

Papaya

Soil & Climate

Soil

Papaya grows well in well-drained rich sandy loam soils with a depth of 45cm or medium black soils free from water logging. Light soils with pH between 6.5-7 are very good for papaya, if they are adequately manured.

Climate

Papaya is a tropical crop, but it does well in a mild tropical climate. It grows well from sea level upto an altitude of 1000m. Papaya should not be grown in areas with strong, hot or dry winds. Dry climate at the time of ripening adds to the sweetness of fruits. Ideal temperature for growing papaya is between 25-30°C while temperatures below 10°C delays ripening. In high rainfall areas are not suitable for growing papaya due to the death of the plants by collar- rot disease.