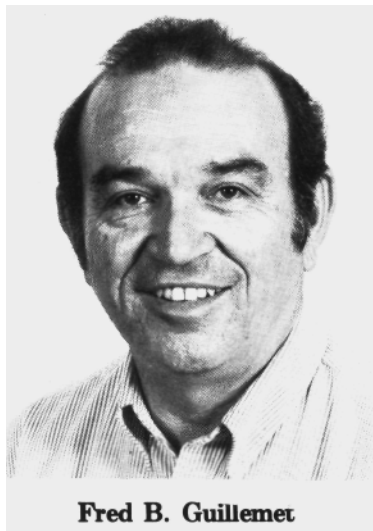


California Avocado Society Award of Honor 1983



Presentation of the 1983 Award of Honor was made by President Robert G. Platt at the annual meeting of the California Avocado Society at Santa Barbara, September 24, to Fred B. Guillemet with the following remarks:

The California Avocado Society's Award of Honor this year goes to a person who has contributed a great deal to the welfare of avocado production in disease control.

It might be said that the growers in the industry who are best acquainted with him have problems — problems with avocado root rot. He is a familiar figure on the many rootstock resistant trials throughout the state; and because of his abilities and dedication to finding an answer, we are farther along in solving the problem.

Fred B. Guillemet was born in Stockton, California. He later moved to Chino, where he attended high school. Following graduation, he enrolled at California State Polytechnic College at San Luis Obispo and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture. Later, he was awarded a Vocational Teaching Credential from the University of California at Los Angeles.

In 1957, Fred joined the Department of Plant Pathology at UC Riverside, and initially worked with Dr. John Middleton on the effects of air pollution on citrus. In 1965, he became Staff Research Associate working with Dr. George Zentmyer, until his recent retirement, and now with Dr. Michael Coffey, on research and development of rootstocks resistant to avocado root rot. He has been, and is, the person in the greenhouse conducting the initial screening trials, in the propagation house growing trees for field planting and trials, and in the field establishing grower-cooperator plots and collecting data from these trials of root-rot resistant rootstocks.

In addition, he has been involved in and has contributed to a great degree in field trials to find fungicides effective in the control of the root-rot fungus.

In propagation research he has diligently been searching for the "missing link" between species highly resistant to the root-rot fungus, *Phytophthora cinnamomi*, but incompatible by normal propagation techniques with *Persea americana*, our commercial varieties.

Fred has co-authored eight articles on resistant rootstocks and resistant rootstock trials which have appeared in Avocado Society Yearbooks. He has ably presented progress reports on rootstock research and trials before the Avocado Research Advisory Committee and has been a ready, willing, and competent source of information to nurserymen and growers alike in the propagation of clonal rootstocks and the performance of present and potential root-rot resistant rootstocks.

Fred and his wife, Lucille, reside in Chino and have raised two children: a daughter, Karen, who died in an automobile accident last year, and a son, John.

For his outstanding contributions and dedication to the avocado industry as an integral part of the research effort in root-rot resistant rootstocks, the Society is proud to present its Award of Honor to Fred Guillemet.