



World avocado market projection 2028:

## A paradigm shift

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- **Short panorama of the world avocado trade**
  - One of fastest developing fruit markets, that still relies on two pillars
  
- **Fastly changing production trends:**
  - A need to predict the market on the mid/long term

# The world avocado market: “average” in volumes... but close to the leaders price wise

Overview based on 20/21 data – 21/22 atypical (drop of the Mexican production)

**2.5 million tons exported in 2020/21**  
**3.6% of the international fruit trade**

**A turnover ESTIMATED at around \$6.6 billion**  
**in 2020/21: 8.0% of the fruit trade**

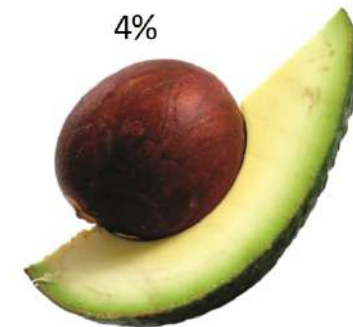
Global Fresh Fruit Trade - 69.4 mt in 2020

COMTRADE-CIRAD	mt	% W. trade
1 Bananas	21.4	31%
2 Apples	7.6	11%
3 Oranges	6.1	9%
4 Soft Citrus	4.4	6%
5 Grapes	4.1	6%
6 Pineapples	3.0	4.3%
7 Pears	2.7	3.9%
<b>8 AVOCADOS</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>3.6%</b>
9 Mangos	2.3	3.4%
10 Lemons	2.3	3.3%



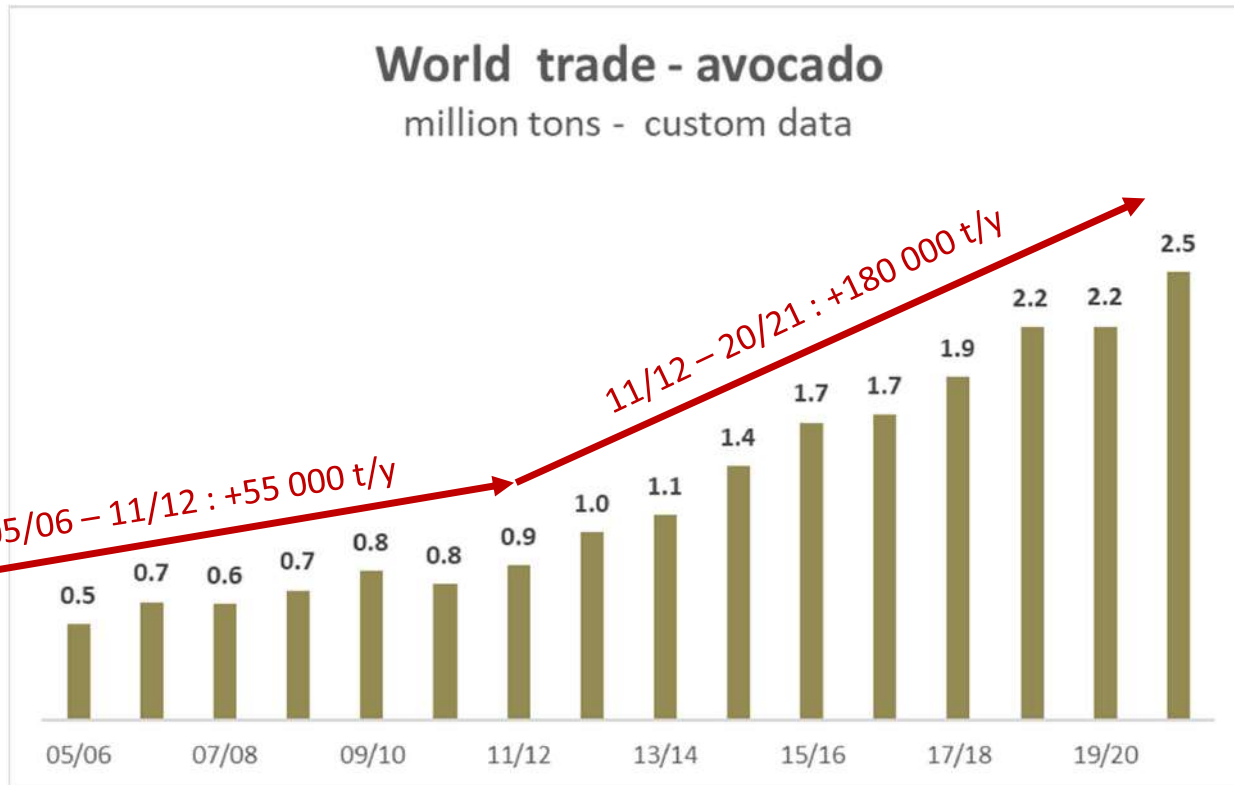
Global Fresh Fruit Trade - 85 m US\$ in 2020

COMTRADE-CIRAD	millions US\$	% W. trade
1 Bananas	13,817	16%
2 Grapes	8,848	10%
3 Apples	7,612	9%
<b>4 Avocados</b>	<b>6,600</b>	<b>8.0%</b>
5 Oranges	5,294	6%
6 Cherries	4,572	5%
7 Blueberries	4,412	5%
8 Mangos	3,637	4%
9 Kiwifruit	3,413	4%
10 Soft Citrus	3,126	



- Imported/exported volumes – excluding local production sold on the local market
- Calculation made from COMTRADE/CIRAD data

