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APMS UPDATE

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SHED PROGRESS — ON TARGET

We are on target!

The shed exterior is complete and the cool rooms are being installed as this update is being typed.

The inwards and outwards cool rooms are located at opposite ends of the facility allowing efficient flow of fruit throughout the shed.

The infeed and grader have set sail from New Zealand with installation and commissioning commencing on arrival.

A lean-to runs the entire length of the shed providing undercover receivals and dispatches

At this stage we are hoping to trial the shed in late September ready for your fruit to begin arriving in October.



Shed interior with pallet coolroom at the far end



Lean to



Office, lunchroom & toilet block from exterior

GROWER REPORTING

We are now ready for growers to begin supplying us with their production information.

Some of you will have already received a 'Grower Profile' form which we require to be completed and returned to us asap. For those who have not yet received it, we have attached a form for you to complete which will supply us with your individual details.

This information will be entered into our new software program and we will then produce production estimates and bin cards for each grower.

We are aiming to provide growers with complete traceability of their produce from the moment it arrives at our facility.

Bar codes will be used on the bin cards and the bins can be scanned at any stage

to identify the produce within. Bins will be scanned prior to tipping to ensure they have been located correctly.

Remember, you will be able to use the information you supply to us to help you to manage your orchard.

From your production figures, you will be able to compare the performance of different blocks, varieties, fertilizer rates etc from within your orchard.

You will also be able to compare your figures with other growers or your previous production years.

All growers individual data will remain confidential at all times.

Please return your completed forms to us asap or contact if you would like advice on how to best record your information.

GRAND OPENING

The Grand Opening date has been set for **Friday 24th October 2008**.

Formal invitations will be sent out closer to the date but please make a note in your diaries now!

Growers will get a full tour of the facility and our software specialists will be making a presentation detailing the functions and reporting facilities of our new program.

We are extremely excited about the new software program and it will be a first for Australia, setting a new benchmark in traceability and reporting.

Later in the day, we will have an official opening ceremony and the launch of our new avocado brand.



NZ CROP FORECAST

New Zealand growers have suffered further setbacks recently when they experienced severe weather conditions. In recent months they have had storms, snow and frosts reducing the already small crop further.

APMS WEBSITE

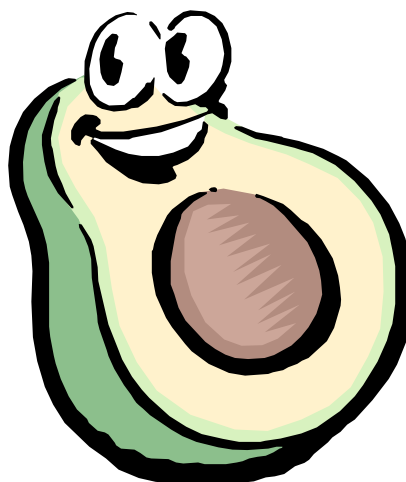
Shortly we will be launching a fantastic new web page.

This will allow people worldwide to browse and see the services and products we provide.

Growers will also be given a personal password so they will be able to log in' from anywhere in the world.

Once you are logged in, you will be able to view your packing reports online giving you up to date information

Now you can take that holiday to Mauritius!



NEED BEES?



With flowering to begin shortly, it's time to plan your pollination.

Ken West (beekeeper) has hives available to help with your avocado pollination.

Unfortunately, due to fuel price increases, he has been forced to raise his price by \$5.00 per hive but is able to service all areas of WA between Dongara and Hopetoun.

If you are interested in Ken's service, please contact him direct on 08 94596674, 0427 859678 or Sandy on 0429 149818