# Use of Simple Sequence Repeats (SSR) to Determine Incidence and Effectiveness of Selfand Cross-pollinated Avocado Fruit in Southern California 

## Continuing Project: Year 2 of 3

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## Benefits to the Industry

SSR technology is a powerful tool to determine the pollen parents of avocado progeny of known maternal genetic background. The four SSR markers we have selected for use to determine pollen parents are powerfully informative for the range of cross pollinizing cultivars available in the selected orchards and, therefore, highly capable of discerning the specific pollen parent of each sampled fruit. The cultivars included in the study are Bacon, Ettinger, Fuerte, Harvest, Hass, Lamb Hass, Marvel, Nobel, SirPrize and Zutano. This, coupled with the opportunity to sample fruits in replicated experimental plots comparing cross- and self-pollinations in trees located various distances from pollinizing cultivars, and comparing retention of cross- vs. self-pollinated fruit over the development season makes this endeavor one of the most comprehensive ever preformed on avocado. As a result of this three-year suite of studies, avocado growers and advisors will, for the first time, unequivocally know the impact of interplanting complimentary cultivars, and how these ultimately influence the crop.

## Objectives

The primary objective of this research is to determine the pollen parent of each fruit sampled early in fruit development and in those sampled late in fruit development at maturity. Secondarily with this knowledge applied to the population of fruits sampled from trees in experimental plots described below, the objectives include:

1. Estimate the proportions of successful self-pollinations with 'Hass' and cross-pollinations with specific cultivars that occurred in the individual rows of varying proximity to cross-pollinizing cultivars.
2. Determine if the proportion of outcrossed fruit increases during maturity due to preferential abscission of self-pollinated fruit as has been found for certain pollen parents of 'Hass'.
3. Determine if there is preferential retention of cross-pollinated fruit pollinated by a specific cultivar during maturation.

## Summary

In September of 2004, we had begun SSR analysis of the embryos in marble-sized 'Hass' fruits that were harvested at the Debusschere orchard located on the coastal plain near Camarillo in Ventura County on June 13, 2004. Approximately 25 marble-sized fruits were sampled evenly down six trees of interplanted rows and eight trees of 'Hass' rows consisting of ten trees in 48 rows across a block of trees interplanted every six rows with the cultivars listed above and nearby Lamb Hass (Fig. 1). The results of a portion of those samples in which analyses were completed were published in the 2004 California Avocado Research Symposium. Details of the experimental and analytical protocols along with supporting literature were included therein. Collection of near-mature 'Hass’ fruit was made on November 1, 2004. About 35 fruit were harvested per row. The earlyseason fruit samples represent the first of two samplings from the 2004 flowering season. SSR analysis of the approximately 1,000 embryos in these marble-sized, early-season fruit has now been completed, and we have proceeded on to analysis of these same 2004 fruit harvested near-maturity on November 1, 2004. Of the approximately 1,700 near-mature fruit sampled, we have analyzed more than 600.

## Results and Discussion

Results of genetic analyses of the embryos from marble sized fruit sampled on June 13, 2004 from test plots B2 and A2 at Debusschere orchard are presented in Tables 1a (western half of orchard plot) and 1b (eastern half). The tables report the results of individual fruits sampled from eight trees down each solid 'Hass' row and six trees down each row interplanted with pollinizer trees. These rows consisted of ten trees in the north plot and ten trees in the south plot designated N and S in the row columns of Tables 1a and 1 b .

Cross-pollination was greater than 50\% only in "Hass' trees interplanted with 'Ettinger' and 'Fuerte' but substantially less than $50 \%$ cross pollination in trees interplanted with the other pollinizers. The extent of crosspollination in adjacent rows was generally lower to non-existent compared to the pollinizer rows. On average, cross-pollination by any pollinizing cultivar was $6 \%$ or less. Over $70 \%$ of the fruit were self-pollinated. This is far greater than the proportion of self-pollination (about 30\%) observed in near-mature fruit harvested in the previous year, 2003.

