## **Pineapple**

## Did you know?

- Images of pineapples can be found carved in pre-Incan ruins in Central and South America, where this fruit is indigenous.
- The top of a pineapple, after cleaning and drying, can be planted in soil and a new plant will grow.
- Pineapples are fat free, very low in sodium, and high in vitamin C.
- Pineapples contain bromelain, a protein-digesting enzyme, which may help with joint pain and inflammation! The bromelain found in pineapple juice also acts a good meat marinade and tenderizer.
- An individual pineapple can take over two years to grow, although they are usually picked slightly earlier than this.



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