

Report from the Nurserymen's Section

Release of propagation wood is now in progress under Nursery Test Agreement of University of California for the Avocado Cultivars named "Esther," "Gwen," and "Whitsell."

The University of California has recently filed United States Plant Patent Applications on the above avocado cultivars which were produced and selected at the Riverside campus by Mr. B. O. Bergh and by Mr. Robert Whitsell. Description of these cultivars is covered under the CAS Variety Committee report elsewhere in this Yearbook.

To allow qualified propagators who might desire a commercial license for these cultivars to receive initial wood for increase, the University will release propagation wood under a Nursery Test Agreement.

Shortly after the University receives a U.S. Patent Office Filing Date for these cultivars, those who have received wood under the test agreement will be mailed a commercial propagator's license agreement for consideration.

To qualify for receipt of propagation material under the test agreement, an individual or firm must have a current nursery license from the State of California Department of Food and Agriculture.

To receive wood under such a test agreement with the intention of later becoming a licensed commercial propagator, contact:

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Financially, the Nurserymen's Section, as of September 24, 1982, had on hand a balance of \$2,319.00, compared to a September 18, 1981, balance of \$2,078.51.

Nurserymen's Section dues are \$10.00 per year, and we welcome all interested nurserymen to join us in our continual efforts to improve the quality of avocado trees offered by nurseries in California.

Respectfully submitted, E. Mehlschau, Chairman