The proportions of self-pollinated fruit were greater in the near-mature fruit harvested on November 1, 2004 (Table 2 a - western half and Table 2 b - eastern half of orchard) than those sampled at the marble-sized stage of development. This result, however, must be viewed as preliminary until all of the near-mature fruit samples have been analyzed. These high levels of self pollination displayed throughout the orchard give us the greatest opportunity to test the hypothesis that cross-pollinated fruit are retained to maturity in preference to selfpollinated fruit. The results thus far obtained, however, do not support the hypothesis.

Proportions of fruit pollinated by each cultivar within each row at marble size were compared to the proportions of self- or cross-pollinations in fruit harvested from the same trees at near-maturity. The retention rate within each row observed in fruit pollinated by each cultivar was, thus, calculated between young fruit harvested at marble size (Y04) and near-mature fruit (M04) derived from flowers pollinated in spring of 2004 (Table 3). The formula to calculate the retention rate $=\%$ of M04-\% of Y04. A positive number indicates increased retention of fruit derived from a particular pollinizer, and a negative number indicates a decrease in retention of fruit pollinated by the indicated cultivar by the indicated amount. Zero indicates no change in fruit retention during development. Overall, we have observed about a $10 \%$ increase in proportion of self-pollinated fruit and a concomitant decrease in retained fruit derived from cross-pollination (Table 3). There was, thus, greater loss of fruit derived from pollination by each pollinizing cultivar than by those that were self-pollinated. Even those fruit pollinated by 'Ettinger' appeared to be less retentive than the selfed fruit and no better than the other cultivars that are involved in the study.

## Conclusion

The proportion of self-pollination vs. cross-pollination is probably predominantly influenced by cool temperature conditions to which the trees are exposed from year to year. Self-pollination appears to be the dominant mode of pollination, and these preliminary results indicate that trees benefit from it, perhaps in preference over cross-pollination.

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Figure 1. Layout of Debusschere orchard plots B2 (north half) and A2 (south half). Orchard is bordered by tall windbreak rows of Poplar to the west and Eucalyptus to the east. 'Hass' (X) trees are interplanted with ‘Ettinger' (ET), ‘Nobel' (BL-567) (67), 'Fuerte’ (F), and 'Zutano' (Z) in the indicated rows of the north half of the orchard. 'Hass' (X) trees are interplanted with 'Marvel' (BL-516) (16), 'Harvest' (HV), 'Bacon’ (B), and 'SirPrize' (SP) in the indicated rows of the south half of the orchard. 'Lamb Hass' is interplanted with 'Hass' in rows 29, 35, 41, and 47 in the adjacent section immediately south of the displayed plotted section. 'Hass' fruit samples were collected evenly down rows among six trees in the interplanted rows and eight trees in 'Hass' rows.

| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | NORTH ROW 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 | 50 | TREE |  |
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|  | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | 1 |  |
| W |  |  | ET |  |  |  |  |  | 67 |  |  |  |  |  | F |  |  |  |  |  | Z |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | 2 |  |
| I |  |  | ET |  |  |  |  |  | 67 |  |  |  |  |  | F |  |  |  |  |  | Z |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | X | x | xc | xc | x | x | x | x | x | x | 3 |  |
| N |  |  | ET |  |  |  |  |  | 67 |  |  |  |  |  | F |  |  |  |  |  | Z |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | $x$ | x | x | x | X | x | xo | xo | x | x | x | x | x | x | 4 |  |
| D |  |  | ET |  |  |  |  |  | 67 |  |  |  |  |  | F |  |  |  |  |  | Z |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | x | x | X | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | X | x | x | x | x | x | x | X | X | x | 5 | B2 |
| B |  |  | ET |  |  |  |  |  | 67 |  |  |  |  |  | F |  |  |  |  |  | Z |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |  | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | 6 |  |
| R |  |  | ET |  |  |  |  |  | 67 |  |  |  |  |  | F |  |  |  |  |  | Z |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | xc | xc | x | x | x | x | x | x | 7 |  |
| E |  |  | ET |  |  |  |  |  | 67 |  |  |  |  |  | F |  |  |  |  |  | Z |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | X | x | xo | xo | x | x | x | x | x | x | 8 |  |
| A |  |  | ET |  |  |  |  |  | 67 |  |  |  |  |  | F |  |  |  |  |  | Z |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | x | x | $x$ | x | x | x | x | x |  | x | x | x | x | x |  | x | x | x | x | x |  | x | x | x | 9 |  |
| K |  |  | ET |  |  |  |  |  | $67$ |  |  |  |  |  | F |  |  |  |  |  | Z |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | X | x | X | X | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | X | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | X | x | x | 10 |  |
|  |  |  | ET |  |  |  |  |  | 67 |  |  |  |  |  | F |  |  |  |  |  | Z |  |  |  | TREE |  |
|  | x | x | X | x | x | x | x | x | X | x | x | x | x | x | X | x | x | x | x | x | X | x | x | x | 11 |  |
| W |  |  | 16 |  |  |  |  |  | HV |  |  |  |  |  | B |  |  |  |  |  | SP |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |  | x | x | x | x | x |  | x | x | x | 12 |  |
| 1 |  |  | 16 |  |  |  |  |  | HV |  |  |  |  |  | B |  |  |  |  |  | SP |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | X | x | x | x | 13 |  |
| N |  |  | 16 |  |  |  |  |  | HV |  |  |  |  |  | B |  |  |  |  |  | SP |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | X | x | x | x | x | x | X | x | x | x | 14 |  |
| D |  |  | 16 |  |  |  |  |  | HV |  |  |  |  |  | B |  |  |  |  |  | SP |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | X | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | 15 | A2 |
| B |  |  | 16 |  |  |  |  |  | HV |  |  |  |  |  | B |  |  |  |  |  | SP |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | x | x |  | x | x | x | x | x |  | x | x | x | x | x |  | x | x | x | x | x |  | x | x | x | 16 |  |
| R |  |  | $16$ |  |  |  |  |  | HV |  |  |  |  |  | B |  |  |  |  |  | SP |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | X | X | x | X | 17 |  |
| E |  |  | 16 |  |  |  |  |  | HV |  |  |  |  |  | B |  |  |  |  |  | SP |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | X | x | x | x | x | x | X | x | x | x | x | x | X | x | x | x | 18 |  |
| A |  |  | 16 |  |  |  |  |  | HV |  |  |  |  |  | B |  |  |  |  |  | SP |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | X | x | x | x | 19 |  |
| K |  |  | 16 |  |  |  |  |  | HV |  |  |  |  |  | B |  |  |  |  |  | SP |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | X | x | x | x | x | x | X | x | x | x | x | x | X | x | x | X | 20 |  |
|  |  |  | 16 |  |  |  |  |  | HV |  |  |  |  |  | B |  |  |  |  |  | SP |  |  |  |  |  |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 | 50 |  |  |

Table 1a. Numbers and proportions of marble sized 'Hass' fruit harvested on June 13, 2004 that were pollinated by all potential pollen donors in the western half of the Debusschere orchard plot. Table representing the eastern half of the plot is shown in Table 1b.

