Number Sense Bk 2 Levels 3-4

Growing Avocados

Activity One

Dan and Rochelle have planted 12 small avocado trees on their lifestyle block. In a good season, they expect to get 150 avocados from each fully grown tree.



- a. How many avocados could Dan and Rochelle expect to get off their 12 fully grown trees in a good season? Explain how you worked out your answer.
- b. How many avocados could they expect to get from:i. 24 trees? ii. 48 trees?
- c. How many trees would they need to produce about 6 000 avocados in a good season?

In a bad season, the production drops to $\frac{1}{3}$ of the number of avocados expected in a good season.

How many trees would Dan and Rochelle need to produce about 6 000 avocados in a bad season?

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Avocado growers in Dan and Rochelle's district usually find they have a good season followed by a bad season.



So we expect 150 (good season) + 50 (bad season) = 200 avocados for 1 tree over 2 years. That's an average of \dots

Find a short cut that describes the average number of avocados a grower might get in a season, for any number of trees.



Exploring relationships and using generalisations to make predictions

Activity Two

Dan and Rochelle's neighbour Brett is already growing avocados. He sells his avocados in bags like these:







- a. What would be the price of 1 avocado of each size? (Round your answer to the nearest 10 cents.)
- **b.** How many full bags of each size does Brett sell for \$20?
- **C.** I want to buy up to \$30 worth of avocados in a full range of sizes.

Choose a mixture of bags that costs at least \$28.

Brett's harvest is 3 000 avocados this year.

- $\frac{1}{5}$ are small.
- $\frac{1}{2}$ are medium.
- The rest are large.

If Brett sells all the avocados (in bags), how much money will he get?

Activity Three

Guacamole is a dip made with avocados, lemon or lime juice, and a few other ingredients, such as tomato, onion, and garlic. It takes $2\frac{1}{2}$ avocados and $\frac{1}{2}$ a lemon to make enough guacamole for 4 children.



How many avocados and lemons will Rochelle need to make guacamole for:

- a. 8 children?
- b. a class of 32 children?
- **a.** If you want to use 15 avocados to make some guacamole, how many lemons will you need?
- **b.** How many children will you be able to make guacamole for?







