



Nursery Industry Accreditation Scheme Australia

NIASA: **AVOCADO** NURSERY STOCK SPECIFICATION

Best Management Practice Guidelines
for Avocado Production as an
Appendix to the

NIASA BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICE GUIDELINES



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AVOCADO NURSERY STOCK SPECIFICATION

1 Introduction

Nursery production of 'high health' avocado plants to a set industry specification is recognised within Australia as playing an important role in supporting the Australian avocado production industry.

Purchasers of avocado nursery stock require assurance that stock purchased meets an industry standard, is true to type, and that appropriate steps have been taken to reduce the chance of introduction of serious pathogens into the production environment.

The Avocado Nursery Voluntary Accreditation Scheme (ANVAS), administered by Avocados Australia Limited (AAL), is recognised as the Australian avocado industry's scheme to provide superior planting material to industry members.

The incorporation of this avocado nursery stock specification into the NIASA BMP program does not mean a business will automatically be granted ANVAS accreditation upon compliance to these NIASA requirements. The process to achieve ANVAS accreditation is through compliance to the NIASA BMP Guidelines, and these avocado nursery stock specification requirements, to allow a NIASA – Avocado Nursery Stock Specification certified business to apply to AAL for recognition of ANVAS equivalence and be awarded ANVAS accreditation by AAL if appropriate.

In order for a production nursery to be eligible to apply to AAL for ANVAS accreditation, the production nursery **must** be:

- NIASA accredited; **AND**
- implement the requirements specified within this Appendix; **AND**
- be found at audit to have implemented the procedures within this Appendix to a **Satisfactory standard**; **AND**
- hold and maintain NIASA Avocado Nursery Stock Specification certification as evidenced by a current NIASA Avocado Nursery Stock Specification Certificate.

2 Materials used in plant production

2.1 Water

Water is managed in accordance with requirements provided in NIASA Section 1.1.1 Water.

Key requirements for Avocado Production – Water.

- Water that is obtained from town suppliers, bores free of surface run-off or clean roof catchments does not require disinfestation.
- Other sources of water **must** be disinfested using an approved NIASA disinfestation procedure.
- Subsequent storage of water requires facilities and procedures to be established and implemented that do not allow for contamination by untreated water, soil, plant debris, dust and animal movement.