



## SUMMER DELIGHTS

**A**tropical location, moisture-rich loamy soil and production-friendly climate make the country one of the notable growers of a vast range of fruits. Specially, the summer season, between May and July, is called the season of fruits. People wait for the period of time when juicy fruits like mango, jackfruit, litchi, pineapple, watermelon, guava and many others hit the market. This year, the summer fruit market in the city seems well-supplied. Fruits from northern region of the country started to arrive here two or three weeks ago. Langra, a popular variety of mango from Rajshahi and adjoining districts, is yet to come in abundance while traders hope to get supply of fazli, another mouth-watering variety, in a few days. Of the fruits, litchi is a mega-hit this year and cultivators in the northern districts saw a high yield. Traders are spending busy days unloading fruits and selling them. Reportedly, the business is pulling in big bucks. The prices are still high. But they are expected to become reasonable within a couple of weeks when there will be plentiful supply of the summer fruits.

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