

DETERMINATION OF THE MINIMUM PERCENTAGE OF DRY MATTER TO AUTHORIZE THE HARVEST OF HASS AVOCADO PEARS FOR EXPORT

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At present, Chile has approximately 28,500 ha planted with Hass avocados. Historically, our country has exported between 70 and 75 % of the production obtained in this area.

The Avocado Committee has considered as a priority ensuring that the fruits to be harvested have dry matter content allowing them to get in good conditions to their final destination and to have an adequate period of commercialization. In this way, the Avocado Committee established five seasons ago a minimum level of 23 % dry matter to authorise the harvest of the fruit.

That is how every sector of orchards to be harvested must be sampled according to the protocol established for these purposes. During the last four seasons, the work of sampling and laboratory analysis has been subcontracted with Faculty of Agronomy of PUCV.

Through the actions mentioned above, the objective of sending completely reliable fruits to our destination markets has been achieved.