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## COMPARATIVE STUDY OF AVOCADO PRODUCTION COSTS IN ORGANIC AND CONVENTIONAL AGRICULTURE

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A comparative study of avocado production costs in organic and conventional agriculture was performed by analyzing data from several similar avocado orchards located in the same growing area. At least two-year information on investments, orchard management, and yield of both types of orchards were compiled. Based on these data, the cost structure and the influence of each production factor on the total cost were established for each orchard. Cost per hectare and per unit were determined stressing the differences between both growing systems.