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Vote NOW on the Avocado Plant Health Australia Levy

Dear avocado levy payer,

Last month we sent you a notice about the proposed Avocado Plant Health Australia Levy to ensure the Australian avocado industry meets its biosecurity commitments on an ongoing basis.

We now invite you to please [click here](#) to complete the survey which should take about 1 minute to complete. We need all growers to respond to this survey to support our submission to the Australian Government.

To view the detailed levy proposal, please [click here](#).

Effective biosecurity management for the avocado industry is a responsibility that is managed through a government-industry partnership with Avocados Australia Limited as the Prescribed Industry Representative Body.

It is important the avocado industry meets its biosecurity commitments on an ongoing basis and that appropriate resources are in place to achieve this.

The board of Avocados Australia Limited has agreed to implement a change to the national Avocado Levy to provide resources for biosecurity management through Plant Health Australia.

The current levy (for R&D and Marketing) on fresh avocados is set at 7.5 cents per kilogram, split between R&D (3 cents per kilogram) and Marketing (4.5 cents per kilogram).

The R&D levy is able to be matched with funds from the Australian Government through Hort Innovation.

On behalf of the Australian avocado industry we are proposing to reduce the R&D Levy on fresh avocados by 0.1 of a cent per kg (3.33 per cent) and to divert this to a Plant Health Australia Levy for biosecurity.

There will be absolutely no change to the total amount of levy paid.

If you have any questions about these proposed changes, please contact us on:

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If you are aware of any avocado growers who do not receive our regular communication, please suggest they contact our office so we can provide relevant information about this initiative.

Regards,

John Tyas, CEO
Avocados Australia

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