

New Country

By now, the news is quite widespread that I shall be resigning my post as President of the California Avocado Commission in early 2022, and as you read this the Commission will have already named my successor. As such, this amounts to being my last column in *From the Grove*, the industry magazine birthed during my tenure.

This last column is purposefully brief, since there is only one thing left for me to say, and that is a heartfelt thank you, for allowing me to serve the California avocado industry for over 27 years. The days ahead will be occupied not with thoughts of avocados, but instead with territory heretofore unknown.

As Augustus McCrae of Lonesome Dove aptly said: *“There is nothing better than riding a fine horse through new country.”* With four fine horses in my stable, I am more than ready to ride for my own brand across new country. And that’s where you will – or more likely, not – find me. 🥑



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