



LYNWOOD AVOCADO NURSERY

Autumn 2020 Newsletter

Plans for 2020

We have some exciting things planned for Lynwood this season. We plan to update our website in the next few months, where we can add some more resources on tree planting and care. We also have some sustainability projects underway, and a field day planned for spring.

Coir growing media

You may have noticed that our trees are not potted in potting mix like you may normally see with nursery plants. We use 100% coir which is made from the fibre in coconut husks. This is an environmentally sustainable and renewable resource that utilises what would normally be a waste product from coconut production. Coir is an excellent growing medium for avocados as it has excellent water retention, good drainage and ideal aeration for developing avocado roots. Care has to be taken not to let the coir dry out as it can become very difficult to rehydrate. We have been using coir for growing our trees at Lynwood for 5 years and have seen excellent root health and growth when using this growing medium.



Tree orders and availability

We are currently taking orders for the 2021/22 season for commercial growers. To place an order please either contact Sarah or Stuart from the sales team or send an email to orders@lynwood.co.nz. We also have a small number of trees available for delivery in the 2020/21 season, please contact us if you are interested to see if we can accommodate your needs.

In the nursery

We are nearing the end of the dispatch season with most of the 2019/20 trees now with growers. Production of clonal trees for the 2020/21 season is now finishing with many of these trees now planted and growing on for spring and summer planting. Production of clonal trees for the 2021/22 began in December, with the first of these trees now grafted and being processed. Seedling trees for 2020/21 are near the end of grafting and will spend the winter months growing on, ready for planting later on this year and early next year.



Looking after your young trees

As we head into autumn and winter, it is important to make sure your young plantings are prepared for this cooler period. These months usually bring more rainfall and a higher risk of fungal infection. We recommend applying copper sprays to help protect young trees from disease, not only during the winter months but throughout the year. It is important that copper is applied regularly as it can only protect trees from disease and cannot cure trees once they are infected. Young tree nutrition throughout these months are also important. Keeping leaves dark green through the use of nitrogen and foliar fertiliser applications supports tree development and health.

Focus on rootstocks - Latas®

One of the clonal rootstocks we produce at Lynwood is Latas®. Latas® was identified at Westfalia nursery in South Africa. It was found growing in a stream, and then added to Westfalia's breeding program. Hence it will thrive in heavier volcanic clay soils. It is a vigorous rootstock. We have been propagating trees on Latas® rootstock for 9 years and they are performing well in our rootstock trials.

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.

Spring field day

Following on from the success of our inaugural Lynwood field day last year, we are planning on holding another field day this year in Spring. We are keen to hear from you what topics you would like to hear about at this field day. If you have some thoughts on this, please email sarah@lynwood.co.nz – we would love to hear your ideas as we want to have a day that is going to be useful and relevant to our growers.