

## **REPORT OF THE RESEARCH COMMITTEE**

A meeting was held Dec. 16, 1950 at the University of California at Los Angeles, at which it was agreed by the members present that the Committee should be enlarged to officially include members from the two cooperative marketing associations.

The Committee recommended, and the California Avocado Society Board of Directors later approved, that the Research Committee be officially composed of the President of the Society, the immediate Past-President of the Society, the Secretary of the Society (who shall also be the Secretary of the Committee), one permanent member each from, and to be selected by, the Calavo Growers of California, the United Avocado Growers, the Avocado Section of the California Farm Bureau Federation, and the Avocado Departments or Committees of the Farm Bureau in each of the Counties having such Departments or Committees. If the chairman of the Avocado Section of the California Farm Bureau Federation and the chairmen of the County Farm Bureau Avocado Departments or Committees are not permanent members of the Research Committee, they shall be ex-officio members.

The purpose of electing permanent committeemen is to maintain a continuing membership, so that knowledge of Committee activities and discussions may be had by a majority of the members in order to better facilitate the progress of the Committee work.

A resolution was passed, and later approved by the Board, urging the appointment of an Agricultural Extension Service specialist in Subtropical Horticulture, to devote the major part of his time to the avocado, and also requesting that the present Avocado Advisory Committee (A.E.S.) be continued and made permanent.

A report by members of the staff, headed by Dean Robert W. Hodgson of the College of Agriculture at Los Angeles, reviewed the avocado research work in progress, and presented a list of new or additional work on the avocado believed to be desirable.

Because of the shrinking acreage available to the Department of Subtropical Horticulture, much of the work on avocados is being curtailed at the University of California at Los Angeles; and until other suitable land is available an increase in tempo of affected avocado research cannot be expected.

Due to work of another committee on the subject of land for avocado and minor subtropical research, which could not be reported at the meeting of this Committee, discussion and action by the Committee was postponed.

### **COMMITTEE**

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