

THE AVOCADO IN EGYPT

Letter from Thos. W. Brown

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Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of July, 20th, and beg to inform you that the cultivation of avocados is entirely in its infancy in Egypt. The trees which now exist in the country are found mostly in the Cairo district, although the tree grows well everywhere from the northern coast to Assuan in the extreme south. A few of the trees produce fruit abundantly whereas in many cases the flowers fall without setting fruit. This does not appear to be due to any variation in cultivation or watering. It is possible that it may be due to some defect in the sexual organs of the flowers. This is now under investigation. All the trees which have arrived at the fruiting stage have been grown from seed.

I shall be greatly obliged for information as to whether sterile trees have been found among those grown from seed in California.

Yours Faithfully,

THOS. BROWN