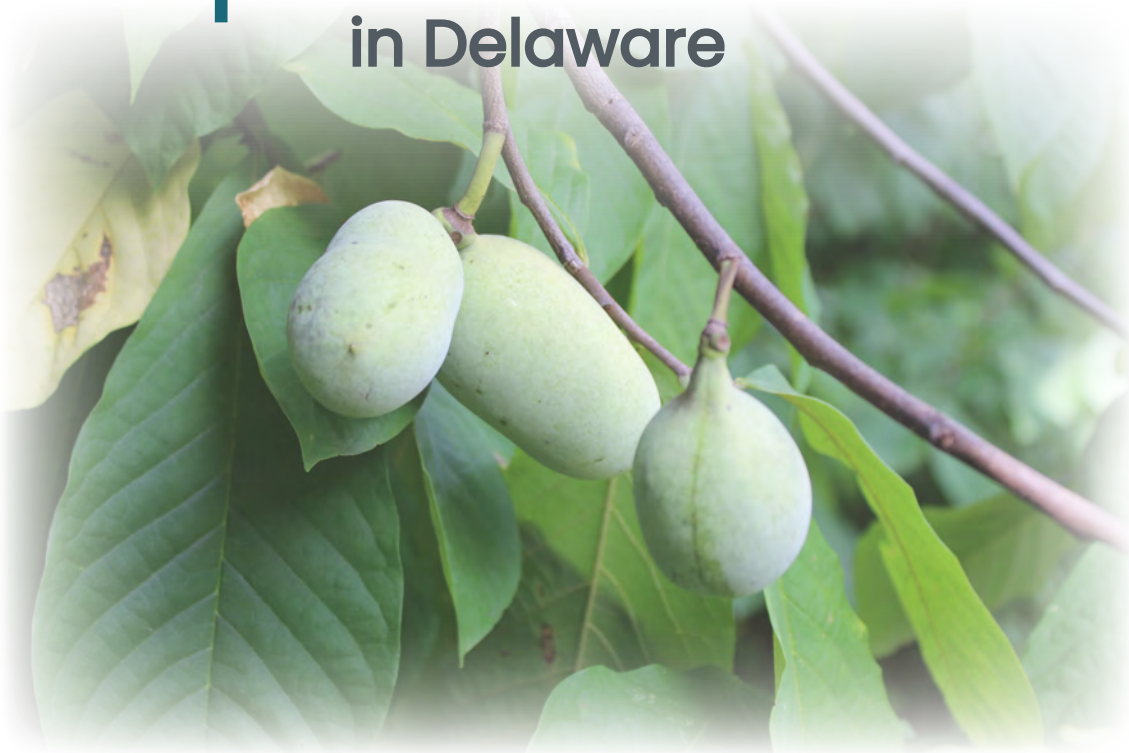


# Tips to Grow PawPaw in Delaware



*The pawpaw is a patch-forming (clonal) understory tree of hardwood forest, which is found in well-drained, deep, fertile bottomland and tastes like a cross between a banana and a mango.*

- o Choose a site with either full sun or shade: Pawpaw will grow either in shade or in full sun!
- o Plant pawpaws in slightly acidic soil, with a pH of 5.5–7.
- o Choose an ideal site with moist, well-drained soils.
- o Space each tree (if growing more than one), at least 8 feet, with rows at 12 feet in between.
- o Try to plant a pawpaw fruit in the fall and see if shoots sprout in the spring. Unlike the preferred propagation techniques, starting plants from seed can lead to variable genetics, and your tree may not fruit.



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