# NZ Industry Status

#### - Retrospect & Future Viewpoints







# NZ Industry - Development History

1920 First Recorded Avocado Gisborne Charles Grey NZ Dept Agriculture release of avocado seeds 1926 First Avocado marketed in Auckland 1939 1940 Grey's import 20 varieties, 1st commercial orchard establish 600 trees Mexicola, Fuerte, Nabal, Hass Initial avocado promotions recipes, posters leaflets 1960 6 Te Puke avocado growers meet Walter Bayliss' packing shed 1972 210 avocado growers from Te Puke, Tauranga & Katikati 1979 Fruitgrowers' Assn. meet and form Avocado Committee 1979 Voluntary Levy 25 cents per tree 25 cents per box agreed to fund Promotions, Quality, ASBVd indexing First exported fruit 1979





#### **Development History**

HE SAME DELICIOUS GOLDEN-GREEN FRUIT INSIDE to select your Avocado: 1980 Avocado Promotions Committee meets Ripen Naturally: Store in your front boowt at room temper 1982 Promotion leaflets Ripen Fast: Wrap security in aluminium foil or brown paper 1983 APC incorporated Robyn MacDonald contracted as promotions officer 1984 30 minute promotions film & TV promotions aired Avocado Growers Association formed 1989 1991 Health benefit promotions, more TV ads 1992 Avocado Export Council Inc - HEA Product Group Recongnised 1995 Commodity Levy application approved 1997 Avocado Industry Council Inc 1999 Exports to USA 2003 AGA and AAL sign MOU 2005 AIC becomes wholly owned subsidiary





THE NEW ZEALAND AVOCADO

INED OR DARK AND PEBBLY SKIN

THE OUTSIDE



#### Vision

#### Through outstanding leadership achieve 12 million trays with an industry value of \$250 million, by 2015.

"The Growers' Executive has reviewed its strategic direction and refocused on the absolute commitment to develop an inclusive industry wide entity by 2009."







# Key Strategic Platforms

To sustain profitability for New Zealand avocado growers by maximising orchard gate returns.

To enhance the competitive advantage of the New Zealand avocado industry by consistently attaining a premium over competing product.

To communicate knowledge and transfer technologies to the industry which promote investment and growth with value.

To position the New Zealand avocado industry for the future through maximising opportunities and anticipating threats through innovation and application of new knowledge.

Set strategic framework and governance platform to encourage investment and growth.







### Governance

#### Grower/Exporter Directorship

- Political
- Strategic
- Financial

#### **Increasing Pan Industry Integration**

Industry Advisory Group - of Recognised Industry Partners

- Avocado Exporters Council
- New Zealand Avocado Packers Forum Inc.
- Avocado Nursery Association
- New Zealand Organic Avocado Growers Inc.
- Local Marketers

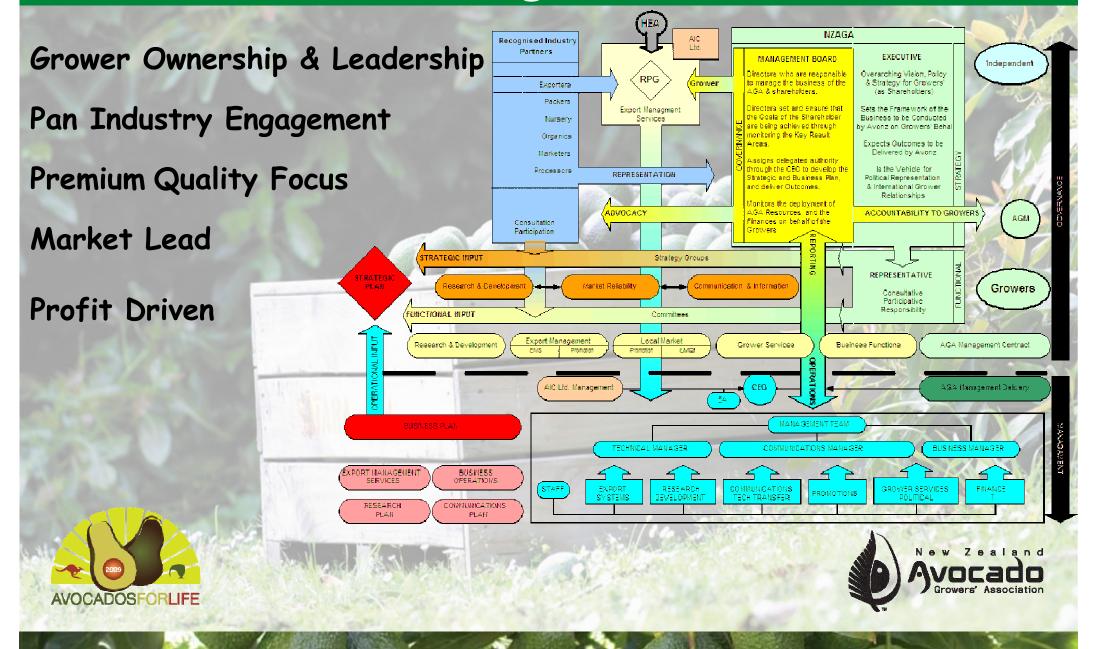








### Governance and Management Structure



### Organisational Environment

New Zealand Avocado Growers Association Inc. (1983)

