

Fun Facts about Lemons

- **The lemon is an evergreen tree, it blooms (a white flower) and produces fruit all year round. Each tree can produce between 500 and 600 pounds of lemons a year.**
- **Christopher Columbus took lemon seeds with him to the America's in 1493, introducing the fruit there.**
- **Lemon zest (grated outer rind) is used for flavor in baking of cakes, sponges and biscuits, puddings like lemon meringue pie, rice and other dishes.**
- **Even the leaves of a lemon tree can be used to make tea and in the preparation of cooked meats and seafood.**
- **Due to its high acidic nature the juice of a lemon can be used for cleaning. Lemon halves dipped in salt or baking powder can be used to brighten up copper and clean kitchenware.**
- **You can attach electrodes to a lemon can create a battery that produces electricity.**
- **Because lemons are high in vitamin C they can prevent the disease scurvy which was common among sailors stuck on ships for months. Even today, the British Navy requires ships to carry enough lemons so that every sailor can have one ounce of juice a day.**
- **In 2003, the heaviest lemon ever grown was recorded in Israel. It weighed 11 lb 9.7 oz and had a circumference of 29 inches.**
- **Lemon juice glows under black light.**