

Name **Chumphon Ladyfinger Banana**

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Main characteristics/features

Geographical area

Chumphon Ladyfinger Banana means ladyfinger banana and dried ladyfinger banana. Their nature characters are small-size banana, slender-shaped tips, resemble in fingers, golden color, thin peel, soft texture, sweet taste and aromatic. For dried Ladyfinger Bananas, the pulp is brown, chewy and non-dried texture with sweet taste. The agricultural area is in Chumphon Province.

#### Characteristics

- (1) Banana breed : Totally 6 breeds, namely breed nos. 01, 02, 06, 07, 08 and 09.
- (2) Physical characteristics (2.1) Ladyfinger Banana. Shape Small-size banana, slender-shaped tips, resemble in women's fingers. Pulp Golden color, soft and compact texture, and no seed when fully grown. Peel Thin peel, short and strong calyx. Flavor Sweet and aromatic. (2.2) Dried Ladyfinger Banana. Pulp Brown colored pulp, chewy and non-dried texture. Flavor Natural sweet, non-synthetic substances and unadulterated (3) Specific breed's characters.

#### Process of production/processing

- (1) Cultivation can be done all year. The period between November – December is appropriate for beginning cultivating. The banana trees should be planted as intercropping or together with other kinds of tree which can prevent the ladyfinger banana trees from the sunlight for 40 percent.
- (2) Soil preparing, plough for unroot weed and make soil become loamy.
- (3) Making a hole in 30x30 centimeters size with 50 centimeters depth, or considers from quality of soil.
- (4) Before cultivation of banana tree, pour 2-3 kilograms of manure or composed fertilizer or adding a sum of phosphates depends on the kind of soil into bottom and cover with soil on top.
- (5) Selecting the perfect banana shoots which are higher than 50 centimeters, leaving a 3-5 metre space between each shoot depending on each principal plant. If the quality of soil is poor, the distance between each shoot should be greater.

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Competent Authority Chumphon Province

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The area of Chumphon Province is a central plain, coastal plain, the western of area is a highland of Tenasserim Hills. In Chumphon Province, the summer period runs from February to the middle of May, and the rainy season runs from the middle of May to January. The mean temperature of this Province is 27.3 degrees Celsius with 34.8 degree Celsius for annual maximum temperature on average and 21.6 degrees Celsius for annual minimum temperatures on average. The average per annum humidity in Chumphon Province is 81% throughout the year and the rainfall is 1,500 to 2,300 millimeter on average. This is the reason why Chumphon Province surpasses other provinces in banana cultivation which is more than 7,000 square metres. Therefore, Chumphon ladyfinger banana has the unique flavor and aroma.

#### Link between the product and the territory

Based on the history and origin of ladyfinger bananas, we believe they grow in the wild "Musa balbisiana" are found in Phato District and called "Kluay New Mue Nang" and "Kluay Leb Mue Nang". As per hearsay from Thung Tako District's villager, a kind of seedless banana was mentioned in the past. It is popular for planting in Ban Thung Wang Chang, Ban Hat Yai, Ban Thung Tako and Ban Lang Suan. Moreover, the word "Kluay Leb Mue Nang (ladyfinger banana)" was mentioned in Sunthorn Phu's poem in B.E. 2427 (A.D. 1884). It is shown that ladyfinger banana has been known to the public since the reign of King Rama II. Chumphon Province is well-known for fruits. In the past, elephant riding is commonly used when trading and commuting between provinces. It was called as "Trading on the back of elephant". Since this mode of transportation took a long time each journey, some fruits especially ladyfinger bananas were found too ripe for consumption.

Type of product Banana

Control body

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Websites

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