



A LOOK
BEHIND THE
SCENES



MISSION

"To consistently provide superior service and returns to our growers and global partners by being an exceptional supplier of premium fresh avocados to valued customers."

STRATEGIES

- 1. Provide excellent service for customers and growers.
 - 2. Deliver safe, high quality products.
- 3. Provide superior returns for growers and trading partners.
- 4. Aggressively build and market the Index Fresh and AvoTerra brands.
- 5. Operate strong communication and education platforms for our growers.
 - 6. Maintain state of the art packing and marketing infrastructure.

VISION

"To be an industry leader as a packer, shipper and premium marketer of avocados domestically and internationally, and recognized by growers as the preferred avocado marketer."

STRATEGIES

- 1. Work as a team to build unparalleled competence.
- 2. Grow Index Fresh's market share to 12% over the next 10 years.
 - 3. Commit to preserve the California premium.
 - 4. Nourish a growth oriented culture for employees.
- 5. Grow shareholder value through long-term sustainable growth.

VALUES

To achieve our Mission and Vision, we:

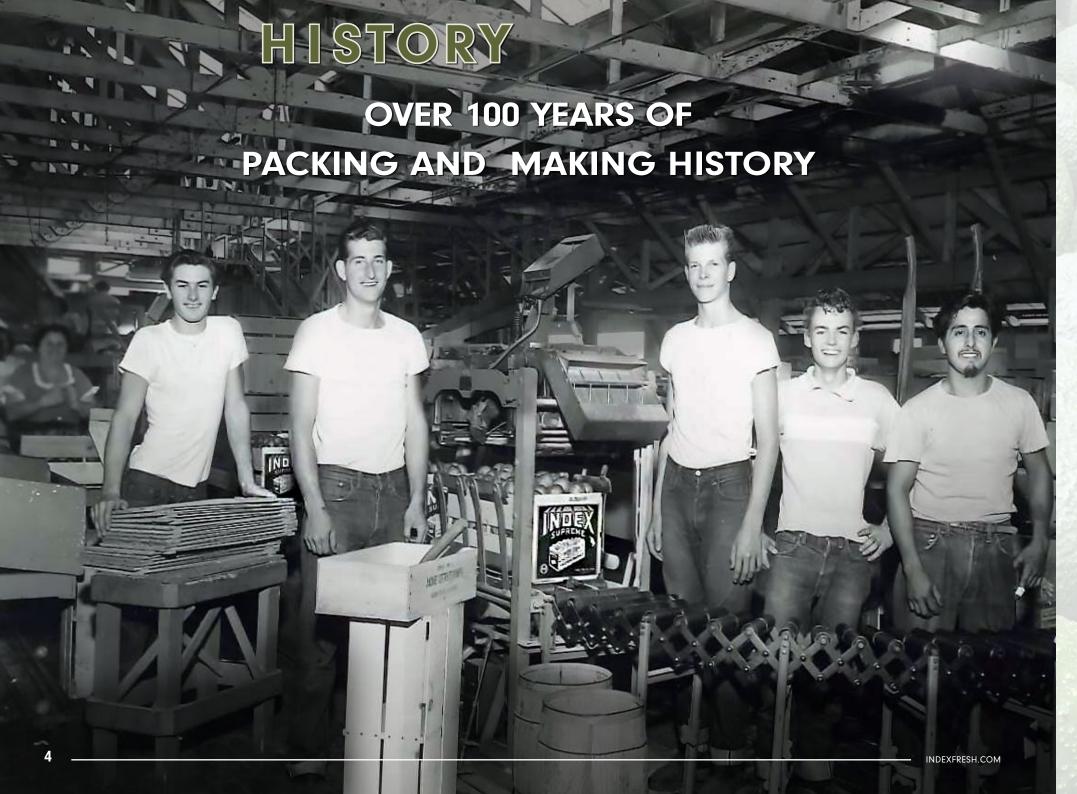
- 1. Embrace integrity and honesty.
- 2. Take responsibility for our actions, individually and as a company.
 - 3. Respect our customers, growers, suppliers and each other.
- 4. Strive to develop innovative products, systems and relationships.
 - 5. Cultivate a dynamic and safe workplace for employees.
 - 6. Communicate openly and transparently.





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Index Orchards is founded as a grower-owned corporation, packing and marketing lemons and oranges from Southern California

1922 World population reaches 2 billion.

1929 Black Tuesday -Stock Market Crash.



The company is re-formed as a cooperative under the name Index Mutual Association.

The 1950s

In the 1950s, Index Mutual merges with the United Avocado Growers and introduces So Good and Index brands. It also began to market the Vidacado, Try-a-cado, Black Gem, Supreme and Taurus labels.