| Pollinizer |  |  |  |  |  | ger |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | bel |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Row | 27N |  | 28N |  | 29N |  | 30N |  | 31N |  | 32N |  | 33N |  | 34 N |  | 35 N |  | 36N |  | 37N |  | 38N |  |
| Fruits | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% |
| Total | 23 | 100 | 21 | 100 | 23 | 100 | 16 | 100 | 21 | 100 | 23 | 100 | 21 | 100 | 24 | 100 | 24 | 100 | 23 | 100 | 25 | 100 | 23 | 100 |
| Zutano | 1 | 4.3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6.3 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 4.3 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 4.2 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 4.3 | 1 | 4.0 | 1 | 4.3 |
| Hass | 18 | 78.3 | 10 | 48 | 1 | 4 | 10 | 62.5 | 14 | 66.7 | 15 | 65.2 | 11 | 52.4 | 17 | 70.8 | 15 | 62.5 | 9 | 39.1 | 13 | 52.0 | 13 | 56.5 |
| Fuerte | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 4.8 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 4.8 | 3 | 12.5 | 1 | 4.2 | 2 | 8.7 | 2 | 8.0 | 2 | 8.7 |
| Ettinger | 1 | 4.3 | 10 | 48 | 20 | 87 | 3 | 18.8 | 1 | 4.8 | 2 | 8.7 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 4.2 | 2 | 8.3 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 8.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Bacon | 1 | 4.3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 4.8 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 9.5 | 1 | 4.2 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| SirPrize | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6.3 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 4.3 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 4.2 | 2 | 8.3 | 2 | 8.7 | 2 | 8.0 | 3 | 13.0 |
| Marvel | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 3 | 13.0 | 1 | 4.8 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 4.3 | 3 | 12.0 | 1 | 4.3 |
| Harvest | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0.0 | 4 | 19.0 | 1 | 4.3 | 2 | 9.5 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 4.2 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 8.0 | 1 | 4.3 |
| Nobel | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 6.3 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 4.2 | 6 | 26.1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| LambHass | 2 | 8.7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 4 | 19.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 8.3 | 2 | 8.7 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 8.7 |


| Pollinizer |  |  |  |  | Marvel |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | vest |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Row | 27S |  | 28 S |  |  | 9S | 305 |  | 31S |  | 32S |  | 335 |  | 34S |  | 35S |  | 36 S |  | 37S |  | 38 S |  |
| Fruits | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% |
| Total | 18 | 100 | 20 | 100 | 19 | 100 | 15 | 100 | 22 | 100 | 22 | 100 | 24 | 100 | 23 | 100 | 20 | 100 | 20 | 100 | 25 | 100 | 23 | 100 |
| Zutano | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 4 | 26.7 | 1 | 4.5 | 1 | 4.5 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 4.3 | 0 | 0.0 | 3 | 15.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Hass | 9 | 39.1 | 11 | 50.0 | 8 | 36.4 | 8 | 53.3 | 19 | 86.4 | 20 | 90.9 | 20 | 83 | 17 | 73.9 | 13 | 65.0 | 15 | 75.0 | 25 | 100.0 | 23 | 100.0 |
| Fuerte | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Ettinger | 1 | 4.3 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 8.7 | 1 | 5.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Bacon | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| SirPrize | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Marvel | 6 | 26.1 | 5 | 22.7 | 7 | 31.8 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 4.5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Harvest | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 5 | 25.0 | 2 | 10.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Nobel | 2 | 8.7 | 2 | 9.1 | 4 | 18.2 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| LambHass | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 9.1 | 0 | 0.0 | 3 | 20.0 | 2 | 9.1 | 0 | 0.0 |  | 0 | 3 | 13.0 | 1 | 5.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |

Table 1b. Numbers and proportions of marble sized 'Hass' fruit harvested on June 13, 2004 that were pollinated by all potential pollen donors in the eastern half of the Debusschere orchard plot. Table representing the western half of the plot is shown in Table 1a.

