



## Tirthahalli Areca Nut Variety

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The **Tirthahalli variety of Karnataka** has long been recognised for its exceptional **areca nut production**, as confirmed by a recent analysis conducted by the Areca Research Centre at Keladi Shivappa Nayaka University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences in Shivamogga, Karnataka.

- The Tirthahalli areca is **highly sought-after for its suitability in producing high-grade nuts**, with growers of this variety able to cultivate the **coveted Nuli and Hasa grades**.
- The areca nut palm is the source of the popular chewing nut known as **betel nut or Supari**. India is both the **largest producer and consumer of areca nut**, with major cultivation in states like **Karnataka, Kerala, Assam, Tamil Nadu, Meghalaya, and West Bengal**.
  - Arecanut kernels are boiled, and areca precipitates are added after removing the husk. The nuts are later dried and graded as **Nuli, Hasa, Rashi, Bette, and Gorabalu based on their market value**.
  - Nuli and Hasa nuts fetch a higher price than Rashi, Bette, and Gorabalu.
- Earlier **'Sirsi Supari'** grown in Uttara Kannada district of Karnataka has received the **Geographic Indication (GI) tag**.

**Read more:** ["Sirsi Supari" Gets GI Tag](#)

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