# An extraordinary dynamism for about 10 years!



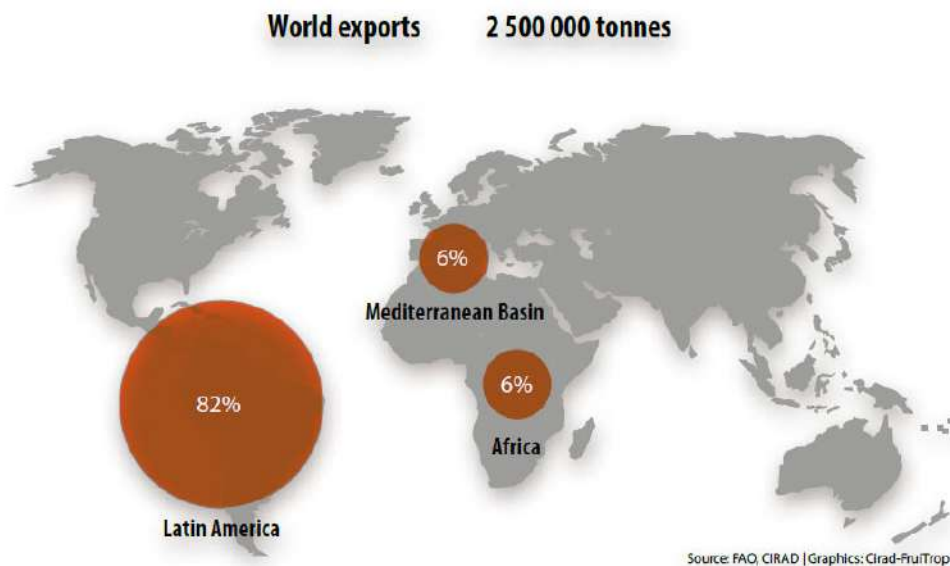
- A dramatic change of the growth rate since 2011/12
- Between 2011/12 and 2020/21:
  - **Volumes:** + 1.5 million tons (**x 2.5**)  
Growth rate: 12%/year  
(global fruit trade: 2.1%)
  - **Turnover** (import stage): + \$4.8 billion (**x 3.2**)  
Exploding from 2.1 to 6.9 billion \$

Huge economic/social impacts, especially in the producing countries



# From where do these volumes come from?

Exports– customs/ prof. Sources



## Avocado - World main exporters

Exported volumes in 1000 t

Rank	Country/Region	Exported volumes in 1000 t (20-21 or 21-22)
1	Mexico	1 457
	Michoacan	1 337
	Jalisco	120
2	Peru	577
3	Chile	127
4	Israël	126
5	Colombia	99
6	Kenya	95
7	Spain	68
8	South Africa	61
9	Dom. Rep.	59
10	Morocco	42

Sources: national Customs, professionals

≈60% of the world trade

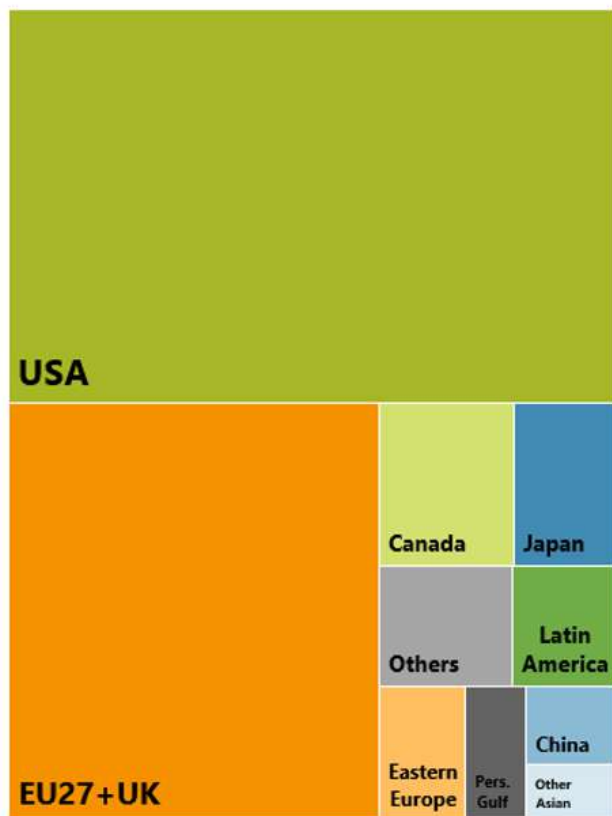
fast growing exporters

« newcomers »  
in 2010-11:  
Peru : 60 000 t  
Colombia /Jalisco≈0



## A “bipolar” market

WORLD AVOCADO MARKET  
2.5 MILLION TONNES (2020-21)



Where are these volumes sold?

Roughly:

- About **one half** of the world exports to the **USA**
- **One third** to the **EU27+UK**
- **And the rest of the world....less than 20% ...**  
Canada, Japan: 3.4 to 4.5% each – a bit less than 10% together  
The “rest” is a bit more than 10% only with:

Eastern Europe/South America  $\approx$  60 000 t  
Central America/Gulf countries  $\approx$  45 000 t  
China  $\approx$  35 000 t

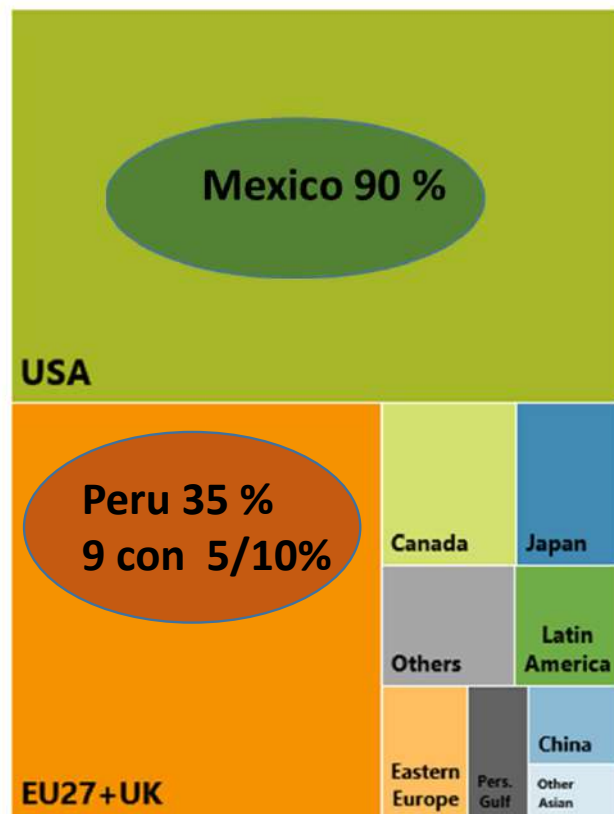
**=>More than 80% of World exports are directed to the USA and the EU27+UK**

