

World listing of avocado cultivars according to flowering type

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Abstract

Nearly 500 avocado cultivars were compiled according to their country of origin, race and flowering group. Most cultivars (75%) belong to the Guatemalan race and its hybrids. Worldwide, these cultivars are divided almost equally between flowering groups A (female opening morning to noon) and B (female opening in the afternoon). Sixty-three percent of the cultivars selected in California belong to the A flowering group, indicating an inherent advantage under cool subtropical weather. In more tropical countries like Mexico, Hawaii and Guatemala, group-B cultivars predominate.