

# The Amazing Banana

**“A 5,900 Mile Journey to Spokane”**



**(more than you ever wanted to know)**

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## Typical Timeline

- Day 1: Banana harvest in Central America
- Day 3: Arrive at port in Central America
- Day 10: Ship arrives at port near San Diego
- Day 14: Truck arrives at Peirone in Spokane
- Day 19: 5 day ripening process completed
- Day 21: Bananas ship to your local store
- Day 22: Available for you to buy

# *Many, Many Touch Points*

## WORKERS INVOLVED

1. Buyer: *forecasts needs / places order*
2. Farmer: *plants & cultivates*
3. Field worker: *hand harvests*
4. Field packer: *grades, sorts, boxes*
5. Truck driver: *plantation to ports*
6. Dock worker: *loads on specialized boats*
7. Boat crew: *floats to California*

## WORKERS INVOLVED

8. Dock worker: *unloads boat / loads truck*
9. Truck driver: *drives to Spokane*
10. Peirone inspector: *inspects for quality*
11. Banana ripener: *oversees 5 day process*
12. Warehouse worker: *assembles orders*
13. Truck driver: *drives to store*
14. Produce clerk: *available to consumers*

# **\$.69 Per Pound**

**A minimum wage person in Spokane would have to work for 2.9 minutes to earn enough to buy a pound of Bananas**