**=> USA and the EU27+UK will remain the pillars of world trade on the mid term  
No other major growth driver ... for the moment**



## EU 27 + UK market: very open...and very exposed !

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### A very different supply pattern in the two giants

- USA : restricted market to few origins, very “mexicanized”  
Phytosanitary regulation / natural Market for Mexico
- EU 27 + UK very open – 10 major suppliers  
Better resilience (compensation in case of sharp losses in one country)  
...but greater exposition to oversupply in the current context of sharp increase of world production

UE 27 + UK very exposed to oversupply





- **Fastly changing production trends:**
  - Mid term market projection

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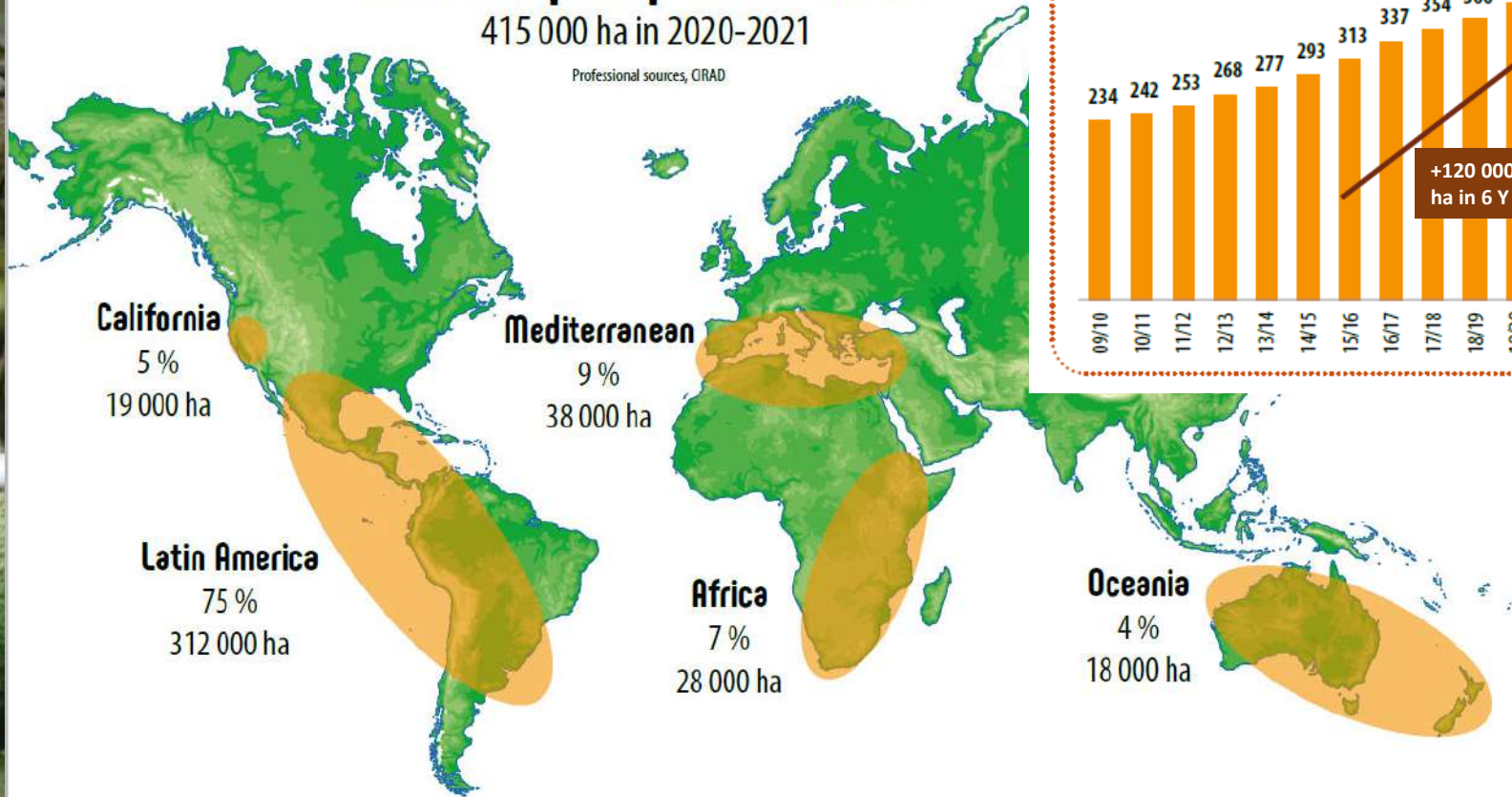
# A changing panorama upstream:

