# MANGO CUTTING RIPENESS & HANDLING

Don't judge a mango by its color.



## **CUTTING, RIPENESS & HANDLING**



#### How to Choose

- ★ Squeeze the mango gently. A ripe mango will give slightly.
- ★ Don't focus on color. It is not the best indicator of ripeness.
- \*Use your experience with produce such as peaches or avocados, which also become softer as they ripen.
- \*A red color that appears on some varieties in not an indicator of ripeness always judge by feel.
- \*Ripe mangos will sometimes have a fruity aroma at their stem ends.

# Ripening and Storing

- \*Keep unripe mangos at room temperature.

  Mangos shouldn't be refrigerated before
  they are ripe.
- ★Mangos will continue to ripen at room temperature, becoming sweeter and softer over several days.
- \*To speed up the ripening, place mangos in a paper bag at room temperature.
- \*Once ripe, mangos should be moved to the refrigerator, which will slow down the ripening process. Whole, ripe mangos may be stored for up to five days in the refrigerator.
- \*Mangos may be peeled, cubed and placed in an airtight container in the refrigerator for several days or in the freezer for up to six months.

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