruning. Doing this allows us to carry out all activities, including harvesting, from the ground.



Spring field day

We are planning on holding a field day at Lynwood Nursery in the Spring so that growers and anybody interested in avocados can take a look around our nursery and our production blocks. Please keep an eye out in our next newsletter once we have finalised more details on this event.