

# **Clove Seeds in India**

The Latin name is cariofilum. Arabia, Iran and Turkey and most of India call it calafur. In the area of the Molucca islands, where it is native, the name is changue.

Cloves are a widely used medicine in Asian herbalism. They have been considered an aphrodisiac in China since the 3rd century B.C. Even in Europe they guickly acquired some fame; the Danish medieval herbalist Harpenstreng realised the value of cloves, stating that they "makes the man desire the woman", and that they promote digestion. The Swahili used a bark decoction as a remedy for diarrhea. Egyptians used clove to strengthen the respiratory system. Eugenia is widely used in Paraguayan folk medicine for treating gout.

The cloves of commerce are the dried embryo seed. If the seeds are allowed to mature, most of the pungency is lost. The varieties of clove are known by the names of the localities in which they are grown. Formerly cloves were often adulterated, but as production increased the price lowered and fraud has decreased. Cloves contain a large amount of essential oil which is much used in medicine. Cloves must be steam distilled over and over again to get their full essence.

## Origin

Clove is a native of Indonesia. It is also grown in Zanzibar, Indonesia and Madagascar; it is also grown in India, and Sri Lanka. According to FAO, Indonesia leads the world in clove production. Nearly 80% of the clove of thew world is produced by Indonesia followed by Madagascar and Tanzania.

**Chemical Composition** 

Clove contains essential oil upto 15%. The oil constituents are eugenol, eugenol acetate and ßcaryophyllene. Clove also consists of triterpene oleanolic acid and beta caryophyllene.

## **Clove Description**

Clove is a small reddish brown flower bud of the tropical evergreen tree Syzygium aromaticum. The tree reaches the height of 14 m. The bark of the tree is gray whereas the leaves are dark green and have shiny appearance. The leaves of the tree are elliptical and are very fragrant. At the end of the branches small crimson flowers grow in triple clusters. Harvesting and curing is done in dry seasons. The cluster of the clove is picked by hand and then they are dried.

## Uses

Cloves are frequently used in dishes to impart its distinctive flavor. Since the aroma is strong hence only little is required to be used. They are generally used to "stud" hams and pork,. They are also frequently used in various North and South Indian dishes. In number of spice mixtures like ras el hanout, curry powders, mulling spices and pickling spices, cloves are utilized.



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#### Medicinal Use

#### According to traditional herbalist cloves are beneficial in the following problems:

- \* Treats indigestion
- \* Diarrhea
- \* Hernia
- \* Ringworm
- \* Athlete's foot and other fungal infections.
- \* Respiratory.
- \* Used in anti-gout
- \* Relieves toothache.
- \* Helpful in insomnia and Curbs the desire for alcohol

## Care: Clove is a powerful skin irritant and it should not be used undiluted on the skin. Do not use during pregnancy. Do not use on children under age 5.

Clove Seeds Products Rate :195/225 /235 /230 (+05) (per Kg.)

<u>Note :-</u> Rate of the products Mention in the Website will be verified by day to day fluctuation in the Indian Agro Market Actual Rate of the Products will be provide at the time of final Confirmation of Order





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