

## RESPONSE, ANALYTICS & REPORTING

Official Information Act

Avocado related injuries



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### Question

ACC Analytics & Reporting received an Official Information Act Request:

How many claims were received in 2020 and 2019 involving avocados?

### Response

*The data have been extracted based on the following criteria:*

The claim accident date is between 1 January 2019 and 31 December 2020.

The claim cover decision is equal to 'Accept'.

The accident description contains a free text search for: 'avocado', 'avercado', 'avocado', with allowances for other spelling variations.

Harvesting avocados includes a search for 'pick', 'harvest', 'prun', 'lift', 'bin', 'box', 'crate', 'tree', 'bag', 'hydro ladder', 'branch', 'pack', 'orchard'.

Slicing avocados includes a search for 'slic', 'chop', 'cutting', 'knife', 'seed', 'stone', 'pip', 'core', 'pit', 'stoning', 'prepar', 'peel'.

All other avocado related injuries did not contain either of these breakdowns.

**Table 1: Number of new claims for avocado related injuries registered between 1 January 2019 and 31 December 2020.**

Key Word Breakdown	Registration Calendar Year	
	2019	2020
Slicing	365	416
Harvesting	119	149
Other	43	61
<b>Total</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>626</b>

**Table 2: Number of active claims for avocado related injuries with payments between 1 January 2019 and 31 December 2020.**

Key Word Breakdown	Payment Calendar Year	
	2019	2020
Slicing	355	392
Harvesting	149	186
Other	36	54
<b>Total</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>632</b>

**Table 3: Number of active claim costs for avocado related injuries with payments between 1 January 2019 and 31 December 2020.**

Key Word Breakdown	Payment Calendar Year	
	2019	2020
Slicing	\$158,730	\$325,582
Harvesting	\$206,390	\$339,625
Other	\$27,356	\$14,719
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$392,476</b>	<b>\$679,926</b>

**Caveats / notes on data:**

Accredited employer claims have been excluded.

New claims - the claims in these tables have been counted by the date that the claim was registered with ACC. This can be immediately after the injury occurred or at any later stage.

Active claims – the claims in these rows have been counted when a claim has received a payment in the relevant calendar year. These claims were not necessarily registered, or had the accident occur, in the same calendar year. A claim may be active in multiple periods and will be counted once in each period it is active.

Costs provided are exclusive of GST.

Costs are based on payment date. Payment date may be different to the date of service.

Costs do not include Public Health Acute Services (PHAS) payments. Treatment for covered claims in public hospitals is provided by an annual service agreement between ACC and the Ministry of Health, and is funded by bulk payments from ACC to the Crown.

The accident description is a non-mandatory free-text field on the ACC45 form. The nature and quality of responses varies. These data should therefore be considered indicative, but not a definitive count of claims.

Data were extracted on 21 January 2021 and may differ if rerun at a later date.