|  |  | 40 N |  | Fuerte |  | 42N |  | 43N |  | 44N |  | 45N |  | 46 N |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Zutano } \\ \hline 47 \mathrm{~N} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  | 49N |  | 50 N |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { North } \\ \hline \text { Total } \end{gathered}$ |  |  |
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| 39N |  |  |  |  | 1 N |  |  | 48 N |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% |  |  | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | Fruits |
| 24 | 100 | 25 | 100 | 21 | 100 | 24 | 100 | 22 | 100 | 23 | 100 | 25 | 100 | 22 | 100 | 15 | 100 | 19 | 100 | 16 | 100 | 9 | 100 | 512 | 100 | Total |
| 2 | 8.3 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 4.0 | 4 | 18.2 | 5 | 33.3 | 2 | 10.5 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 22 | 5.6 | Zutano |
| 16 | 66.7 | 8 | 32.0 | 3 | 14.3 | 16 | 66.7 | 15 | 68.2 | 16 | 69.6 | 17 | 68.0 | 13 | 59.1 | 7 | 46.7 | 13 | 68.4 | 13 | 81.3 | 4 | 44.4 | 287 | 73.4 | Hass |
| 1 | 4.2 | 9 | 36.0 | 12 | 57.1 | 2 | 8.3 | 2 | 9.1 | 5 | 21.7 | 1 | 4.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 6.3 | 0 | 0.0 | 45 | 11.5 | Fuerte |
| 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 4.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 4.2 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 4.3 | 5 | 20.0 | 3 | 13.6 | 1 | 6.7 | 3 | 15.8 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 58 | 14.8 | Ettinger |
| 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 8.0 | 1 | 4.8 | 1 | 4.2 | 1 | 4.5 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 10 | 2.6 | Bacon |
| 1 | 4.2 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 9.1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 4.5 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 16 | 4.1 | SirPrize |
| 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 4.2 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 4.3 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 11 | 2.8 | Marvel |
| 2 | 8.3 | 1 | 4.0 | 1 | 4.8 | 2 | 8.3 | 2 | 9.1 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 4.0 | 1 | 4.5 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 6.3 | 0 | 0.0 | 22 | 5.6 | Harvest |
| 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 4.8 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 9 | 2.3 | Nobel |
| 2 | 8.3 | 4 | 16.0 | 3 | 14.3 | 1 | 4.2 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 13.3 | 1 | 5.3 | 1 | 6.3 | 5 | 55.6 | 32 | 8.2 | L.Hass |


| 395 |  | 40S |  | Bacon |  | 42 S |  | 43S |  | 44S |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { SirPrize } \\ \hline 47 \mathrm{~S} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  | 49S |  |  |  | South <br> Total |  |  |
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|  |  |  | 1 S | 45S |  |  |  | 46S | 48S |  | 50 S |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| \# | \% |  |  | \# | \% | \# | \% |  |  | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | Fruits |
| 23 | 100 | 22 | 100 | 23 | 100 | 23 | 100 | 23 | 100 |  |  | 18 | 100 | 25 | 100 | 21 | 100 | 18 | 100 | 23 | 100 | 20 | 100 | 23 | 100 | 489 | 100 | Total |
| 1 | 4.3 | 2 | 9.1 | 2 | 8.7 | 1 | 4.3 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 4.0 | 2 | 9.5 | 4 | 22.2 | 1 | 4.3 | 1 | 5.0 | 1 | 4.3 | 26 | 6.1 | Zutano |
| 15 | 65.2 | 17 | 77.3 | 15 | 65.2 | 13 | 56.5 | 17 | 73.9 | 16 | 88.9 | 7 | 28.0 | 3 | 14.3 | 4 | 22.2 | 10 | 43.5 | 11 | 55.0 | 19 | 82.6 | 315 | 74.3 | Hass |
| 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 4.4 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 6 | 28.6 | 0 | 0.0 | 5 | 21.7 | 1 | 5.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 13 | 3.1 | Fuerte |
| 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 8.7 | 3 | 13.0 | 1 | 5.6 | 2 | 8.0 | 1 | 4.8 | 2 | 11.1 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 10.0 | 1 | 4.3 | 18 | 4.2 | Ettinger |
| 1 | 4.3 | 0 | 0.0 | 3 | 13.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 7 | 28.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 11.1 | 2 | 8.7 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 8.7 | 17 | 4.0 | Bacon |
| 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 6 | 24.0 | 6 | 28.6 | 6 | 33.3 | 5 | 21.7 | 3 | 15.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 26 | 6.1 | SirPrize |
| 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 19 | 4.5 | Marvel |
| 1 | 4.3 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 4.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 9 | 2.1 | Harvest |
| 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 8 | 1.9 | Nobel |
| 5 | 21.7 | 3 | 13.6 | 3 | 13.0 | 7 | 30.4 | 2 | 8.7 | 1 | 5.6 | 1 | 4.0 | 3 | 14.3 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 10.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 38 | 9.0 | L.Hass |

