

SATSUMA MANDARINS

- ◆ The Satsuma owes its given name to a former province in Japan on the southern tip of Kyushu Island where it is believed to have originated from a natural mutation. Documentation of the Satsuma's existence was referenced as early as 1429.
- ◆ Their red orange, leathery peel is known as “zipper skin” as it clings so loosely to its flesh.
- ◆ Its fruit is sweet and usually seedless and is smaller than an orange. Size affects flavor and sweetness, Generally, sweetness increases with size.
- ◆ The Satsuma arrived in the United States in 1876.
- ◆ The Satsuma is a great snack. They are very low in fat, cholesterol, and sodium. They are a good source of fiber and potassium. They are also an excellent source of vitamin C.
- ◆ They are sometimes called the “Christmas Fruit”
- ◆ Satsumas have long been given to relatives and friends as a symbol of abundance and good fortune.

