

Variety	Days to Maturity	Type*	Plant Description
<b><u>Bitter Melon</u></b>			
Kong Green	85		AKA Bitter Gourd and Balsam Pear. Elongated fruits taper to a point and are ribbed and bright green. Immature fruits, leaves, and shoot tips are edible and add a unique flavor to stir fries and soups. Harvest fruits between 4-8" and while still green. Vines are vigorous.
<b><u>Cantaloupe:</u></b> Plant cantaloupe in full sun and well-draining, fertile soil. Provide consistent moisture to young plants through fruit set. Reduce water as fruits begin to ripen to increase sugar content. Harvest when fruits slip easily from the vine.			
Ambrosia	86	F1	A muskmelon with good yields of 6", round, heavily netted, 4-5 lb. melons. The flesh is firm, fragrant, flavorful, and peach in color with a small seed cavity. Plants are mildew-resistant.
Burpee Hybrid	80-85	F1	Heavy yields of muskmelons that are slightly oval, 7" x 6", and 4-5 lb. Rinds are ribbed and heavily netted, and salmon flesh is thick, firm, and juicy. Vines are fusarium-resistant.
Hale's Best Jumbo	80-85	OP	An heirloom muskmelon with oval, ribbed, and heavily netted 3-5 lb. fruits with thick, firm, salmon flesh and a small seed cavity. Plants tolerate drought and are powdery mildew resistant.
Halona	72-75	F1	An early muskmelon variety with high sugar content and strong aroma. Produces good yields of uniform, 4-5 lb., 6" fruits with a netted, deeply ribbed rind and vibrant orange flesh. Vines are resistant to powdery mildew and fusarium 2.
Hearts of Gold	80-90	OP	An heirloom muskmelon developed around 1895 and trademarked 1914. Round, 2-3 lb. melons have a heavily netted, ribbed rind and deep orange, aromatic, sweet flesh. Vines are prolific, vigorous, and blight resistant.
Honey Rock	85	OP	AKA Sugar Rock. An heirloom muskmelon with slightly oval, 3-5 lbs., 6" fruits. The flesh is deep salmon and incredibly sweet. The rind is rough and netted. Vines produce up to 7 melons and are resistant to fusarium. AAS in 1933.
Minnesota Midget	60-70	OP	An heirloom introduced in 1948 with softball-sized muskmelons that have sweet, orange flesh and thin, netted rinds. Compact, 3-4' vines are ideal for small gardens or containers. Plants are vigorous and high yielding (6-8 melons per plant) and produce early, great for short seasons. Fusarium wilt resistant.
Noir Des Carmes	75-90	OP	A true cantaloupe, this heirloom produces 2.5 - 3 lbs. fruits with tender peach-colored flesh and dark-green, deeply ribbed rind that ripens to gold. This is the famous "Black Rock" melon preserved by French Carmelite monks in the 1700s.

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Orange Sherbet	80-85	F1	A 4-6 lb., Tuscan-type, gourmet muskmelon that is round to oval, well netted, and ribbed with bright orange flesh. The flavor is sweet and aromatic. Plants are resistant to fusarium wilt and powdery mildew
<p><b>Honeydew:</b> Plant honeydew in full sun and well-drained, fertile soil. Provide consistent water to young plants through fruit set. Reduce water as fruit ripens to increase sugar content. Honeydew will be overripe by the time they will slip easily from the vine. Watch for the mature rind color characteristic of the variety and for the leaf closest to the fruit to pale. Then, cut from the vine.</p>			
Earli-Dew	80-86	F1	Oval-round, pale green, 5-6 in., 3 lb. fruits with rich, juicy, lime-green flesh; widely adapted, tolerates fusarium
Snow Leopard	78	F1	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
<p><b>Miscellaneous Melons:</b> Plant melons in full sun and well-drained, fertile soil. Provide consistent water to young plants through fruit set. Reduce water as fruit ripens to increase sugar content. See plant description for the best indicators for ripeness for each variety.</p>			
Bidwell Casaba	95	OP	Large, football-shaped melons can weigh up to 15lbs! The rind is yellow with green mottling and deeply grooved, and the flesh is sweet and highly aromatic. Harvest when the tendrils near the fruit dry and the rind begins to dull. Cut from the vine.
Casaba	110	OP	Old, reliable heirloom producing 10 x 7", 6-8 lb. melons. The flesh is white, aromatic, and slightly spicy. The golden-yellow rind is tough and wrinkled. A solid keeper. Harvest when the tendrils near the fruit dry and the rind begins to dull. Cut from the vine.
Charentais	70-90	OP	Small, French cantaloupes with fine-textured, aromatic, salmon flesh and a distinctive, honey-sweet flavor. Melons average 2-3.5 lbs - excellent for single servings. Grey-green skin with dark green stripes has a yellow hue when ripe. Cut from the vine at this time. Vigorous vines and softball-sized fruit make it excellent to grow vertically on a trellis or other structure.
Crenshaw	100	OP	An heirloom with slightly oval, 8 x 7", 10-14 lb. melons. The flesh is thick, juicy, and peach with subtle flavor. The lightly wrinkled, light-green rind matures to yellow. Harvest at "forced-slip" when the melon can be separated from the vine with some pressure.

