

CURRENT STATE OF AVOCADO CULTIVATION IN SPAIN

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HISTORY

Data

1572 – Coasts of Eastern Spain

1576 – Felipe II tastes avocado

1789 – Reference in Malaga, Marqués de Sonora in Almayate.

1850 – Finca San Javier (Churriana) – Retiro – Concepción – other.

Bibliography = (Historia del Aguacate en España) Julian Diaz Robledo

Plantations:

1955-56 – Almuñécar “Rancho California” – Roger Magdahl
“California” nursery in Chillota

Technicians

Wilson Popenoe - Spain

Oppenmheamer – Israel

In Israel in 1924 – Plantings begin

Spanish technicians:

Salas Roqueta

Andrés García Cabezón - 1953

Enrique Grana

Javier Alvarez de la Peña – 1974

Creation of La Mayora: 1963

→ Plantation: 1967

Development of the cultivation

On the coast = Málaga-Granada until 1970

From 1970-75 cultivar fixation

From 1975 fast development along the Coast

Doctor Malo visit in 09/1976

CENSUS OF AVOCADO SURFACE IN SPAIN

Year 2003

<u>Current surface</u>																							
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SEVILLA	5 – 7 Stable																						
CADIZ	85 – 90 Increasing																						
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Annual nursery plantings:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trees to plant 750 Has. (replantings + replacings) - Annual plantings: 550-600 Has./new. 																						
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Taking into account the limitant factors of soil-water-climate and tourism we could reach in the Iberian Peninsula 15-18.000 Has.

We are not dealing with substitution of other crops (citrics = lemons) where climatic conditions do not allow a significant increase.

(*) Guadalhorce river: no new plantings, diminishing. Problems with cold-soil-water. Surrounding villages: increasing.