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## **Root Pruning May Increase Production**

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"Judicious pruning of the roots of avocado trees may encourage blossoming. This may be accomplished in nature as in the, case of some trees grown in rocky ground. The roots run along the crevices and cracks and the checked development of the root produces an increase in the crop. The check in development of some organ of the plant has often resulted in an increased crop. If some roots are uncovered and exposed to the air, an increase in the production of fruit may follow, provided the operation has been judiciously performed. This operation is dangerous and it is therefore best to follow the practice of many growers in several sections of Mexico who prune the roots carefully to increase the production of fruit."