

# Avocados

## Foliar & Fertigation Trials

### Introduction

Amino Boss™ was applied to Hass avocados over the fruit set and fill period to determine whether it could assist with fruit retention. The product was applied via foliar and fertigation application methods at Simpson's avocado farm in Queensland. An impressive total yield increase of 22% was achieved from application of Amino Boss as a foliar spray and 17% increase via fertigation. There were also improvements in the quality of the fruit harvested.

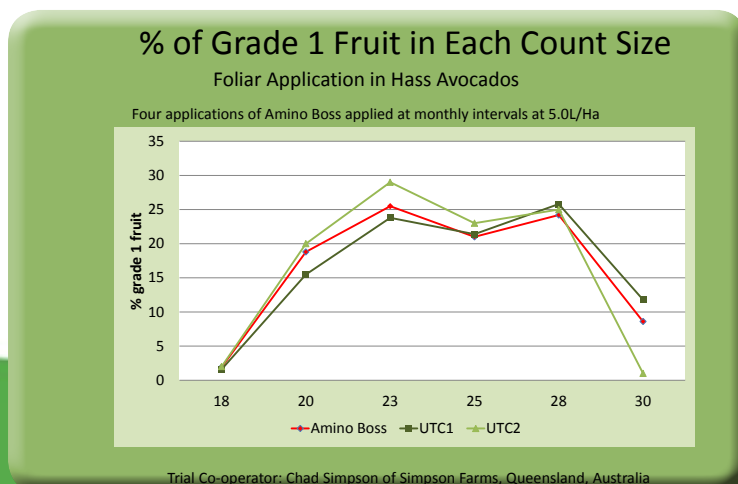
### Trial Design for Foliar Application

Amino Boss was applied at a rate of 5.0L/Ha to Hass avocado trees at early fruit set (1-5mm), full fruit set (5-10mm), and fruit fill, when the fruit was both 20-40mm and again at 40-70mm. This resulted in application timings that were at monthly intervals. The Amino Boss treated trees were compared to two untreated control blocks. The treated area and control blocks were evaluated for % of Grade 1 fruit in each count size, total kg's packed (all grades) and total kg fruit harvested per hectare.

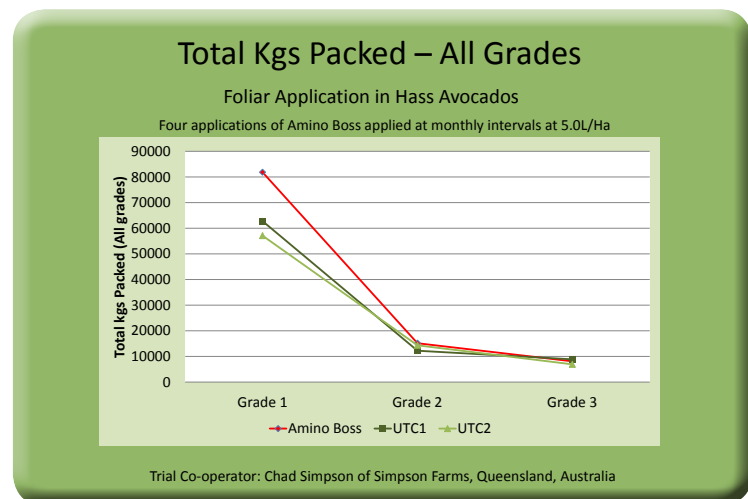
### Results - Foliar Application

Figure 1 shows that there was little difference in the fruit sizing percentage splits from all of the blocks including the one treated with Amino Boss. Figure 2 shows that there was a 30% increase in number of kg's of Grade 1 fruit in the Amino Boss treated block. An impressive total yield increase of 22% was recorded for the Amino Boss treated block as shown in Figure 3.

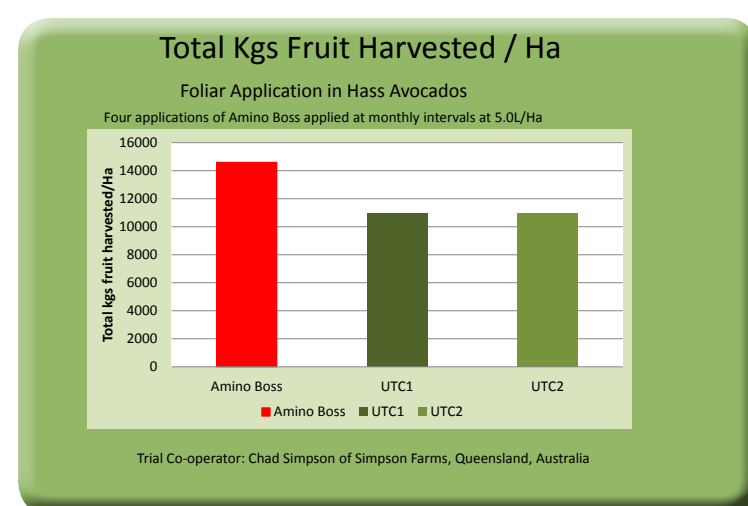
**Figure 1: % of grade 1 fruit in each count size**



