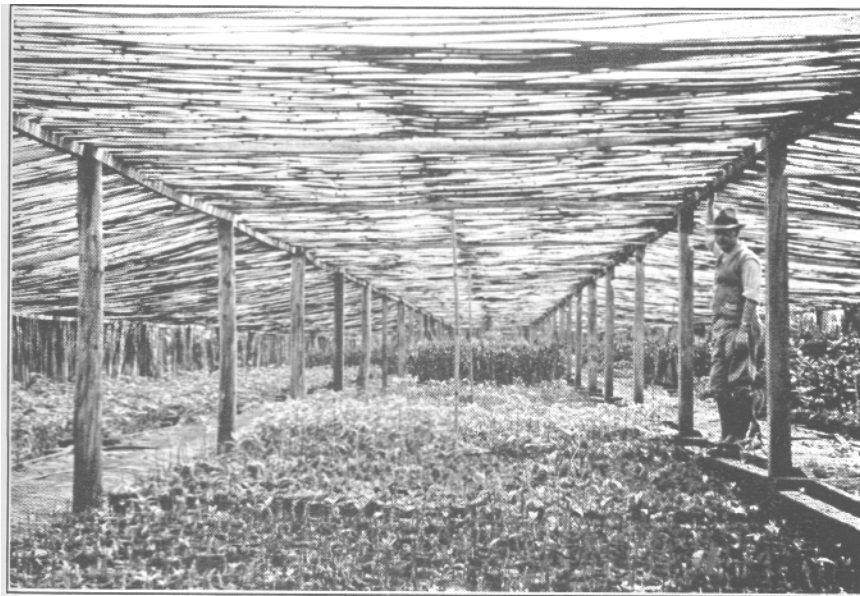


## Avocado Culture in Brazil

The Association is in receipt of a letter from Dr. Raimund H. Marloth, Research Horticulturist of Nelspruit, South Africa, in which the following paragraph is of especial interest:

"You might be interested to know that when I was in Brazil I visited the Pazenda Citrus of Dierberger & Company of Limeira, and there saw 65,000 avocado nursery trees all grafted to improved California and Florida varieties, these to be distributed in one year. They are certainly going in for avocado growing in a big way down there. The seeds are grown in individual small pots or bamboo joints, and when the shoot is about the size of a lead pencil in thickness, it is cut off an inch or so above ground level, and the scion is inserted with a double cleft graft. Things grow very rapidly down there. Thus a year after the seed has been set, a No. 1 grafted tree is ready for planting out, albeit a bit on the small side."



Some of the 65,000 grafted avocado trees in the nursery of Dierberger & Company at Limeira, Brazil.

Photo of this nursery kindly furnished by Dr. Marloth.