

Project 88 Evaluation of Satsumas and other Mandarins

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A trial of eight mandarins, mostly satsumas and other early season types was established by Dr. Chao at Lindcove in 2003. The purpose of this trial is to evaluate these new releases for tree and fruit characteristics in order to formulate recommendations on their use by the California citrus industry. Each cultivar is budded on four commonly used rootstocks so the trial also tests compatibility issues. There are a total of 16 trees of nearly all combinations (a total of 480 trees). We will collect data on tree size, tree health, yield, and fruit quality.