1914 Woodrow Wilson

is President.



1942 Pearl Harbor attacked.

The United Avocado Growers i formed and becomes an early marketer of Hass under the Black Beauty brand.

1936

The first Hass avocado is patented by Rudolph Hass from a tree he grew in the La Habra hills just miles from Index Mutual Association.





1969 Apollo 11 lands

The 1970s

In the 1970s, avocados replace citrus as Index's primary product.

1939

The company moves its headquarter

INDEX FRESH INC. 1999

Index Fresh of California converts from a cooperative back to a grower-owned corporation and changes its name to Index Fresh, Inc.

Index Fresh, Inc. completes a modernization of facilities and nearly doubles the size of the cold storage space.

2003

2004

Index Fresh expands product line to include Mexican Avocados.

2007 iPhone

2013

Index Fresh's total volume reaches a record 133 million pounds of avocados and \$144 million in revenue.

AvoTerra

1992 Collapse of the Soviet Union.

AvoLoma labels, and bring back the So Good brand. Peruvian Avocados is added to their Canadian Market offerings

Exports to Asia grows into a

significant portion of Index's business.

2015

2012

The product line is expanded to

include Chilean Avocados.

1991

For the first time, Index Fresh surpasse \$100 Million in sales and 100 million



from La Habra to Bloomington,

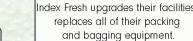
building a new state-of-the-art packing and cooling facility.

AVOSOL

pounds of avocados marketed.

2011

Index Fresh continues its growth



by adding Peruvian produce to their United States product line

1990

Index Mutual Association becomes

Index Fresh of California.

2016

Index Fresh, Inc. launches, an industry first, app calling it Fresh Facts by Index Fresh.



packing house in Pharr, Tx., to include bagging and ripening.

2014

Index Fresh, Inc. celebrates a century of fruit packing and marketing, as a major player in the avocado market.



Index Fresh, Inc. re-introduce the Index Fresh brand for all California Avocados and use the AvoTerra brand for all import avocados.

Index Fresh, Inc. builds a new

SHARE OF U.S. MARKET



INDEX FRESH®

CALIFORNIA



- California grower owned
 - 400+ Growers
- Top 8 growers provide 60% of volume
- 3rd largest supplier in the United States
- 35 44 loads per week March August shipping period

- 40 loads average per week shipped to the US

60-70% of Index Fresh's annual volume

- Partnership with 4 packing sheds that pack the AvoTerra® label
 - Top 5 importer from Mexico



PERU



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- Largest/US importer
- Program oriented shipment plan
- Long-term relationship with 2 packing houses
 - 30 year relationships

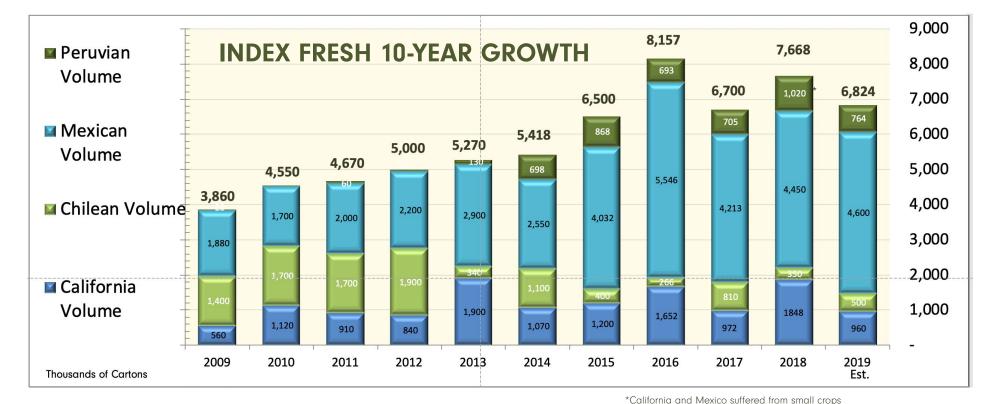
- Average of 30 loads per week shipped to the U.S. June - September
- Partnership with 5 packing sheds that pack AvoTerra® label
- Enables Index Fresh to have total country coverage to ship throughout the season



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INDEX FRESH GROWTH & STRENGTHS

INDEX FRESH



INDEX FRESH CORE STRENGTHS

Singularly focused as avocados are Index Fresh's highest flavor fruit at most economical price only commodity.

