

The Guava in South Africa

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The Secretary,

California Avocado Society,

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Dear Mr. Shepherd,

Thank you for your letter of the 15th of Sept. which by air mail reached us about the 10th of Oct. We shall look forward to the Yearbook coming on later.

The interest of your Board of Directors in the Guava in S. Africa has been warmly appreciated and it has been a lively pleasure to find out several more articles of research work on the guava, mainly on the Vitamin C content of the fruit. The short article included with this letter is only the thinnest outline of much work that has been done. I have ordered a copy of "Farming in S. Africa" to be sent to you from The Government Printer's Office Pretoria, which has an article by Boyes and de Villiers on their work. Should a properly organized guava industry grow out of the research on guava from the dietetic point of view it will be a new way of developing a fruit industry. Usually we grow and eat fruits because we like to eat them. Now we may eat guavas, "because they are so good for us" or even sidestep the fruit and eat our Vitamin C as a guava sweet. We are interested in growing the fruit of *Feijoa sellowiana* (very like to the guava) and would appreciate any information on where to get seed of good eating varieties in California. It's unknown here.

Thanking you and hoping the following short article gives the information you want.

Yours faithfully,

Phyllis E. Reim