## AVOCADO

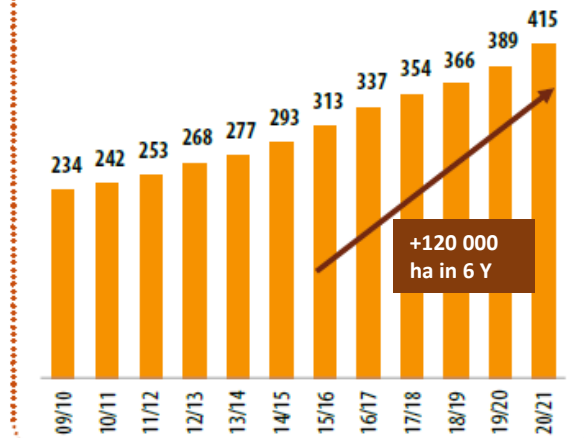
### World export planted areas

415 000 ha in 2020-2021

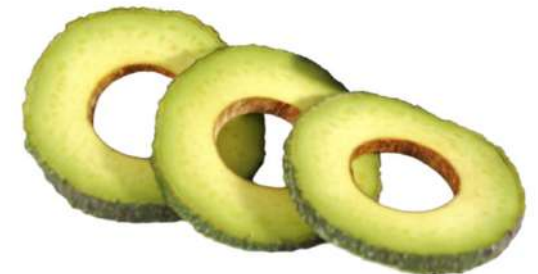
Professional sources, CIRAD



Avocado - World planted areas of export varieties  
(in 000 hectares | professional sources, CIRAD)



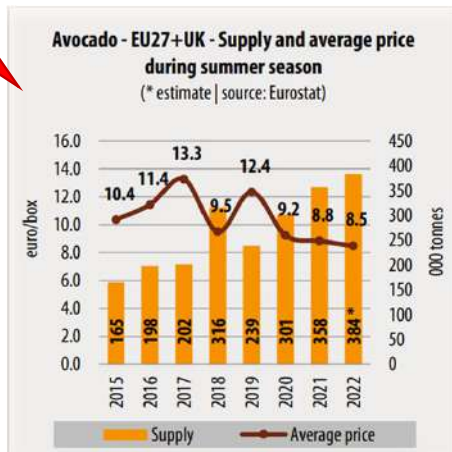
- A sharp increase of the plantation rhythm since 2014/15
- +120 000 ha in a six-year time
- Former six year period (08/09->14/15): +65 000 ha



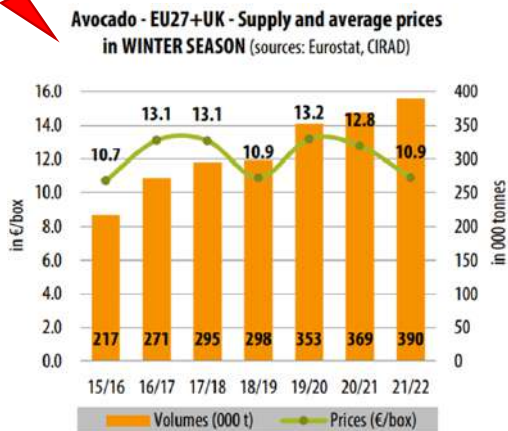
# The first consequences are here!

## Europe: a key market to detect the changes

very open / 12 supplier countries above the 10 000 t/season mark

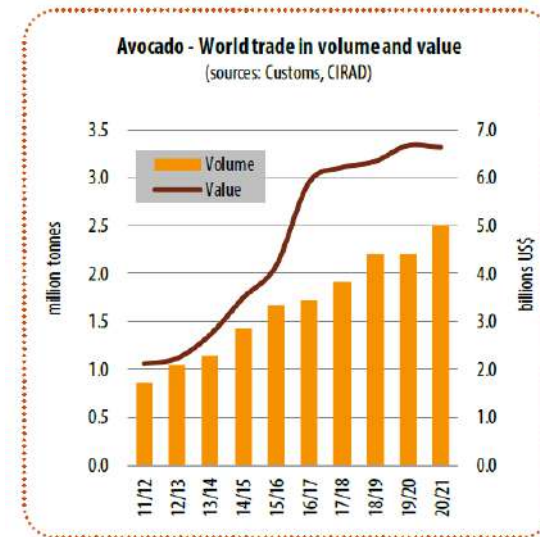


EU27+UK – summer season  
A changing price trend due to Peruvian pressure

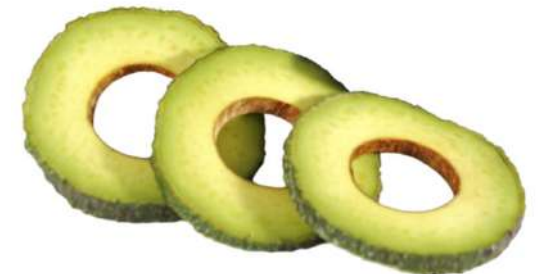


EU27+UK – winter season  
Changing price trend also, but more recently – increasing pressure from Latin American suppliers, but also from the Mediterranean ones

At the world scale: still a very good dynamic in volume... but what a slowdown in value!



Since 16/17 :  
+800 000t  
+500 million  
only in value

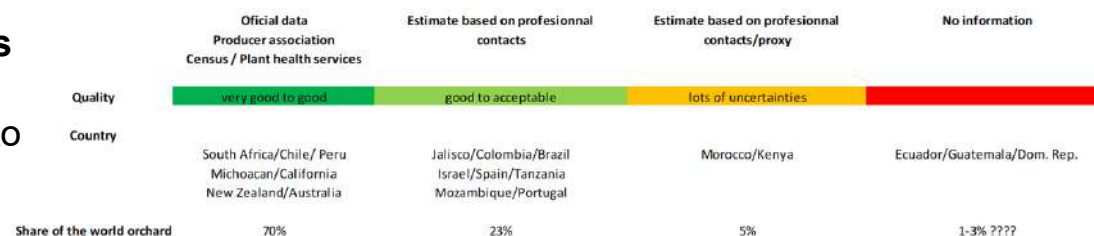


# Trying to forecast the mid/long term evolution of the production

- An “imperious need” of information... but a very complicated work
  - => A “reasonable” ambition: exploratory analyze under certain hypothesis **trying to catch the main trends**

## Methodology – Production forecast:

- working with data “from the field”** (acreage/yield/evolution of the production system that may influence the yield / not a statistical approach)
- A special attention paid to the information sources
  - no use of the “standard ” (and often bad quality) generic databases – Work to identify and get access to the best information sources available...if any...



