

PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATEMOYA / CUSTARD APPLE

(ANNONA SQUAMOSA X A. CHERIMOLA)

ATEMOYA FACTS:

Atamoya is an evergreen tree reaching 30' in height. It bears a fruit weighing between 8 to 32 ounces, 3 to 5 inches in length. The pulp is white or creamy white with a custard-like consistency and sweet, pleasant flavor. Weighs between 10 and 60 pounds. The time from flowering to fruit maturity is between 100 and 120 days. The primary fruit season is fall and winter. Atamoya is native to Central America and the Antilles, but is grown in tropical and subtropical locations throughout the world, including Florida.

HOW TO PLANT:

Water at a rate of 8 to 10 gallons, 3 to 5 times a week the first month after planting, then slowly taper off, watering afterward at signs of wilt or during drought. At planting, fertilize with a slow release product, such as Osmocote, and one month afterward apply a 6-6-6 or 8-8-8 fertilizer with micro and macro nutrients each six months from February through October. Regularly check foliage, limbs, trunks and fruits for insect pests and diseases and contact nursery professionals or county agricultural extension agents for identification of pests and recommended treatments.