Table 2a. Numbers and proportions of near-mature 'Hass' fruit harvested on November 1, 2004 that were pollinated by all potential pollen donors in the western half of the Debusschere orchard plot. Table representing the eastern half of the plot is shown in Table 2 b .

| Pollinizer | 27N |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Ettinger } \\ \hline 29 \mathrm{~N} \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Row |  |  | 28N |  |  |  | 30N |  | 31N |  | 32N |  | 33N |  | 34 N |  | 35N |  | 36N |  | 37N |  | 38N |  |
| Fruits | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% |
| Total | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Zutano | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hass | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fuerte | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ettinger | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bacon | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SirPrize | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Marvel | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Harvest | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nobel | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| LambHass | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| Pollinizer |  |  |  |  | Marvel |  | 30S |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Harvest |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Row | 27S |  | 28S |  |  | S |  |  | 31S |  | 32S |  | 33S |  | 34S |  |  | 5 | 36S |  | 37 S |  | 38S |  |
| Fruits | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% |
| Total | 31 | 100 | 31 | 100 | 30 | 100 | 31 | 100 | 31 | 100 | 31 | 100 | 31 | 100 | 29 | 100 | 31 | 100 | 25 | 100 | 28 | 100 | 31 | 100 |
| Zutano | 2 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Hass | 21 | 68 | 15 | 48 | 16 | 53 | 23 | 74 | 30 | 97 | 27 | 87 | 26 | 84 | 25 | 86 | 19 | 61 | 24 | 96 | 25 | 89 | 28 | 90 |
| Fuerte | 0 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ettinger | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Bacon | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| SirPrize | 0 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| Marvel | 8 | 26 | 9 | 29 | 11 | 37 | 4 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Harvest | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 10 | 32 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Nobel | 0 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| LambHass | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Table 2b. Numbers and proportions of near-mature 'Hass' fruit harvested on November 1, 2004 that were pollinated by all potential pollen donors in the eastern half of the Debusschere orchard plot. Table representing the western half of the plot is shown in Table 2a.


|  |  |  |  |  | con |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | rize |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | S |  | S |  | 1 S |  | S |  | S |  | S |  | S |  | S |  | S |  |  |  | S |  | S |  |  |  |
| \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | \# | \% | Fruits |
| 30 | 100 | 29 | 100 | 30 | 100 | 30 | 100 | 30 | 100 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
| 1 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 10 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Zutano |
| 23 | 77 | 20 | 69 | 18 | 60 | 27 | 90 | 27 | 90 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Hass |
| 3 | 10 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Fuerte |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Ettinger |
| 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Bacon |
| 0 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | SirPrize |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Marvel |
| 2 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Harvest |
| 0 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Nobel |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | L.Hass |

Table 3. Comparison of percentage pollination within each row by each cultivar between young fruit (Y04) harvested at marble size and nearmature fruit (M04) derived from flowers pollinated in spring of 2004. The formula to calculate the Retention rate $=\%$ of M04-\% of Y04. A positive number indicates increased retention, and a negative number indicates a decrease in retention of fruit pollinated by the indicated cultivar by the indicated amount. Zero indicates no change in fruit retention during development.

