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A CATALOG OF WEST-INDIAN AVOCADO ROOTSTOCKS IN USE IN ISRAEL

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Due to the high level of salinity in the irrigation water at present and even increasing levels expected in future, West-Indian avocado race (*Persea americana*, sub-species Americana).is the only avocado rootstock recommended for use in new plantings.

Through a huge long-term large-scale field research system, 15 seeded West-Indian rootstocks were selected out of 300 within the experiments with differing tolerance to the lime levels in the soil.

Within the same field research system, clonal rootstocks were also selected, re-evaluated and about 10 of them were recommended for use.

The article presents the characteristics of both seeded and clonal rootstocks.

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