

MELONS 2023

Key: F1=F1 Hybrid, OP=Open Pollinated			
Name	Days to Maturity*	Description	Type
Cantaloupe			
Ambrosia	86 days	Muskmelon; good yields of 6 in. round, heavily netted, 4-5 lb. melons; firm, fragrant, flavorful flesh, peach in color, with small seed cavity; mildew-resistant	F1
Burpee Hybrid	80-85 days	Muskmelon; slightly oval 7 in. x 6 in., 4-5 lb. melons with ribbed, heavily netted rinds and thick, firm, salmon flesh; fusarium-resistant	F1
Burrell's Jumbo	82 days	Muskmelon; thick, orange flesh inside a 5 lb. netted fruit; selected from parent Hale's Best by the Burrell seed company	Heirloom; OP
Hale's Best Jumbo	80-85 days	Heirloom muskmelon; oval, ribbed and heavily netted 3-5 lb. fruits with thick, firm, salmon flesh and small seed cavity; tolerates drought, resists powdery mildew	Heirloom; OP
Halona	72-75 days	Muskmelon; early variety with high sugar content and strong aroma; good yields of uniform, 4-5 lb., 6 in. diameter fruits; netted, deeply ribbed rind and vibrant orange flesh; resistant to powdery mildew, fusarium 2	F1
Hearts of Gold	80-90 days	Heirloom muskmelon developed about 1895, trademarked 1914; round, 2-3 lb. melons with heavily netted, ribbed rind, deep orange, aromatic, sweet flesh; prolific, vigorous, blight resistant vines	Heirloom; OP
Honey Rock a.k.a. Sugar Rock	85 days	Muskmelon; slightly oval, 4-5 lbs., 6 in. across; flesh is deep salmon and incredibly sweet, rind is rough and netted; resists fusarium; AAS in 1933	Heirloom; OP
Minnesota Midget	60-70 days	Heirloom introduced in 1948; softball sized, mini-muskmelons; sweet orange flesh, thin, netted rinds; compact, 3-4 ft. vines ideal for small gardens or containers; vigorous and high yielding - 6-8 melons per plant; produces early, great for short season; fusarium wilt resistant	Heirloom; OP
Noir Des Carmes	75-90 days	True cantaloupe; 2.5 - 3 lbs. with tender peach-colored flesh and dark-green, deeply ribbed rind that ripens to gold; the famous "Black Rock" melon preserved by French Carmelite monks in the 1700s	Heirloom; OP
Orange Sherbet	80-85 days	4-6 lb. Tuscan type gourmet muskmelon, round to oval, well netted and ribbed, bright orange flesh, sweet and aromatic; resistant to fusarium wilt and powdery mildew	F1
Honeydew			
Earli-Dew	80-86 days	Oval-round, pale green, 5-6 in., 3 lb. fruits with rich, juicy, lime-green flesh; widely adapted, tolerates fusarium	F1
Snow Leopard	78 days	The first variegated honeydew; 2 lb. melons have smooth skin, creamy yellow with green splashes and stripes; white, sweet, aromatic flesh; vigorous habit, good disease tolerance	F1
Miscellaneous Melons			
Casaba	110 days	Old, reliable producer of 10 in. x 7 in., 6-8 lb. melons; white flesh is aromatic and slightly spicy, golden-yellow rind is tough and wrinkled; good keeper	Heirloom; OP

