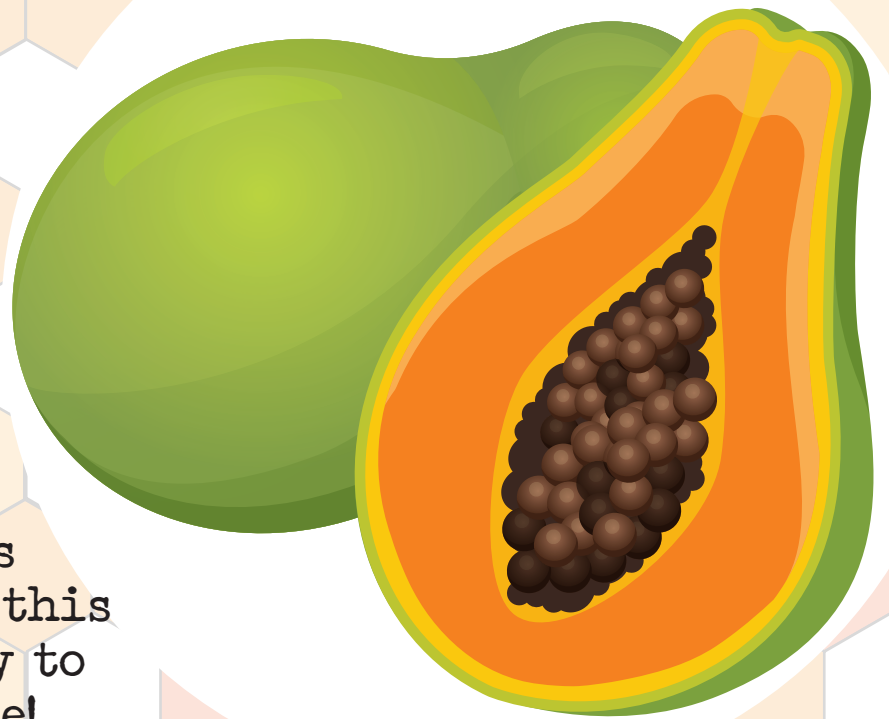


Papayas: An Origin Story



While the papaya may be not be as ubiquitous as other tropical fruits, this sweet treat has an interesting story to tell and health benefits to provide!



Where in the world are **papayas** grown?



Republic of India



Federative Republic of Brazil



Republic of Indonesia

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



Alternaria Black Molds



Bitter Rot and Anthracnose



Papaya Mealybug

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

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.