- Step 1 – Estimating the PRODUCING acreage by country – period 2021/2028**
  - From the existing acreage to the producing acreage => model of production rise of a new orchard
    - Global model to simplify in this first analyzis - Yield evolution pattern: 10% at 3Y / 33% at 4Y / 66% at 5Y / 100 % at 6Y
  - Need of the acreage to 2025 – planting hypothesis by country for the period 2021-2025
- Step 2 – Estimating the exportable production - period 2021/2028**
  - From the producing acreage to the exportable production => yield and yield evolution hypothesis by country



# Base of the study : HAB/CIRAD Avocado industry country profiles



An up-to-date vision of the situation and of the dynamic of the main world market players

Available for Peru, Mexico, Chile, Colombia, California, Spain, Portugal (just released)  
Morocco in process...and the others coming soon !

**World avocado production prospects**

## Spain

### Resurgence

**History**  
A new page being written

**Andalucía and Málaga province**  
The core production area with 52 % of the cultivation area, facing a severe water crisis

**Production projection**  
Expected to more than double by 2025

**Strengths**

- Highly favorable temperatures and high insolation in the coastal zone
- Highly productive and efficient production systems
- Highly skilled workforce
- Highly developed infrastructure
- Highly developed marketing channels

**Challenges**

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**World avocado production prospects**

## California

### In transition

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## Chile

### A cutting-edge industry facing new challenges

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## Colombia

### A young, explosive industry in unique climatic conditions

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## Mexico

### Ever more colossal

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## Peru

### Making giant strides

**Producer country**  
Israeli avocado

**Producer country file**  
Brazilian avocado

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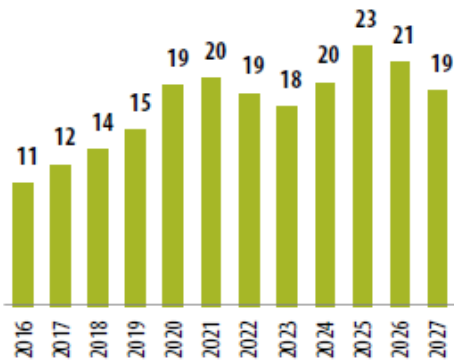
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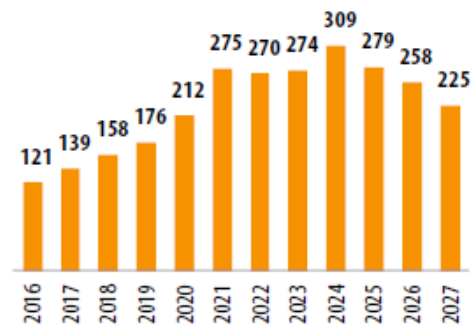
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# Results for production : a drastic change of the supply pattern

Avocado - Annual growth of world planted areas expressed in hectares at full production (in 000 hectares | source: CIRAD)



Avocado - Annual growth of world exportable production linked to the annual growth of planted areas and the growth of yields applied to the entire planted areas (in 000 tonnes | source: CIRAD)



- **A sharp acceleration of the growth of the acreage these last years**
  - from +11 000-12 000 ha/Y of new orchards (expressed in ha at full capacity) in 2016-17 to +19 000-20 000 ha/Y these last years
    - All players going up, besides Chile/California
    - A decreasing plantation rhythm in Michoacán
    - but a sharp increase of the “newcomers” (Colombia / Jalisco / Morocco)...
    - and a steady growth or acceleration of the “historical players” (Peru, Israel, SAR, Spain,...)
- **The rhythm will remain steady or even increase in the coming years**
- **An even stiffer increase of the export potential**
  - from + 120 000-140 000 t/Y in 2016/17 to **270 000-275 000 t/Y now**
  - increase in **acreage** + increase in **productivity**
    - improvement of the cultivation practices in some countries
    - new orchards with a bigger production potential (clonal trees, production tech,...)
      - ex.: Michoacán from 10.5 t/ha to 11 t/ha / Spain 7.5 to 9 / Colombia 9 to 11.5
- **The rhythm will remain steady or even increase in the coming years**
  - up to 310 000 t in 2024



# Trying to forecast the mid/long term evolution of demand

- Methodology: to extend the last season trend, paying a special attention to the key markets

- Step 1: Calculating the growth of the world exchanges for the leading markets

- Average growth of the last 4 seasons
- Based on Customs statistics – Demand of the export markets only

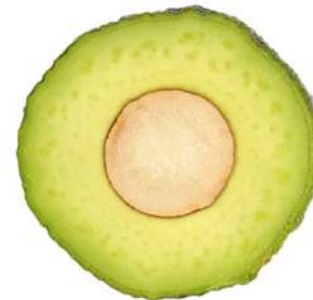
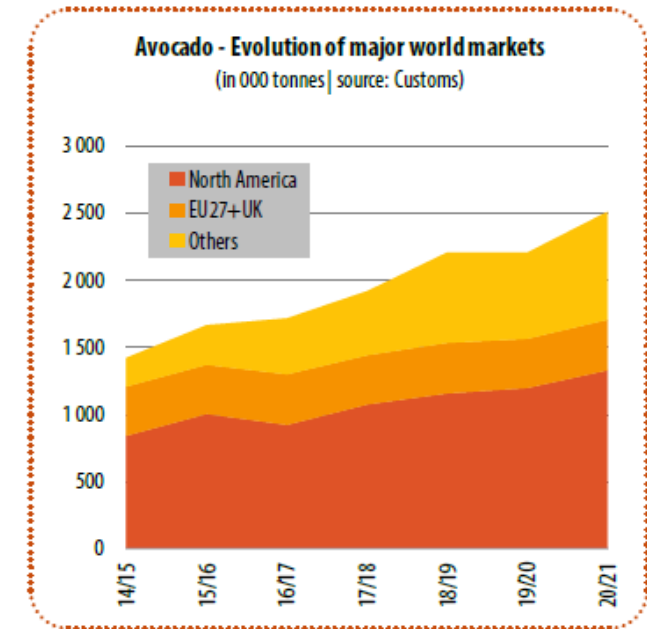
=> evolution of the local production in the producing countries not included

