

Note on Re-Grafting Avocado Stumps

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Some years ago I top-grafted a number of very large old Taft trees to Fuerte by the sawed notch method. The stumps were well sealed over with ordinary asphaltum pruning compound.

In some cases where the scions failed to grow, I immediately sawed off a six- or eight-inch section of the stump and re-grafted in the same way. In other cases I did not remove a section, but sawed the notches right through the layer of asphaltum compound and after inserting the scions, recovered the wound. In both instances the grafts grew quite well and I concluded that it is not at all necessary to wait for new stock shoots in which to bud, or to wait a year before re-grafting. Now, when a scion fails, I repeat the job at once, usually with successful results.