**Figure 2: Total kg's packed (all grades)**



**Figure 3: Total kg fruit harvested / Ha**



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### Trial Design for Fertigation Application

Amino Boss was applied at a rate of 2.0L/Ha to Hass avocado trees at early fruit set (1-5mm), full fruit set (5-10mm), and fruit fill, when the fruit was 20-40mm and again at 40-70mm and 50-80mm. This resulted in application timings that were at monthly intervals. The Amino Boss treated trees were compared to two untreated control blocks. The treated area and control blocks were evaluated for % of Grade 1 fruit in each count size, total kg's packed (all grades) and total kg fruit harvested per hectare.

### Results - Fertigation Application

Figures 4 and 5 show that there was an increase in the larger sized Grade 1 fruit and an overall higher volume of fruit packed in to the Grade 1 lines. In addition to this significant improvement in fruit quality, another impressive total yield increase of 17% was recorded for the Amino Boss fertigation treated block, as shown in Figure 6.

Figure 4: % of grade 1 fruit in each count size

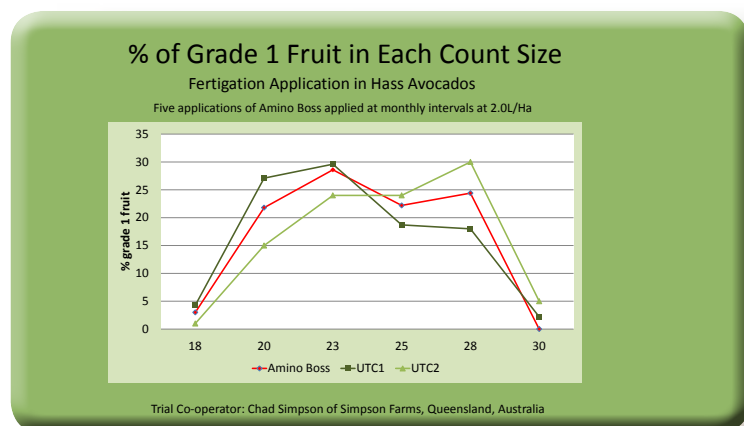


Figure 5: Total kg's packed (all grades)

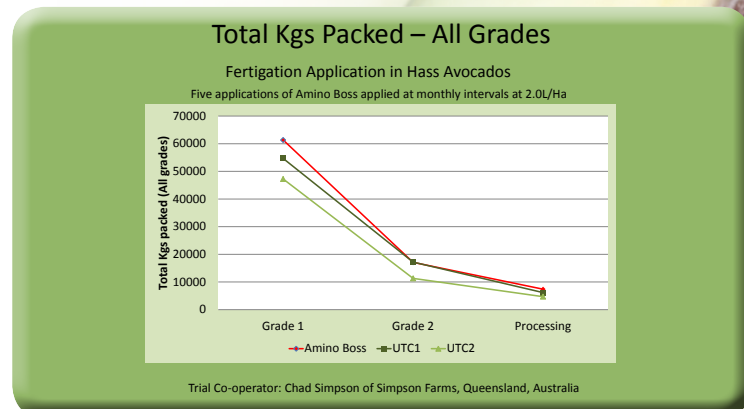
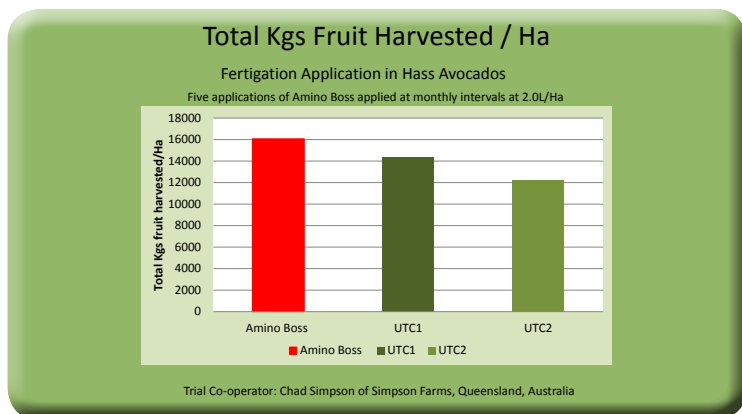


Figure 6: Total kg fruit harvested / Ha



### Crop Safety

The foliage and fruit were assessed for any signs of phytotoxicity. No crop phytotoxicity on either the foliage or fruit was observed.