Average yearly increase in volume (t)*	
*aver 15-17 / aver 19-21	
USA	67,866
UE28*	63,049
Canada	7,277
Japan	2,840
China	2,052
Latin America	6,347
East Europe	9,293
Other asia	3,420
Gulf	1,056
others	3,159
<b>Total</b>	<b>166,359</b>

- Step 2: Analysis of the results taking into account key consumption trends  
“Is this trend likely or not?”

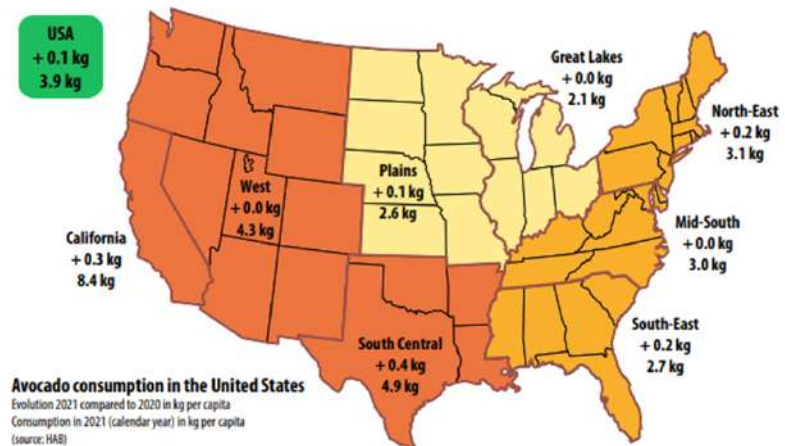
- Special attention to the USA / EU27+UK
  - USA : 50% of the total imports
  - UE27+UK : 31% of the total imports
  - Others: mainly Canada 5% / Japan 3% / South-Central America 3%

- Step 3: Choice of an hypothesis of growth and calculation

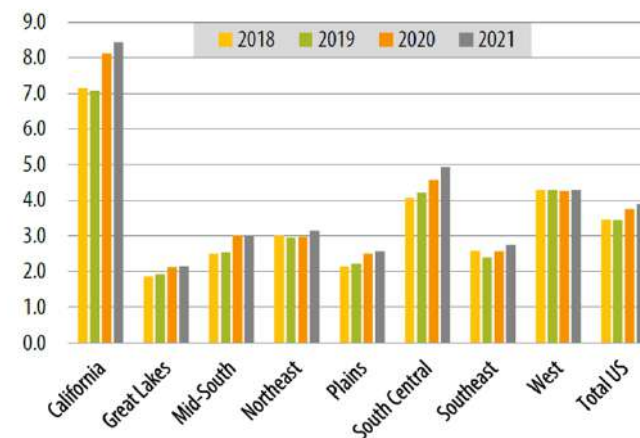


# Question: Will the pace remain this strong in the USA?

- Average consumption already very high at 3.9 kg/capita?
  - The tools are here:
    - Huge promotion budget (=>\$80 million/Y)
    - Small fruits in nets – fastly growing market segment
  - Potential customers are also here:
    - Evolution of the population: **+30 m consumers in 2030** (2/3 overconsuming Hispa)
    - HAB studies: % of over-consumers increasing (spending>\$26/Y)  
28% of the households / 70% of sales  
More and more non Hispanic people entering this category
  - Good potential on **the East coast – large population under consuming**



**Hass avocado - United States - Consumption by region**  
(in kg/capita | source: HAB)



**YES**

Validation of the growth hypothesis

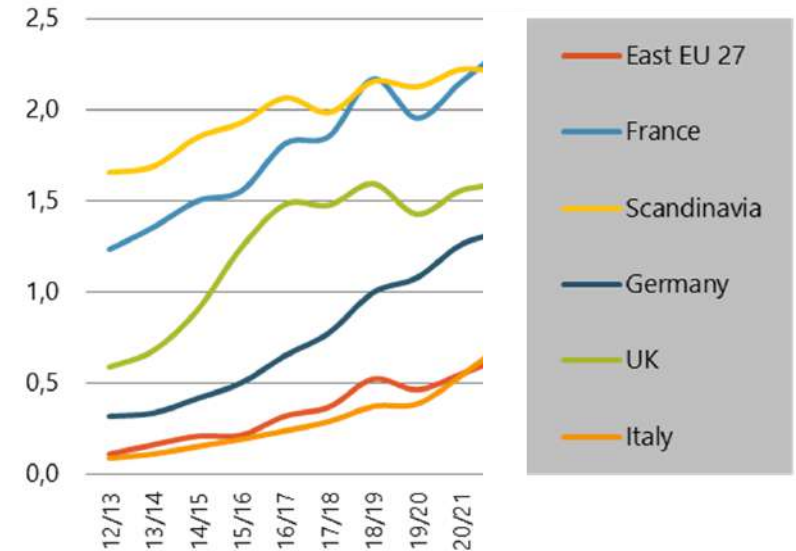


## Question: Will the pace remain unchanged in the EU27+UK?

Average consumption far lower : 1,5 kg/capita // 3,9 for the USA (2021)  
... but serious doubts

