

Canopy management of avocados in New Zealand

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In the old days, the plan was just to buy a bigger hydalada!

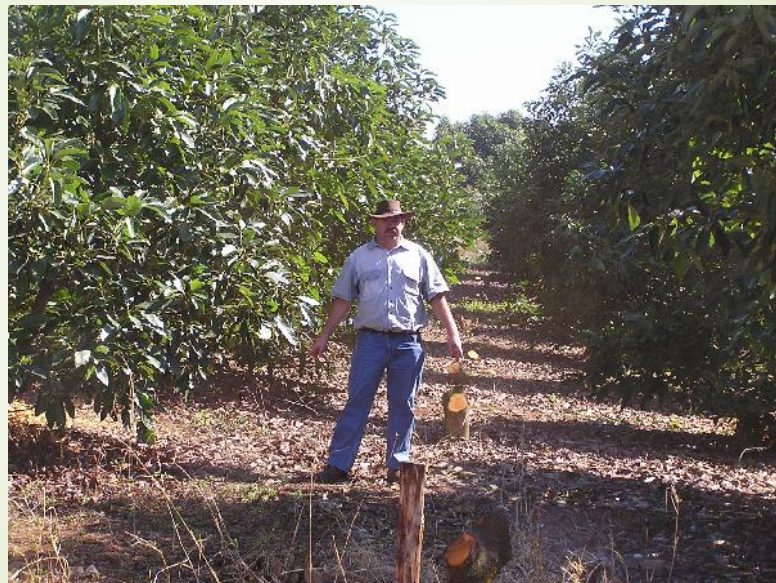
► Things had to change....



The biggest problem, was not thinning on time



It should have been done like this



Some things were tried, but did not work:
the 'Hedge' lollypop



Flat topping (still used by a few growers however)



Watershoot removal very important with flat topping



Other efforts that were not successful

- ▶ Staghorning
- ▶ Mechanical pruning



Large tree orchards – the first step of window pruning and selective limb removal



Large tree orchards. Closeup from the ground of the starting process



Large tree orchards. The first prune is messy with lots to clear



Large tree orchards – end result of window and selective limb pruning



Small tree orchards – before prune



Small tree orchards – before prune



Small tree orchards – after prune



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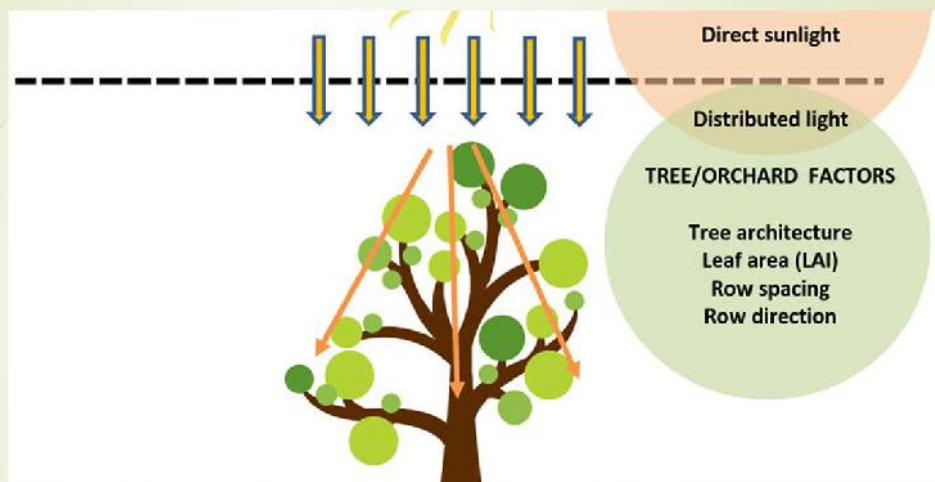
Flower pruning – potentially heavy set



Flower pruning – regrowth in December after making the prune in Sep/Oct.



The pollenizer effect



Big trees should have smaller trees, with windows all around them, the little trees can bear lots of fruit, because windows let much more light in.