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The banana knowledge compendium

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Tropical race 4 (TR4) is the name given to the strain of *Fusarium oxysporum f. sp. cubense* that causes *Fusarium wilt* in Cavendish bananas. It emerged in southeast Asia and spread to the Middle East and Africa. It is considered as the greatest threat to banana production because of its lethal impact, wide host range and persistence in the soil.

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The **banana plant** is a tree-like perennial herb. It is an herb because its aerial parts die down to the ground after the growing season and it is a perennial because an offshoot growing at the base of the plant, the sucker, replaces the mother plant. What looks like a trunk is in fact a pseudostem made from tightly packed leaf sheaths.

**Featured image**

*Musa acuminata ssp. banksii* is one of the wild bananas whose genetic signature is found in edible bananas, especially those from the New Guinea area.

*Throughout the website, banana refers to both the sweet types that are eaten raw and the starchy ones that are cooked. Find out why we don't say banana and plantain.*

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