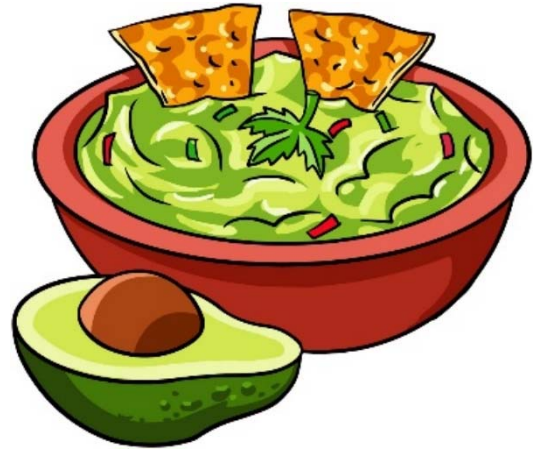


Guacamole

Guacamole is a dip or spread made with mashed avocados. It was invented by the Aztecs in Mexico. They called it *ahuaca-molli*. In their language, the word *ahuaca* meant avocado, and *molli* meant something mashed or pureed.

Avocados have been grown and eaten in Mexico, Central America, and South America since 500 BC. Because their skin is dark green and bumpy, they used to be known as alligator pears. But since that doesn't sound very good to eat, the California Avocado Grower's Exchange complained and requested that its name be changed to avocado in 1927. Today, almost 90% of Avocados grown in the U.S. are grown in California.



1. Which civilization invented Guacamole?

2. Which word means "mashed" ?

ahuaca

molli

3. What is an alligator pear?

4. What U.S. state grows most of the avocados grown in the U.S.?