- **WAO promotion budget still low for the moment**
  - EUR 2/3 million for more than 500 million people
- **A cap on the growth on the most developed markets**
  - D/IT/East Europe:
    - Consumption still low
    - Growth rate 2015->2020: >20%
  - FR/Nordic Countries:
    - Consumption above 2 kg/capita
    - Growth rate 2015->2020: 8% (FR) – 4% (NC)

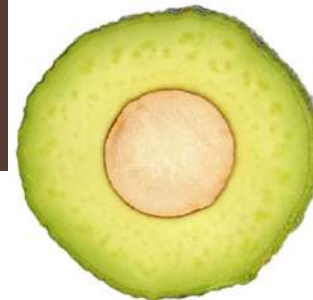
Avocado - EU27+UK - Consumption by country  
(in kg/capita | source: Eurostat)



### Chosen Hypothesis:

- Reducing the German growth to 6% when passing the 2.0 kg/capita step
- Including a recovery of the UK (Brexit saga over) at 5%
- For the others - keeping the last 4 years growth rate

=> from a 12%/Y growth till 2023 to 8% from 2024 to 2028



# Consumption Update EU 27 2022 + UK/Nor./Swiss : A new challenge !

- **A new challenge – inflation !**

- December 22 (Y/Y) : from 6/7% (FR/SP) to 20% + (H, Baltic States) / average EU 27 10,4 % ... and avocado is within the “expensive fruits”)

- **2022 preliminary results – good, but slow down confirmed!**

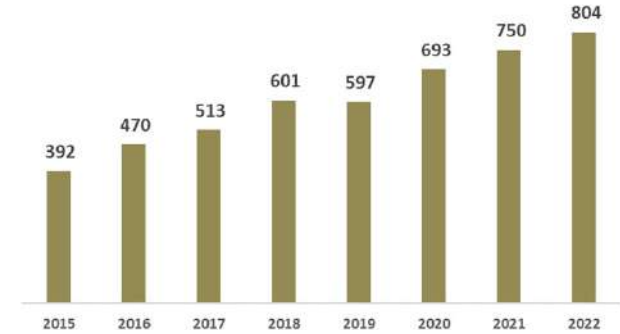
- A nice growth of 7% in 2022 – preliminary estimate
- Still far better than the average of the fruit category
- ...but tending slightly down?

	Yearly growth	
	in %	in vol.
2015->20	12%	+60 000 t
2020->22	7%	+55 000 t

- **By countries – some good...and bad news**

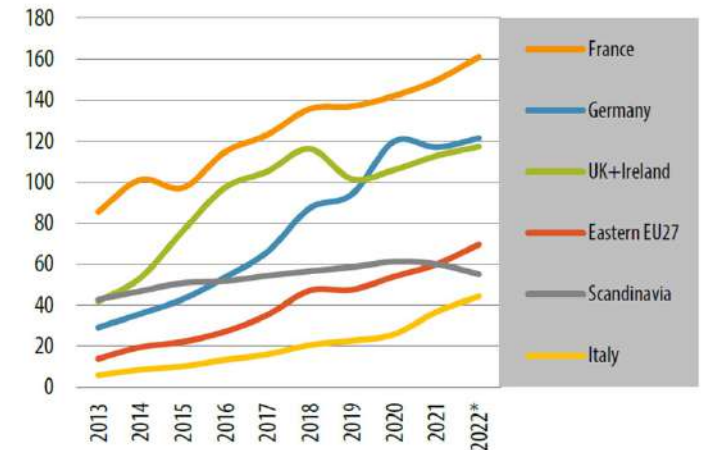
- Italy still within the strong growth drivers, with a high potential
  - Yearly growth >20% this last 4 years - consumption still low at 730 g/capita
- France back on track after the slow down experienced in 2020 and 2021
  - +8% in 2022 against 4/5% - consumption at 2,4 kg/capita in 2022
- ....but....
  - UK recovery still poor – just back on the 2018 consumption in 2022 (1,6 kg/capita)
  - Nordic countries from almost flat to slightly decreasing
  - And, above all, Germany flat till 2020 (1,3 kg/capita) – former main growth driver

EU27+UK+N+S - appearing consumption  
1 000 t - CIRAD from customs \*2022 provisional



Avocado - EU27+UK+Norway - Consumption

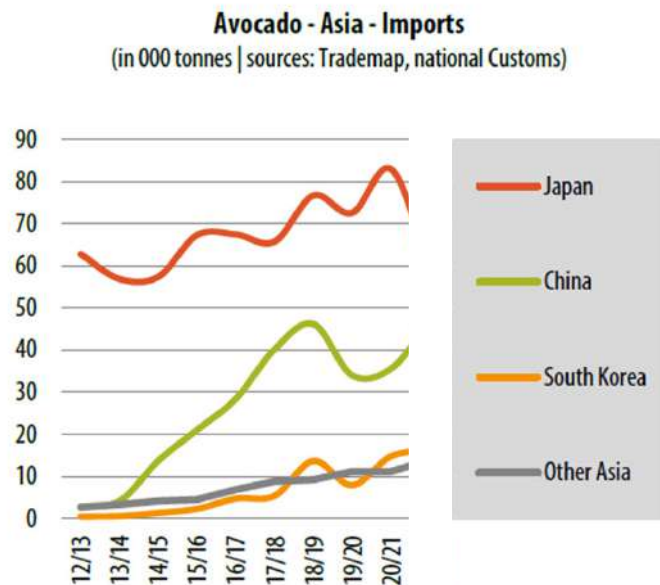
(\* 2022 provisional | in 000 tonnes | professional sources, Eurostat)



Will the slow down be stronger than expected in our hypothesis ?



