Citrus

Gardening

- Citrus likes to grow in a warmer winter environment than what we have in Louisiana. However, the citrus that is grown in Louisiana is of high quality and tasty.

- In tropical climates citrus skin remains green even when the fruit is mature.

- If you have been munching on fresh satsumas and think you might like your own supply, late winter is a great time to plant citrus trees.

Zesty Facts

Citrus flowers have both male and female parts in the same flower (complete perfect flowers). The flowers will pollinate themselves and produce fruit (self-compatible and self-fruitful).

The Louisiana Satsuma was imported from Japan in the early 1800’s and immediately embraced, with its easily separated sections of sweet, brilliant orange fruit and easy to peel, speckled green & yellow skin.

Kumquats are attractive evergreen trees that produce either a sweet or tart orange fruit, ripe from mid-October to February. The Nagami kumquat produces a tart fruit that is oblong. The Meiwa kumquat produces round fruit that has sweet pulp.

Make It

Citrus Salad

Ingredients:
5 cups of chopped salad greens
1 large orange, peeled and sectioned
1 medium grapefruit, peeled and sectioned
1/2 cup red onion, chopped
1 cup radishes, thinly sliced
1/4 cup almonds, sliced
2 Tbsp light sesame dressing
2 Tbsp 100% orange juice

Directions:
1. Place salad greens in a large bowl.
2. Combine all ingredients in the bowl with the salad greens.
3. Toss ingredients together.
4. Serve immediately.

Recipe developed by Michigan Harvest of the Month

Helpful Hint

Citrus leaves can be used to make tea and add flavor to cooked meats, seafood and other dishes.

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