



FRESH FRUIT

Cavendish Bananas

ORIGIN Tamil Nadu · Kerala · Maharashtra · Karnataka

SEASON Year-Round

CERTIFICATIONS APEDA · FSSAI · GAP

DESCRIPTION

India is the world's largest producer of banana, harvesting nearly 30 million metric tonnes annually. Cavendish — specifically the Grand Naine cultivar — accounts for the majority of India's commercial export production. Its disease tolerance, predictable bunch yield, and uniform finger size make it the preferred variety for international wholesale and supermarket retail.

TRADE SPECIFICATIONS

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| HS Code | 08039019 (Fresh Cavendish Banana) |
| Botanical Name | Musa acuminata Colla (AAA group, Cavendish subgroup) |
| Primary Cultivar | Grand Naine |
| Origin States | Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh |
| Finger Length Grades | 8–10 in (standard), 9–11 in (premium) |
| Calibre / Girth | 38–48 mm typical |
| Colour at dispatch | Stage 1 — fully green, hard |
| Hands per carton | 4–6 hands (13.5 kg net) |
| Packaging (standard) | 13.5kg telescoping corrugated cartons; polythene liner; pallet of 48 cartons |
| Packaging (custom) | Cluster packs for retail; branded label printing available |
| Container loading | Approx. 18–20 MT per 40' RFC HC; ~1,350–1,500 cartons; 27–28 pallets |
| Reefer temperature | 13–14°C with 90% RH (avoid <12°C — chill injury) |
| Atmosphere | CA optional: 2–5% O ₂ / 2–5% CO ₂ for extended transit |
| Shelf life | 21–28 days at 13°C green; 5–7 days at ambient after ripening trigger |
| Shipping ports | Tuticorin, Chennai, Cochin, Mundra |
| Lead Time | 7–10 days from confirmed order (year-round supply); priority shipping for repeat buyers. |
| Transit Times | UAE, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Bahrain: 7–10 days · Iran, Iraq: 8–12 days · Kuwait, Oman: 7–10 days · Singapore, Malaysia: 10–14 days · Russia (Novorossiysk): 14–18 days · Europe: 22–28 days (CA recommended). |
| Indicative Pricing | USD 0.30–0.55 / kg FOB India |
| Certifications | APEDA, FSSAI, GAP-certified farms, MSME/Udyam, IEC: AXMPP4078J, NABL pre-shipment testing |