Beauty and the Blade: Commercial Field Propagation Tools Useful for Avocado

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Abstract. Combine the skills of a certified welder and a long-time field propagator of avocado, and you get an extraordinary assemblage of hand-crafted tools including knives, chisels, bark-forcing blades, specialized saws, carrying cases, etc. A series of color slides will introduce the design and function of a representative from each of the tool groups. Rarely seen, these specialized tools are invaluable to the successful field propagator.