ON THE TROPICAL FRUIT TRAIL

Three case-sharing experiences that highlight the benefits of RLF products

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What follows is three powerful stories about RLF’s specialty liquid fertiliser products that have helped to produce high yielding and high quality tropical fruits.

Recently, in China (May 2016), ‘The Better Mango, Pitaya Fruit and Pawpaw Observation Tour’ was held in the Guangxi Tiandong High-Tech Agricultural Demonstration Garden.

RLF General Manager (China), Dr Mike Lu accompanied RLF’s Technical Manager and Sales Manager to the demonstration field to witness first-hand the experiences and stories of the many fruit growers of mango, pitaya fruit and pawpaw who also attended.

Each of the three following case-sharing experiences all benefited significantly by using RLF product.

Case sharing No. 1 – Mango

Mango is a tropical fruit, widely planted in China’s Hainan Island, Yunnan, Guangxi and Guangdon regions, just to name a few. It is full of protein, crude fibre and vitamin A, therefore is highly desirable and well liked by ‘foodies’.

The demonstration crop showed the following characteristics:

1. green and lush new shoots
2. heavy flowers, long flower spikes and high fruiting
3. stretched length of fruit and fine and smooth fruit skins, making them very saleable at market
4. improved fruit quality with resultant extended fruit fresh keeping period which gives enhanced storage qualities
5. high sugar content with good taste and high yield
6. even and consistent size

The improved commodity outcomes of the fruit (because of its much higher quality) demands a good price and high profit margin. This is exactly the outcome the grower was looking for and it was delivered by using these RLF products.

NOTE: a more detailed Product Evaluation Review can be read by clicking this link.
Case sharing No. 2 – Pitaya Fruit

The pitaya fruit, also called dragon fruit, is a tropical and subtropical fruit. It enjoys growing in the light but can also bear shade, heat and drought – it is a most versatile fruit crop. It is famous for its appearance, which looks like a furry red ball with the inside flesh looking as sweet as cream, but full of black seeds. The pitaya fruit has a mild and delicate taste.

The demonstration crop showed the following characteristics:

1. strong plants with luxuriant foliage
2. high quality of flower bud differentiation
3. heavy and strong flower set
4. high rate of fruit
5. less disease detected

This outcome was achieved for the grower by using the following RLF products.

Dynamo High-P was applied (at the start of the season) twice as root irrigation at 500 times dilution, one week apart.

UF Fruits & Veggies Plus was applied three times as a follow up foliar spray starting one month after the last irrigation application and then two weeks apart for the next two foliar sprays.

Case sharing No. 3 – Pawpaw

It is considered that the pawpaw has exceptional health, beauty and lifestyle benefits. It also has the reputation of being 'the fruit king', or 'the longevity fruit' and features strongly in folk-lore and cultural stories. It tells people “to repay the kindness they receive”.

The demonstration crop showed the following characteristics:

1. well-developed root system
2. relatively fast plant growth in early time
3. less disease detected
4. vigorous tree development with strong trunk
5. heavy flowers with high rate of fruit
6. even fruit size and symmetrical fruit shape

The fruit produced had high quality, large density, high sugar content and aromatic flavour.

This outcome was achieved for the grower by using the following RLF products.

Dynamo High-P was applied (at the start of the season) twice as root irrigation at 500 times dilution, ten days apart.

UF Fruits & Veggies Plus was applied three times at 800 times dilution as a follow up foliar spray starting ten days after the last irrigation application and then ten days apart for the next two foliar sprays.
SUMMARY

The happy fruit growers who participated or witnessed these demonstration trials signed their names on the RLF banners with sincere smiles and a great sense of achievement for their efforts in trialling RLF products.

The crop outcomes were significant, and all growers will now continue these fertiliser programs for their mango, pitaya fruit and pawpaw orchards knowing that continued good outcomes can be expected.

All of the growers featured love their enterprises and love growing healthy crops of mango, pitaya fruit and pawpaw. When the produce is of such high quality there are excellent markets for these fruits as they are eagerly sought by customers.

RLF products deliver excellent results - as can be seen from these three simple stories.