

Guava

Harvesting

Guava fruits ripen five months after flowering and they are harvested when the fruits turn greenish yellow. Ripening is associated with a change of skin colour from green to yellow. Guava trees with seed origin starts bearing when the trees are 4-5 years old, while vegetatively propagated guava starts bearing at the age of 2-3 years. Harvesting of guava needs extra care because the fruit has soft thin skin. It is normally harvested manually to avoid physical injuries.

Yield

The average yield in India is about 9 tonnes/ha but it can be as high as 25-35 t/ha in gangetic plains. A 10-year-old plant yields about 1000 to 1500 fruits per year.