

## How to Make the Avocado Tree Bear

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The writer believes that the sterility observed in certain avocado trees probably is due in part to self sterility to their own pollen and to the lack of cross-pollination. The phenomena observed, however, indicate that certain varieties are fully self-fertile.

Doubtless many cases of lack of fruitfulness are due to environmental conditions such as lack of water, lack of food supply, rains at time of pollination or too cold weather when the flowers are open. The better fruiting character of trees near the coast than in the hot interior sections demonstrates the susceptibility of the tree to changes in climatic conditions.

The experimental evidence is too meager to allow conclusions to be drawn. What we need are investigations planned and carried out to determine the facts and put us in position to adopt remedial measures.