



AVOCADO SOCIETY
OF KENYA



AVOCADO AGRIBUSINESS TRAINING & FARM TOUR

The **AVOCADO SOCIETY OF KENYA** invites you to a comprehensive Avocado Agribusiness Training and Farm Tour

Date: 17th and 18th of October 2019, **Time:** 9:00am - 4:30pm

Venue: KENYA SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE - THIKA.

THE FOLLOWING TOPICS WILL BE COVERED DURING THE TRAINING

1. GENERAL INTRODUCTION TO AVOCADO FARMING

- Avocado production areas
- Botanical aspects of Avocado
- Climatic and soil requirements
- Understanding the Avocado tree

2. CULTIVARS AND ROOT STOCKS

- Taxonomy
- Cultivars
- Rootstocks

3. PROPAGATION

- Avocado Nursery
- Water source
- Planting area
- Propagation of root stocks
- Grafting

4. CROP MANAGEMENT

- Soil Preparation
- Wind protection
- Farm layout planting of orchards
- Avocado pollination.
- Pruning and training
- Irrigation
- Fertilization(fertigation)

5. DISEASE AND PEST MANAGEMENT

DISEASES- Cercospora spot, Phytophthora (root rot), Anthracnose, Dothiorella/ Colletrichum, Stem end rot, Colletrichum speckle, (pepper spot), Avocado sunblotch viroid, Armillaria root rot, Bacterial canker, Branch Canker and Dieback, phomopdis spot, scab, sooty blotch, verticillium wilt.

PESTS- coconut bug, tip wilters, largeblack tip water, leaf-footed plant bug, stink bug, woolly stink bug, two-spotted stink bug, Yellow-spotted stink bug,Grey-brown stink bug,Green vegetable bug, Avocado bug, Citrus leaf hopper, Long -tailed mealy bug, soft brown scale, Heart-shaped scale, Soft scale, Palm scale, Avocado scale, Spanish red scale, Rufous scale, Thrips,Greenhouse thrips,Red-banded thrips, Avocado beetle, Fruitflies, False codling moth, Leaf rollers, Avocado web caterpillar, citrus looper, tea red mite , nematodes.

6. THE USE OF SPRAYING EQUIPMENT

7.HARVESTING AND POST HARVEST HANDLING

- a) Harvesting and packing
- b) Avocado packing guide

8. MARKET LINKAGES AND FOOD SAFETY STANDARDS

PARTICIPANTS

Training is suitable for avocado farmers, horticulturists, students, consultants, extension officers and anyone who is interested in the avocado industry.
Certificate will be issued

LANGUAGE

The major language of communication shall be English and Kiswahili

COST PER PARTICIPANT

Ksh 10,000 to include meals, stationary

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation available at the training facility at Ksh.800 per night. Alternative accommodation available at the adjacent Thika Town.

The following are the payment details;

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