

STEVIA



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- Substitute for sugar in drinks, preserves, desserts
- Leaves are added to food and drinks in many states: fresh, powdered, dried, or extracted



GROWING & PLANTING

- Harvest before flowering
- Best grown from cuttings
- Can withstand some shade
- Do not plant outdoors until warmer weather



FOLKLORE & SYMBOLS

- Native to South America
- First recorded discovery in 1899
- 100 times sweeter than sugar
- Classified as part of the sunflower family