## Asia: accelerating, thanks to China?



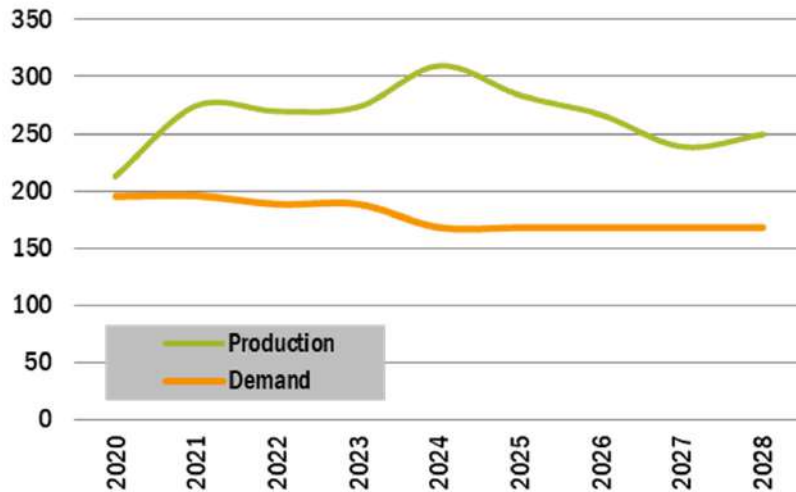
- **Our hypothesis for Asia:**
  - **China: increasing the growth.**
    - Disappointing until 21/22 - flat at 35 000/45 000 t
    - **However...**
      - High potential – large population with good income
      - Investments in infrastructures (cold storage/ripening facility)
      - Investment in consumer education
    - => Hypothesis: +20 000 t/Y during the period 2022 to 2028**
  - **For all the other markets: following the last 4 seasons trends**
    - Slight growth for Japan/South Korea and “other Asian markets”
- **Update 21/22 ...quite disappointing again...**
  - Limited growth in China / dramatic decrease in Japan, but link to the drop of the Mexican production (90% of the supply)

**To sum up the growth hypothesis used in this projection :**

- Same strong pace in the USA
- A slight slow down in the EU27+UK – Will the slowdown be more marked?
- Asia accelerating – will the growth be as good as expected ?

## Crossing the annual increase of production and demand

Avocado - Scenario 2028 : additional production and demand  
(in 000 tonnes | source: CIRAD)

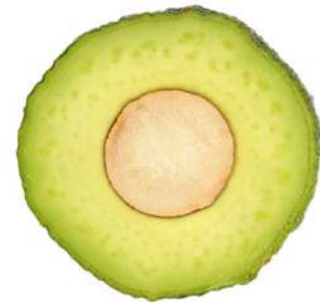


From a balanced situation...

around +200 000 t for both the export potential and the demand

...to a very significantly unbalanced market

- Production increasing much faster than the demand
- A 80 000/100 000 t gap from now on



## In conclusion

- Lots of parameters to take into account / lots of uncertainties  
=> **The “model” only shows a “direction”**
- The gap between additional supply and demand is very large  
=> **Hypothesis of major oversupply highly possible**
- Parameters **impossible to take into account**, but that may highly impact the projection :
  - climate change can highly impact the industry in some countries over a long period (Chile, Spain, Colombia,...)  
=> **New and lower yield hypothesis possible**
  - **New regulations and consumer expectations – sustainability**
    - Carbon/water foot print regulations entering into force soon?  
=> Will all those additional volumes get access to markets demanding high certification schemes?
    - Consumer move to local food. Impact?
  - **Image of the product – addressing the controversies with scientifically proven analysis**

This study is a warning, but it is still time to act: **TWO KEY WORDS**

### **-DECREASE of the plantation rhythm**

not the case for the moment - first estimate planting 21/22 >**30 000 ha!!!**

### **-PROMOTION**

strength of the avocado market : **huge margins of consumption growth not or underexploited**

In the “foreign” Asian markets / Local and regional market of the producing countries

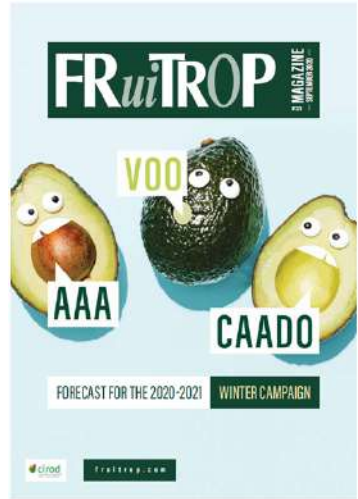
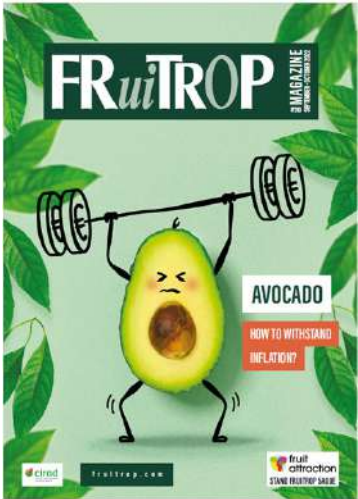
But above all in Europe – High potential (1,5 kg/capita against 3,9 in the US!)

main growth driver with the USA in the coming years

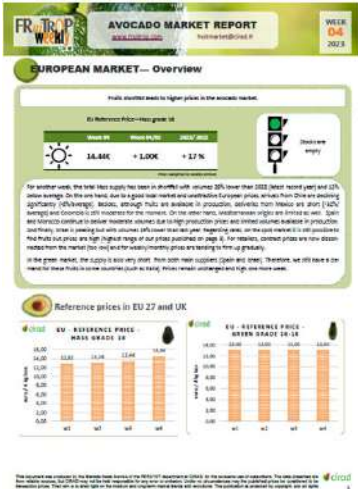


**Version 2.0 of projection in process – first presentation at WAC NZ**

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