

# LYNWOOD AVOCADO NURSERY

### Spring/Summer 2019 Newsletter

#### Spring field day

Thank you to everyone who attended our field day at the nursery on the 11th of October. We had a fantastic day with over 200 people in attendance who heard about how we produce trees, the benefits of intensive planting and our strategies for managing intensively planted trees. If you would like a copy of the handout distributed at the field day please contact Pip or Sonya at admin@lynwood.co.nz



#### **Clonal vs seedling trees**

One question we often get asked by new growers is what the difference is between a clonal rootstock and a seedling rootstock. A clonal rootstock is vegetatively propagated to produce identical plant material which has been selected for specific traits e.g. tolerance to Phytophthora root disease, vigour, production. Clonal rootstocks allow you to choose better genetics with less variability between trees. Seedling rootstocks are produced from avocado seeds and will produce trees that have natural variability.

Producing a clonal rootstock requires a lot more steps and processes compared to producing a seedling rootstock. Depending on the time of year, trees on clonal rootstocks can take between 12 and 18 months to produce, compared to approximately 9 months for a seedling rootstock tree.

Lynwood has been producing clonal rootstock trees for nearly 20 years. We produce trees on five different clonal rootstocks (Dusa, SR1, Bounty, Latas and Duke 7) as well as trees on seedling rootstocks. If you would like some more information on which rootstock may be best for your site, please get in touch.

#### In the nursery

The nursery is extremely busy at the moment dispatching trees out to growers to plant. The team will be busy working though the Christmas period to ensure more trees are ready to be sent out in the New Year. In the greenhouses production of new plants has begun with more seeds being planted, grafted and processed each week.



#### **Tree planting**

Spring through to autumn is a busy time for tree dispatch and therefore planting. All our trees have been hardened off before dispatch and are ready to plant. Being prepared and ready for your trees is key. All the required site preparation should be complete before receiving your trees so that trees can be planted soon after you receive them. Care should be taken when planting to ensure minimal disruption to the tree's root system to allow them to get off to the best start.

We have a comprehensive Planting and Aftercare Guide that we can email out which has some good tips on how to plant and how to look after your trees once they are planted. Please contact Sarah if you would like a copy sent to you.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

From the team at Lynwood Avocado Nursery



Wishing you and your family a safe and happy
Christmas

#### **Tree orders**

Our order book for 2021/22 is open. To place an order please either contact Sarah or Stuart from the sales team or send an email to <a href="mailto:orders@lynwood.co.nz">orders@lynwood.co.nz</a>. We recommend getting your orders placed early to avoid disappointment as we are currently experiencing a high demand for trees.

#### **Keep in touch**

Did you know that we are on Facebook? Search for Lynwood Avocado Nursery and follow us to see what is happening in the nursery throughout the year. We also love hearing your feedback, feel free to send us an email or give us a call with any feedback you may have.