 Index Fresh sources large volumes of avocados from 5 countries of origin-California, Mexico, Chile Peru and Colombia. By doing so. it insures that all accounts receive the best possible market price during all months of the year. With the "Right Fruit at the Right Time" approach, each COO has a time of year to be the top performer. This allows us to provide

when each COO is at peak season.

 Index Fresh is not forced to supply a COO regions, Index Fresh is a better source of market information. We provide realistic budget analysis and market information.



HASS AVAILABILITY BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN



Our consistent, steady growth is the result of providing our customers with consistent quality and a year-round supply of avocados. **Index Fresh** actively develops relationships

Right Fruit at the Right Time

SUMMARY

- Grow the category by supplying the right preconditioned fruit from the right COO, at the right time of year to ensure optimal freshness.
- **l** Index Fresh is a vertically integrated grower driven company who specializes in the unique needs of our clients
- Focused on selling avocados not profits from preconditioning avocados

that may not be the right fit for a Customer as all COO options are available - when in season. Due to our presence in all four growing

customer programs vour needs.

with multiple

international

avocado growers

to offer flexible

DISTRIBUTION & RIPENING



INDEX FRESH DISTRIBUTION

Index Fresh has regional storage and ripening centers located in California, Colorado, Texas, Iowa, Illinois, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. We have developed partnerships with broad line distributors to create superior cost-efficient ripening, storage and distribution programs. We supply our customers with transparency of all costs through the distribution channel, along with daily deliveries to most locations. At all ripening locations, we have Index Fresh trained ripening staff to ensure the proper stage of ripeness is achieved for all customers.

Right fruit at the right time...





Darker in skin color.

will be soft to touch.

perfect for eating.

BENEFITS TO RIPENING WITH INDEX FRESH

- Avocados are our sole focus!
 Nationwide, Index Fresh ripens and ships over 100,000 cases of fresh avocados each week.
- We understand maturity!
 Not all avocados are the same. Country of origin, seasonality, temperature and weather all play a role in an avocado's post-harvest performance.
 Our ripening specialists take all of this into account when processing your orders.
- Rotation! Rotation! Rotation!
 Keeping things fresh is the name of
 our game. Our inventory turn rate is
 extremely efficient. This means fresh
 fruit on each and every order.

INDEX FRESH®

PRECONDITIONING PROCESS

All avocados are preconditioned and shipped to the DC's within 7 days of arrival at center.

As soon as the avocados arrive, a quality control report with fruit temperatures, PSI and ripe stage are noted at the DC. Quality control is also done after the preconditioning process to ensure that fruit meets desired specifications.

RIPENING TIMELINE



Stage

Stage 3

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Very hard fruit. Usually green in color, some fruit may be a darker shade.
(More than 25 lbs. of pressure)

Stage 2

PRE-CONDITIONED

Ready to eat in approximately 3 days if held at room temperature. (15-25 lbs. of pressure)

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BREAKING

(Pre-Ripened) Slight give to fruit. Ready to eat in approximately 2 days if held at room temperature.

(10-15 lbs. of pressure)

Stage 4

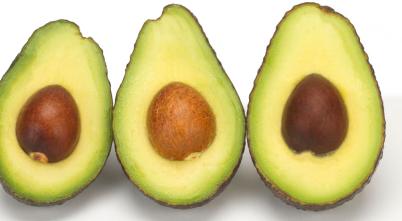
FIRM RIPE
(Pre-Ripened) Y

(Pre-Ripened) Yields to gentle pressure. Good for slicing. Fully ripe next day if held at room temperature. (5-10 lbs. of pressure)

Stage 5

RIPE

Easily yields to gentle pressure. Good for all uses. Will remain in this condition for 2-3 days if held at room temperature. (5 lbs. of pressure)



PACKAGING

INDEX FRESH°



CALIFORNIA PACKAGING

IMPORT PACKAGING (MEXICO, PERU, & CHILE)



MERCHANDISING

INDEX FRESH°

PROGRAMS

Index Fresh offers:

- Contract Pricing
- Bags and Racks
- Custom Packs
- Volume Incentive Rebates
- Demos
- RPC Containers
- Marketing Funds
- Preconditioned Fruit from Trigger to Ripe Stages
- Grove Tours and Educational Seminars
- Trips to Sourcing Regions

Let us create a promotional calendar that meets your needs.





INDEX FRESH°

FOOD SAFETY

Index Fresh has introduced our GFSI incentive to our California Growers, with 60% compliance level. Index Fresh of California packing house is PRIMUS GFSI certified with a superior rating of 98%.

All packinghouses from Mexico, Chile and Peru are certified GFSI Primus or BRC with superior ratings. They also hold SMETA social responsibility certifications for all locations.



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