| Pollinizer |  |  |  | Marvel |  |  |  |  |  | 30S |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Row | 27S |  |  | 28S |  |  | 29S |  |  |  |  |  | 31S |  |  | 32S |  |  |
| Stage* | M04 | Y04 | \%-\% | M04 | Y04 | \%-\% | M04 | Y04 | \%-\% | M04 | Y04 | \%-\% | M04 | Y04 | \%-\% | M04 | Y04 | \%-\% |
| Total | 31 | 18 | 0.0 | 31 | 23 | 0.0 | 30 | 19 | 0.0 | 31 | 16 | 0.0 | 31 | 20 | 0.0 | 31 | 22 | 0.0 |
| Zutano | 2 | 0 | 6.5 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 5 | -31.3 | 0 | 1 | -5.0 | 1 | 1 | -1.3 |
| Hass | 21 | 9 | 17.7 | 15 | 11 | 0.6 | 16 | 8 | 11.2 | 23 | 4 | 49.2 | 30 | 14 | 26.8 | 27 | 20 | -3.8 |
| Fuerte | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 0 | 6.5 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | 3.2 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Ettinger | 0 | 1 | -5.6 | 1 | 3 | -9.8 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | 3.2 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Bacon | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 0 | 6.5 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | 3.2 |
| SirPrize | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 0 | 6.5 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | 3.2 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | 3.2 |
| Marvel | 8 | 6 | -7.5 | 9 | 5 | 7.3 | 11 | 7 | -0.2 | 4 | 4 | -12.1 | 0 | 4 | -20.0 | 1 | 1 | -1.3 |
| Harvest | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | 3.3 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Nobel | 0 | 2 | -11.1 | 2 | 2 | -2.2 | 0 | 4 | -21.1 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | -5.0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| LambHass | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 2 | -8.7 | 2 | 0 | 6.7 | 0 | 3 | -18.8 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |



Table 3 CONTINUED.

|  |  |  | Bacon |  |  |  |  |  | 42S |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Pollinizer |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 39 S |  |  | 40S |  |  | 41S |  |  |  |  |  | 43S |  |  | Total |  |  | Row |
| M04 | Y04 | \%-\% | M04 | Y04 | \%-\% | M04 | Y04 | \%-\% | M04 | Y04 | \%-\% | M04 | Y04 | \%-\% | M04 | Y04 | \%-\% | Stage* |
| 30 | 24 | 0.0 | 29 | 22 | 0.0 | 30 | 22 | 0.0 | 30 | 22 | 0.0 | 30 | 23 | 0.0 | 509 | 357 | 0.0 | Total |
| 1 | 1 | -0.8 | 2 | 2 | -2.2 | 0 | 4 | -18.2 | 0 | 1 | -4.5 | 3 | 0 | 10.0 | 12 | 20 | -3.2 | Zutano |
| 23 | 15 | 14.2 | 20 | 17 | -8.3 | 18 | 13 | 0.9 | 27 | 13 | 30.9 | 27 | 17 | 16.1 | 394 | 241 | 9.9 | Hass |
| 3 | 0 | 10.0 | 1 | 0 | 3.4 | 2 | 1 | 2.1 | 0 | 2 | -9.1 | 0 | 1 | -4.3 | 9 | 4 | 0.6 | Fuerte |
| 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 2 | -2.4 | 0 | 3 | -13.0 | 7 | 12 | -2.0 | Ettinger |
| 1 | 1 | -0.8 | 1 | 0 | 3.4 | 4 | 1 | 8.8 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 10 | 2 | 1.4 | Bacon |
| 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 0 | 6.9 | 2 | 0 | 6.7 | 1 | 0 | 3.3 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 15 | 1 | 2.7 | SirPrize |
| 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 33 | 29 | -1.6 | Marvel |
| 2 | 1 | 2.5 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 14 | 9 | 0.2 | Harvest |
| 0 | 1 | -4.2 | 2 | 2 | -2.2 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 6 | 17 | -3.6 | Nobel |
| 0 | 5 | -20.8 | 1 | 1 | -1.1 | 4 | 3 | -0.3 | 0 | 4 | -18.2 | 0 | 2 | -8.7 | 9 | 22 | -4.4 | L.Hass |

