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### Avocado Literature

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My quest for literature on the avocado has brought to light three publications which apparently have not heretofore been noted in California. They are as follows:

Rolfs, P. H., and Clarissa Rolfs. 1934. O abacate: variedade com pedigree, sua cultura. 23 p. 5 figs. Brasil, Estado de Minas Geraes, Serie Agricola Num. 22.

Zayas, Jesus Canizares. 1937. El aguacate. 37 p. 23 figs. Republ. Cuba, Secr. Agricultura, Habana.

Dierberger and companho. 1939. Catalogo geral: abacateiros enxertados. 11 p. Dierberger and Companho, Sao Paulo.

The first publication by Professor Rolfs and his daughter discusses groups of varieties, propagation and culture of the avocado. The second by Senor Zayas is a fairly complete circular first giving notes on the botany of the avocado, its origin and history. This is followed by a discussion of the tree types and the varieties under each type. Familiar variety names are found among those of the Mexican and Guatemalan types but in the West Indian type there appear such names as Hernandez, Santana, Acosta, Raul Arango, Catalina and Wilson Popenoe, the last one being illustrated by fruits much elongated and with a prominent curved neck. Subsequent sections treat of climate, soil, propagation (seeds, germination, budding, grafting), planting, culture, harvesting, packing, diseases and insect pests.

The third publication is an illustrated nursery catalogue (previous edition 1936) which gives general notes on culture of the avocado, then lists (a) seven commercial varieties (including the Wagner, no longer planted commercially in California), (b) seven varieties for a cool climate, (c) five for tropical regions, and seventeen for local planting.