GRAPEFRUIT

- Did you know...that the grapefruit got its name from the way it grows in clusters (like grapes) on the tree?
- ◆ Fresh grapefruit from California and Arizona are available all year and come in several colors including pink, red, white and golden.
- Grapefruits are part of the citrus family. That means that they are related to oranges, tangerines, lemons and limes.
- Grapefruit grows on a large tree with glossy dark green leaves.
 The fruit hangs in clusters on the tree.
- ◆ Grapefruit are hand-picked, no mechanical harvesting is used.
- Grapefruit trees can produce for 30-40 years.
- A Frenchman planted the first grapefruit trees in Florida in 1823. Today, Florida produced about 1/3 or the WORLD'S grapefruit.
- ♦ World production of grapefruit is almost 6 million tons.
- The Texas Red Grapefruit is the state fruit of Texas.
- Grapefruits that are heavy for their size and with thin skin are usually of the best quality.