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Cucamelon	65-75 days	<i>Melothria scabra</i> , unusual melon the size of a grape; cucumber-lime flavor; tiny fruits are striped dark and light green and look like miniature watermelons, can be eaten skin and all; great for salads, as garnish, in stir fries, salsas, or pickled; easily grown on a trellis	Heirloom; OP
Golden Beauty Casaba	110 days	Old, reliable producer of 10 in. x 7 in., 6-8 lb. melons; white flesh is aromatic and slightly spicy, golden-yellow rind is tough and wrinkled; good keeper	Heirloom; OP
Crenshaw	100 days	Slightly oval, 8 in. x 7 in., 10-14 lb. melons; thick, juicy, peach flesh with subtle flavor; lightly wrinkled light-green rind matures to yellow	Heirloom; OP
Charentais	70-90 days	Small French cantaloupes with fine-textured, aromatic, salmon flesh and distinctive, honey-sweet flavor; average 2-3.5 lbs.; grey-green skin with dark green stripes has yellow hue when ripe; vigorous vines and softball sized fruit make it excellent to grow vertically on a trellis or other structure; great for single servings	Heirloom; OP
Green Skin Bitter Melon	70 days	8 in., cucumber shaped, bumpy fruit held on beautiful vines, grows well on trellis or arbor; mildly bitter flavor picked green and used in Asian soups, stir fries, curries; sweeter, ruby red flesh when picked fully ripe (yellowish-orange skin) and used raw in salads; Chinese variety very high in vitamins	Heirloom; OP
Lambkin Hybrid Christmas Melon	65-75 days	Piel de Sapo (translates as 'toad skin') - Christmas type melon; 2-4 lb. oval fruit, 4-5 per plant; thin, yellow rind with green blotches; sweet, aromatic, white-green, juicy flesh; can be stored in a cool place for a longer time than other melons; AAS Winner for 2009	F1
Tigger Melon	80-90 days	Visually striking Armenian heirloom – slightly oblong, 1 lb. fruits are vivid yellow with brilliant orange-red stripes and splotches; flesh is white, especially aromatic, with rich but not overly sweet flavor; performs well in hot, dry conditions	Heirloom; OP
Watermelon			
Black Diamond	90 days	Large, 35 lbs. and up; sweet, firm, deep-red flesh; nearly round fruits have thick, dark blue-green rind with yellow underside	Heirloom; OP
Blacktail Mountain	65-75 days	Developed by Glen Drowns in Northern Idaho, ideal for short season; consistently produces 9 in., 8-12 lbs., round, dark green fruit with super sweet red flesh, on 10 ft. vines; performs well even when nights are cool or days are excessively hot; stores up to 2 months and, if picked just before ripe, will ripen in storage	OP
Bush Sugar Baby	80 days	9 in. across, 8-12 lb. icebox melons on compact (4 ft.) vines; sweet pinkish-red flesh within a dark green rind	OP
Crimson Sweet	88 days	Slightly elongated 20-25 lb. melons; red, firm, fine-textured flesh with high sugar content and few seeds; light green with dark stripes; resists anthracnose and fusarium wilt	OP
Georgia or Garrison Rattlesnake	90 days	Heirloom, can reach 2 ft. long and 25-35 lbs.; sweet, crisp, bright scarlet flesh; tough rind, light green with dark stripes and mottling	Heirloom; OP
Jubilee	95 days	Large, elongated, 30-40 lbs.; sweet pinkish-red flesh; light green rind with thin dark stripes; somewhat drought-tolerant, resists A and FW	OP

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Mini Love	70-80 days	Super compact variety, 3 ft. x 3 ft., great for small gardens or large containers; excellent disease resistance; beautiful light green & dark green striped rind resists splitting & cracking; 4-6 oval to round melons per plant, 5-7 lbs. each, ruby red, crisp flesh, with few seeds, wonderful flavor; AAS award 2017	F1
Moon and Stars	95-100 days	Large heirloom variety, can reach 40 lbs.; slightly oblong fruit, dark green rind with bright yellow spots and speckles (moon and stars), sweet, crisp, red flesh; foliage is speckled too	Heirloom; OP
Orangeglo	85-100 days	Oblong, dark and light green striped melons average 25 lbs.; deep orange flesh, sweet, tropical flavor; strong, disease resistant vines	OP
Sangria	85-90 days	20-25 lb. melons with rich red flesh; dark green and elongated with light striping; resists FW, tolerates A	F1
Sugar Baby	75-80 days	6-10 lb. icebox variety; sweet, red, fine-grained flesh; hard rind ripens from striped to dark green; drought-resistant	OP
Sweet Beauty	80 days	Small, 5-7 lbs. with deep red, sweet and crisp flesh; elongated with light and dark green mottling; AAS in 2004	F1
Yellow Doll	70 days	Early icebox type, 6-10 lbs.; yellow flesh is crisp and very sweet; thin rind, medium green with dark stripes; semi-compact vines	F1
Companions for Melons		To repel squash bugs: onions, radishes, feverfew, nasturtiums, and borage; mulch with onion, garlic and lavender cuttings; dust center of plant with diatomaceous earth; spray with garden hose in center of plant- the bugs will come out of hiding and you can pop them into a bucket of soapy water. Other companions: corn, beans, peas, cucumbers, melons, squash family, marigolds, sunflowers, oregano, dill, parsley. Said to dislike potatoes and tomatoes.	
Harvesting watermelon		Look at the melon stem - is the nearest tendril brownish and dry? Is the underside of the melon (the part on the ground) yellow? When you thump the melon lightly, does it make a deep sound and vibrate all the way through? Then it's ready.	
Harvesting cantaloupes		Ripe when a light tug or light pressure on the stem causes the melon to separate easily from the vine.	
Harvesting honeydew, charentais, crenshaw, casaba, Christmas and other melons		These melons will be overripe by the time the stem slips from the vine; instead, cut the fruit off the vine when the leaf nearest to the melon turns pale and the rind is the right color for the type of melon.	