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[Authentic hadith] [Narrated by Bukhari & Muslim]

Fruits are prone to many plant diseases before they become ripe, and selling them in this stage brings about no benefit for the buyer. Therefore, the Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) prohibited the seller and the buyer from concluding the sale of fruits before they become ripe. Dates become ripe when they turn red or yellow. Then, the Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) explained the reason behind prohibiting the sale of unripe fruits by mentioning that if all the fruits or some of them suffered blight, then how could the seller consider his brother's money lawful for himself without giving anything in exchange?

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