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### **Pine Island grows tropical fruit for every taste**

*Farmers markets offer fresh produce, straight from Florida's largest island*

**LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA** – One bite of fresh mango, juicy lychee or ripe dragon fruit grown on Pine Island will make any visit to Florida's largest island a memorable experience.

So many varieties of tropical fruit grow in the sandy soil of this 18-mile tract, that in July, Pine Island hosts MangoMania to celebrate. There's a MangoMania queen and everything!

Wondering what grows when? Here is a seasonal guide to some of the fruits and jams available on Pine Island.

- **Spring:** Starfruit, guava, passionfruit and custard apple.
- **Summer:** Mangoes, lychee, dragon fruit, key lime, jackfruit, and atemoya.
- **Fall:** Papaya, canistel, starfruit, coconut, black sapote, banana, and avocado.
- **Winter:** During winter, the options are a bit more limited, but there are still plenty of tropical fruits to enjoy such as starfruit, papaya, banana, citrus, and avocado.

Head to the following locations to see what other fruits Pine Island has to offer.

#### **Pine Island's Tropical Farmers Market | Bokeelia**

Pine Island's Tropical Farmers Market is a local cooperative with tropical fruits, organic vegetables, local raw honey, jams and chutneys, and tropical fruit trees.

<http://tropicalfarmersmarket.weebly.com/>

12870 Stringfellow Road, Bokeelia, Fl. 33922

#### **Pine Island Tropicals | Bokeelia**

This popular, colorful, eye-catching market offers a wide assortment tropical plants, vegetables, flowers, fruits and Momma Donna's tropical fruit jams and breads.

<http://www.pineislandtropicalsnursery.com/>

12870 Stringfellow Road, Bokeelia, Fl. 33922

Call: 239-283-4874

**Pine Island Botanicals, Inc | Bokeelia**

This nursery is the only one in Southwest Florida to grow organic produce year-round. The unique climate and environment allows the growth of many tropical and subtropical exotic fruits, mustard greens, and vegetables all year round.

*<http://www.pineislandbotanicals.com/>  
12571 Aubrey Ln., Bokeelia, Fl. 33922  
Call: 239- 222-9494*

**Fruit Scapes LLC | Bokeelia**

Customers will delight in the fruits at this nursery. Mango, lychee, dragon fruit, and dozens more ensure a sweet and delicious experience.

*<http://www.fruitscapesllc.com/>  
12870 Stringfellow Road, Bokeelia, Fl. 33922  
Call: 239-218-2848 or 239-462-2341*

**Promised Land Mangoes | Bokeelia**

The motto at this farm is “farming the way God intended it.” They have everything mango! Mango fruit to mango jams and even mango honey!

*<http://www.promisedlandmangoes.com/home.html>  
7127 Pineland Road, Bokeelia, Fl. 33922  
Call: 239-369-3896*