

## Siracusa lemon



The Siracusa lemon (in Italian, *Limone di Siracusa IGP*) is the fruit of the cultivar "femminello" and its clones, corresponding to the botanical species *Citrus x limon* L. Burm. The *femminello* cultivar from Siracusa is the most common variety of lemon in Italy, and produces three main flowerings: the *primofiore* (from October 1st), the *bianchetto* (Also less commonly known as the *maiolino*.) (from April 15th) and the *verdello* (or *summer lemon*, from July 1st).

The *Siracusa lemon* is characterised by a high juice content and abundance of oil glands in the skin, as well as the high quality of its essential oils. The Siracusan variety of lemon is called a *femminello* because of the fertility of the plant, which flowers all year round: the *primofiore* (literally, "first flower") matures from October 1st, has an elliptical shape, skin and flesh which varies from light green to lemon-yellow, and lemon-yellow juice; the *bianchetto* ripens from April 15th, is ovoid-elliptical, with light yellow skin, yellow flesh and lemon-yellow juice; the *verdello* matures from July 1st, is an spheroid elliptical shape, light green skin, and lemon-yellow flesh and juice.

**Category:** Citrus

**Families:** Rutaceae

**Genus:** Citrus

**Species:** limon "Siracusano"

**Geographical Area of Origin:** Mediterranean Europe

**Climatic Zones:** Mediterranean: South and islands, hills. USDA 10 a

**Habit:** Tree

**Leaves:** Evergreen

**Colore Foglie:** Verde

**Flowering Period:** Marzo / Aprile

**Flower:** Simple flower

**Colore Fiori:** Bianco



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**Favorite soil:** Sub-acid / medium acid / Middle-Dough / Medium soil

**Water needs:** Low / little water / Medium

**Light Exposure:** Medium shade / Half shade / Full light / Full sun

**Form:** Tree

**Fruiting Period:** Gennaio / Febbraio / Marzo / Novembre / Dicembre

**Colore Frutti:** Giallo 

**Parfumed:** yes