Grower political and management entity which collaborates closely with industry stakeholders for the mutual benefit of all parties

Commodity Levies Act 1990<br/>Voluntary levy 1978 5c/tray, later 3% of sale priceLegislated levy collection since 1995 enabling activities in:<br/>GovernanceGovernanceResearch & DevelopmentPoliticalProduction & QualityPromotionMarket Access & Development

Grower Education & Communications Information Systems

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### Stakeholders

- 1637 AGA member growers
  - 20 Registered packers
  - 13 Registered exporters
    - 10 Industry Staff Avocado Industry Council Chief Executive
    - **Communications** Manager
    - Business Manager + 2 Business Team
    - Technical Manager + Quality Co-ordinator + 4 Researchers





# Horticultural Export Authority Model

Free Market anyone can export

No legislation specifically controlling who can export

New Zealand Horticulture Export Authority

#### NZ HEA Model

Voluntary use of a set of rules with legislative backing

> Product Groups can & do opt in or out of the system

Exporters are required to meet licensing criteria

Single Desk Seller one exporter controls all exported product

Require specific legislation controlling who can export

**Examples** Australian Wheat Board Zespri





# Horticultural Export Authority Act

Horticultural Export Authority Act 1987

The HEA Act provides an enabling framework for enforcement across the industry



#### **Recognised Product Groups have legislative basis enabling**

- Development of an industry structure
- Implement an industry specific EMS
- Set, maintain, and enforce grade and quality standards
- Develop and mandate comprehensive food safety programmes
- Deliver market access assurances, remove trade barriers
- Collect industry statistics to enable informed decisions
- Political Lobby with Government





# Avocado Industry Council

Avocado Industry Council Ltd.

- recognised product group under HEA since 1992 Horticultural Export Authority Act 1987 Export Marketing Strategy sets Direction Quality Manual sets Export Parameters Quality Program / Grade Standards / Audit Food Safety Market Access / Biosecurity Market Monitoring











# 2009 Status

4073 ha in production 200-300+ ha per year planting Production 6.8 t/ha average last 10 years Domestic Consumption 1.77 kg per capita Exported Volume 56% average last 10 years \$ 1,045,403,333 Orchard investment estimate Mature Post Harvest Sector Industry Value \$



51,000,000 per annum







#### Vision Status Growth with Value

5010 +ha in production

200-300+ ha per year planting

Production 9 to 12 t/ha average

Impact of Hi Density production

Domestic Consumption 2.5 kg per capita (incl. processed product)

Export Volume 7+ million trays

Maintain Australian volumes development USA and Japanese markets

Expansion into China and SE Asian markets

Predicted Industry Earning within 5 yrs \$250,000,000







# Production & Projections









## **Production Influences**

Strong Initial Growth 1996 - 2004 Biennial Bearing Impacts 2004 - 2009 - active management focus Production Dilution / Planting Expansion - effect diminishing **Improving Orchard Management Practices** Export Focus Improving Export Packout - target 70% Cohesion of Post Harvest Operations Critical Mass driving Market Expansion Processing Oil/UHP Options in play







12

10

2

Trays (millions)

## Predicted Trends

By 2015 in ground trees will deliver:

- Yield 9 t/ha 6.5 million export 2.6 million local & processing
- Yield 12t/ha 7.8 million export 3.4 local & processing

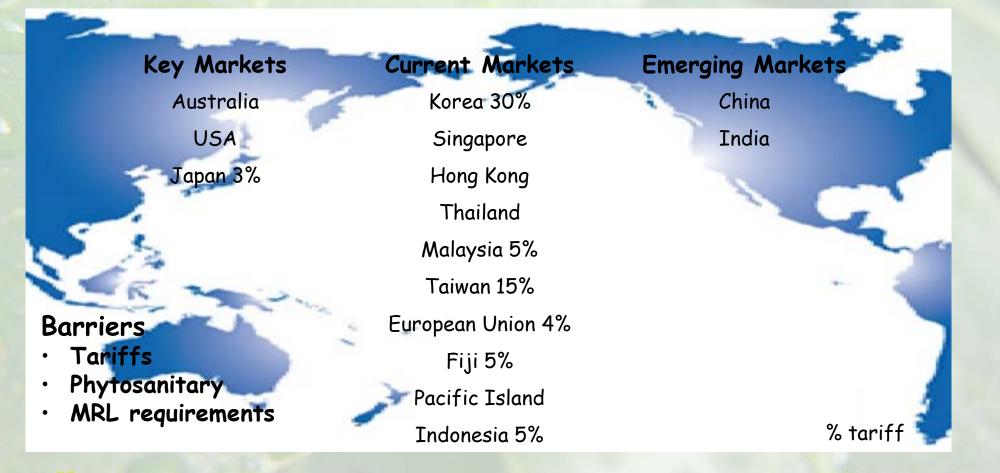
Biennial influence amelioration High Density planting Introduction of new rootstocks and fruiting scions Production growth as orchard estate expands and matures







