

AVOCADO (*PERSEA AMERICANA* MILL) TOPWORKING IN COMMERCIAL ORCHARDS.

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Topworking in commercial avocado (*Persea americana* Mill) orchards is a must to meet current market demands. While monitoring commercial orchards in California, Whitsell *et al.*, (1989) realised that avocados require simple propagation techniques. Several tests have been conducted for the last four years to corroborate the previous study. The cultivar *Hass* was topgrafted onto 1,230 *Bacon* cvr. trees by side-cleft grafting on avocado stumped branches. Then statistical analyses confirmed this field-propagation method as a successful farming operation.