



GROVE MANAGEMENT VINEYARD MANAGEMENT

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To Whom it May Concern

I have been using the fertility management services from Soil Technology for many years now. In 2012 we hired Soil Technology as a consultant to assist us in starting an avocado nursery. They were responsible for managing everything from soil development for the grafted avocado liners to the proper nutrition program to finish a final 5 gallon tree ready to plant in the field 14 months later. During the same period of time, we contracted with a respectable existing avocado Nursery to grow us 5 gallon avocado trees. The trees we planted from our nursery, grown by Soil Technology, are outperforming the 5 gallon trees grown by a competent competitor. We are very pleased with the level of expertise and fertility management services provided by Blaine and his team at Soil Technology. I depend on Soil Technology for their fertility expertise on many of my large groves and highly recommend their consulting services for anyone looking to grow superior performing plants.

In addition, we are currently evaluating their Water Conservation protocol to determine if we can grow citrus and avocado trees with less water.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Al Stehly".

Al Stehly
Stehly Grove Management