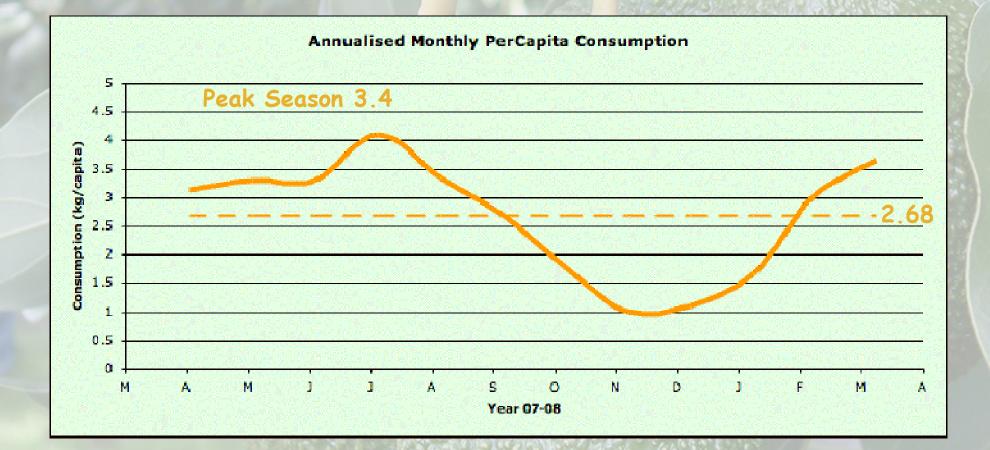
# Pacific Rim Market Focus







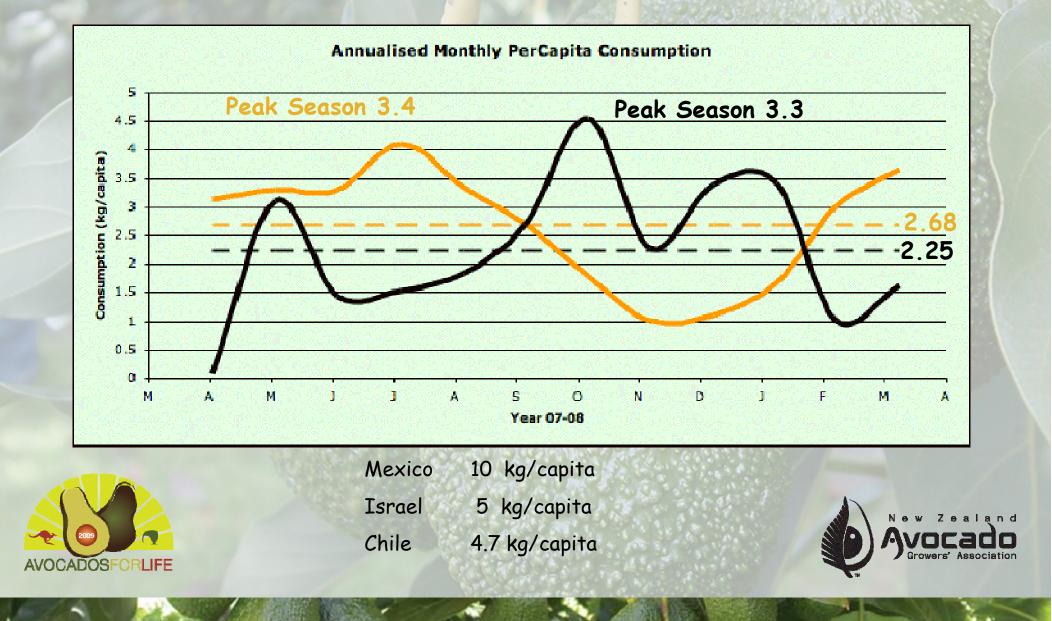
# Australian Consumption







# Australian & NZ Consumption Comparison



## **Competitive Advantages**

Optimised Post Harvest Infrastructure Summer window Australia Phytosanitary Access to multiple market Quality Assurance Food Safety Assurance Promotions Commitment

'Bio-safe' Future - Premium Market Demands

- Water blasting 2009
- AvoGreen™ 2011
- Cu reduction via alternatives





# **Market Perspective**

AVEC

Avocado Exporters Council Environment to develop global market potential NZ trades <1% global Hass commodity 13 Global Markets - Pacific Rim focus

AVANZA - a unique co-operative venture

- 4 Exporters
- Represent 90% supply base
- USA & Japan collaborative approach
- Australian Market competitive entities







# Domestic Market

**Promotion Focus** 

Consumption - 1.77 kg/capita average - 3.3 kg/capita over export season Development of Ripe Fruit Options Established Cold Pressed Oil Production Emerging UHP Processing Options Promotions







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