



# LYNWOOD AVOCADO NURSERY

Winter 2020 Newsletter

## New website

We are currently working on updating our website which will have a new look along with a lot of information for home gardeners, retailers and growers. As part of this process we had the team from Aerial Vision come to the nursery to take some photos and video footage. We also got some great drone footage of the nursery which shows the extent of our operation. We will send out an update when the new website goes live so keep an eye out.



## Have we got your PPIN?

If you have an order in our system for trees on clonal rootstocks, can you please send us through your PPIN details if you have not done so already. We need this to complete the Non-propagation agreement which is required before we can dispatch any clonal trees.

### **In the nursery**

We are now back to full staff levels after running with approximately half our staff during lockdown. We were classified as an Essential Business during Level 4 lockdown and had approximately 60% of our staff on site taking care of our plants. We are currently in our quiet period of the year so have been getting on top of jobs like cleaning polyhouse roofs and sterilising empty polyhouses. Our seedling trees for the 2020/21 season are now all grafted and are growing-on over winter ready for spring. Our clonal production of 2021/22 trees is now well underway. Our hardening area is full of fantastic looking plants ready to be sent out when the warm, spring weather starts.



### **Root observations**

As part of our commitment to producing high quality trees, we regularly carry out root observations on our trees throughout the propagation process. Sample trees are selected at random and their bags carefully cut open. The roots are given a grading on the amount and quality of roots. It also gives us a chance to check that water is being distributed evenly through the growing media. This procedure provides our team with valuable feedback, and ensures that you are getting great quality trees with strong root systems.

### **Plant Production Biosecurity Scheme**

Lynwood is currently in the process of becoming certified under the Plant Production Biosecurity Scheme. This new scheme, implemented by New Zealand Plant Producers Incorporated, enables us to identify, control, manage or avoid biosecurity hazards in our nursery in a structured way. The resulting biosecurity outcomes not only protect our nursery, but also our customers, the environment and the New Zealand economy.

### **Spring field day**

We will be holding our annual field day again this spring and are currently in the early planning stages. We have not set a date yet but it is likely to be in October or November. Look out for more information on this not-to-be-missed event over the next few months.