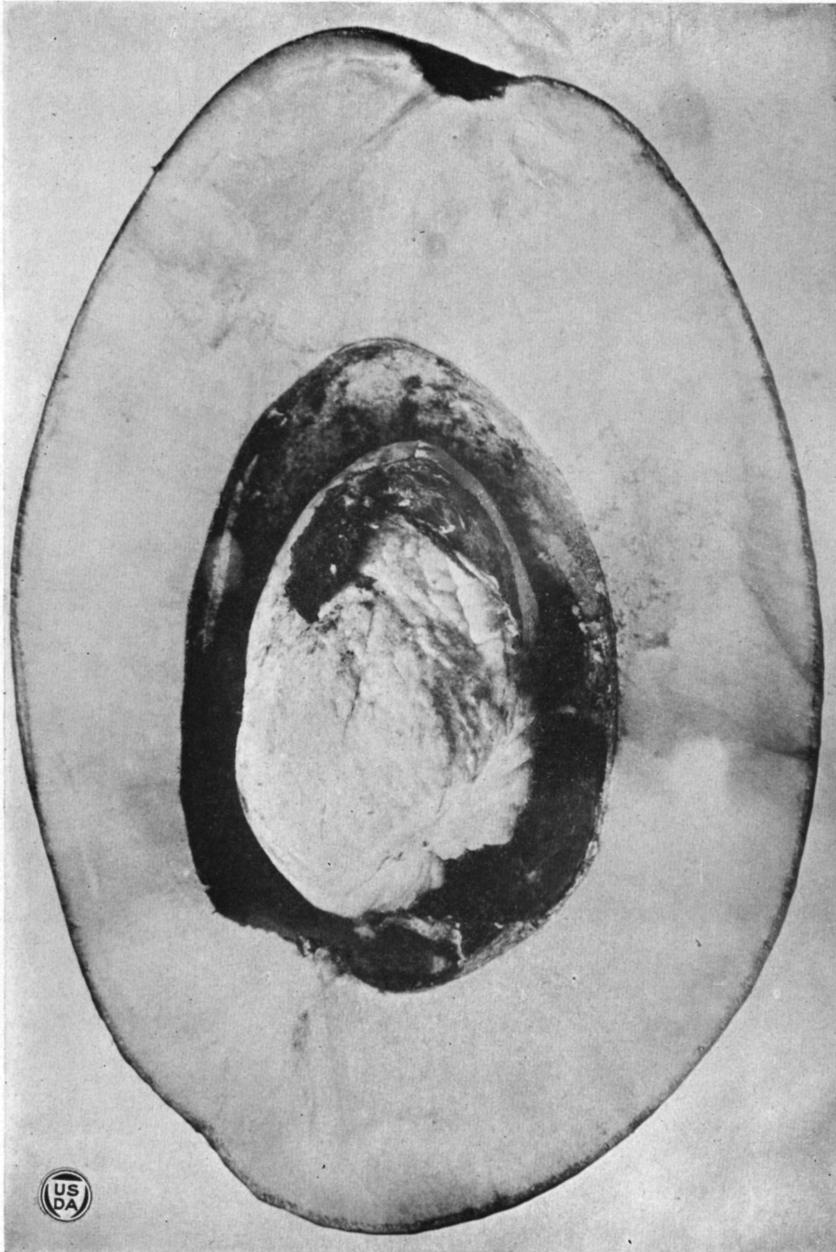


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AN EARLY-RIPENING AVOCADO OF THE WEST INDIAN RACE.

(*Persea americana* Mill.; S. P. I. No. 51105.)

The Fernandez avocado from Rio Frio, near Santa Marta, Colombia, has been introduced for trial in Florida, where it seems likely to ripen somewhat earlier in the season than most of the West Indian varieties now cultivated in that State. The fruit is of large size, attractive appearance, and excellent quality. It has been named in honor of the late Joaquin B. Fernandez, manager of the Santa Marta Division, United Fruit Co. (Photographed by Wilson Popenoe, August 3, 1920; P18020FS.)