

Sapota

Post Harvest Technology

Grading

For removing the latex oozing from the stalk, the fruits are washed immediately after the harvest. The fruits are then dried in shade and graded according to their size. The grading standards for the local market is as follows:

Grade No.	No. of Fruits /Basket	Fruit Weight (Grams)
8	96	>160
10	120	125-160
15	180	85-135
20	240	65-85
25	300	50-65
30	360	45-50
35	420	<45

Packaging

For local markets the graded fruits are packed in bamboo baskets containing straw as padding material. This helps in reducing the bruising and promotes even ripening of fruit. For distant markets fruits are packed in cardboard boxes. Corrugated trays are equally effective as packaging material while transporting the fruits. Use of such trays is cost effective due to its reusability.