

HOLLOW PIT

WHAT IS IT?

Occasionally when you cut open an avocado you might see something missing: the seed! Don't be alarmed, the avocado will still taste just as creamy and buttery as one with the seed. The seed has turned a dark brown and dehydrated completely, leaving behind a hollow hole where the seed was.



WHAT CAUSES IT?

An avocado tree can support only a certain amount of volume each season. When more flowers are pollinated beyond the amount that the tree can support, the tree must terminate some of the fruit. Once this happens, the seed in the fruit dies and the piece stops growing. The seed is the life source of the fruit, which is why hollow seeds are primarily seen in small avocados, not in the larger sizes that have received full nutrition throughout their life span.

WHAT CAN BE DONE?

Climate may have an impact, causing the tree to stress more than normal and reject a higher percentage of viable fruit. There is no harm to the remaining viable fruit, which can be expected to continue to ripen and taste like a normal avocado.



Does not cause internal damage



Fruit expected to ripen and taste normal



Typically affects only small sizes