



- Cooking banana and plantain provide a staple food for over **400 million people**, with great importance in Sub-Saharan Africa.
- *Musa* is grown in more than **120 countries** throughout the tropics and subtropics. 85% are produced by small-scale farmers for home consumption or for sale in local and national markets.
- Bananas produce a harvest throughout the year, thus providing a source of energy during the "hungry-period" between the harvests of other crops.
- Bananas are popular with farmers because they are easy to grow and do not need to be replanted each season. The majority of bananas are grown in home gardens or farms of one hectare or less.
- Products made from the different parts of the plant are also a source of income for small farmers.

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