

## MAJOR UPDATE OF TWO AVOCADO SOFTWARE PROGRAMS AVOMAN AND AVOINFO

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The AVOMAN project began in 1992 with the objective of providing new mechanisms for transfer of technology to the Australian avocado industry. These mechanisms included formation of grower groups and the development of information and decision aid products. The information and decision aid products included two software packages: AVOMAN, a farm management system incorporating record keeping and decision support, and AVOINFO, a reference database for avocado.

Since the commercial release of these software packages to the Australian avocado industry in 1998, ongoing research and development has produced new information relevant to industry. Issues such as quality management, food safety and environmental management have assumed greater importance within the avocado industry due to increasing statutory requirements. As a consequence of these developments, the AVOMAN and AVOINFO programs have been updated to ensure that they continue to meet the needs of commercial avocado producers.