

## RIDGING

### WHAT IS IT?

Ridging is a protuberance or small raised line on the surface of an avocado skin. Ridging does not cause any damage to the internal quality of the fruit.



### WHAT CAUSES IT?

The main cause of ridging is not completely understood, but most experts agree that it is caused by thrip or mite activity during the flowering stage.<sup>7</sup> The skin is damaged at an early stage and as the fruit grows, the small ridge is stretched across a greater percentage of the fruit's surface. The growth of the young fruit is also slightly stunted, therefore ridging is more commonly seen in small sized fruit.

### WHAT CAN BE DONE?

While ridging cannot be completely avoided, it can be reduced by proper integrated pest management practices in the field. The ridges themselves can become more susceptible to light scarring due to the fact that they are raised higher on the skin's surface. As long as the fruit is handled properly after harvest, further damage is generally not expected to occur.



**Does not cause internal damage**



**Fruit expected to ripen and taste normal**



**More commonly appears in small-sized fruit**