Wherever papayas are grown, tools like pesticides are needed to fight disease, fungus and pests.

Did you know...

- Papaya ringspot virus nearly wiped the crop out, causing production in Hawaii to drop 50 percent between 1993 and 2006. Luckily, scientists developed a genetically modified papaya, known as the Rainbow papaya, which is resistant to the virus.
- The seeds resemble peppercorns and are edible. They can be ground up and used as a substitute for black pepper.
- The bark of the papaya tree is often used to make rope.

Where in the world are papayas grown?

- Republic of India
- Federative Republic of Brazil
- Republic of Indonesia

Regardless of where they're grown, papayas are delicious, nutritious and, dare we say, interesting!