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Information Sheet – ‘Fiji Red’

In Fiji the main variety grown for export is ‘Solo Sunrise’. This Sunrise variety was developed and named by the University of Hawaii. The term solo comes from the size of the fruit – can be eaten by one person. This is applied to all small papaya varieties.

‘Solo Sunrise’ has a freckled greenish-yellow skin that turns yellow as the fruit ripens, but inside is a juicy, dramatic red-orange color flesh.

The characteristics of ‘Solo Sunrise’ are as follows:

- exceptional sweetness and flavour (high brix-10%-12%),
- strong red coloured flesh,
- good size characteristics (400 to 600 gm)
- good keeping qualities.



Many exporters have adopted the branding name of ‘Fiji Red’ to market ‘Solo Sunrise’ fruit grown in Fiji.