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Cucamelon	65-75	OP	AKA Mexican Sour Gherkin. <i>Melothria scabra</i> . An unusual heirloom melon the size of a grape with cucumber-lime flavor. The tiny fruits are striped dark and light green and look like miniature watermelons. Eat fruit skin and all. Fun addition to salads, as garnish, or in stir fries, salsas, or pickled. Easily grown on a trellis.
King Show	80	F1	An early Piel de Sapo hybrid with oval, 3-4 lb fruits that are sweet and flavorful. Cut from the vine with the rind yellows and is slightly soft.
Tigger Melon	80-90	OP	A visually striking Armenian heirloom. Fruits are slightly oblong and about 1 lb. The rind is vivid yellow with brilliant orange-red stripes and splotches. The flesh is white, especially aromatic with mild flavor. Performs well in hot, dry conditions. Harvest when fruit can be gently pulled from the vine.
<b>Watermelon:</b> Grow watermelon in full sun and well-drained, fertile soil. Provide consistent water to young plants through fruit set. Reduce water as fruits ripen to increase sugar content. Harvest watermelon when the tendril closest to the fruit is dry or when the portion of the rind resting on the ground is yellow.			
Black Diamond	90	OP	An heirloom with large (35 lbs. and up) fruits that have sweet, firm, deep-red flesh. The nearly round fruits have thick, dark blue-green rind with yellow underside.
Blacktail Mountain	65-75	OP	Developed by Glen Drowns in Northern Idaho, this variety is ideal for short seasons and consistently produces 9", 8-12 lbs., round, dark green fruit with super sweet, red flesh. Vines reach 10' and perform 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.
Bush Sugar Baby	80	OP	Fruits are 9", 8-12 lb. icebox melons with sweet, pink/red flesh and a dark green rind. Vines are compact (4') and great for small gardens.
Crimson Sweet	88	OP	Fruits are slightly elongated and reach 20-25 lb. with red, firm, fine-textured flesh with high sugar content and few seeds. Rind is light green with dark stripes. Plants are resistant to anthracnose and fusarium wilt.
Georgia or Garrison Rattlesnake	90	OP	An heirloom that can reach 2' long and 25-35 lbs. The flesh is sweet, crisp, and bright scarlet. A tough rind is light green with dark stripes and mottling.
Jubilee	95	OP	Large, elongated, 30-40 lbs.; sweet pinkish-red flesh; light green rind with thin dark stripes; somewhat drought-tolerant, resists A and FW

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Mini Love	70-80	F1	Produces 4-6 oval to round, 5-7 lb fruits with ruby red, crisp flesh and few seeds. Flavor is wonderful. Beautiful light and dark green striped rind resists splitting. Vines are compact, 3' x 3', and great for small gardens or large containers. AAS award 2017
Moon and Stars	95-100	OP	An heirloom variety producing large (up to 40 lbs!), slightly oblong fruit with dark green rinds with bright yellow spots and speckles (moon and stars). The flesh is sweet, crisp, and red. The foliage is speckled, too.
Orangeglo	85-100	OP	Oblong, dark and light green striped melons average 25 lbs. The deep orange flesh has a sweet, tropical flavor. Vines are strong and disease resistant.
Sangria	85-90	F1	Elongated, 20-25 lb. melons have rich red flesh and dark green rinds with light striping. Fusarium resistant.
Sugar Baby	75-80	OP	A 6-10 lb. icebox variety with sweet, red, fine-grained flesh and a hard rind that ripens from striped to dark green. Drought-resistant.
Sweet Beauty	80	F1	Small, 5-7 lbs. fruits have deep red, sweet, and crisp flesh. Rind has light and dark green mottling. AAS in 2004.
Sweet Favorite	80	F1	Noted for its sweet flavor and crisp texture, this variety produces oblong, 5-7 lb fruits with red flesh and a dark and medium green striped rind. Plants are vigorous and produce 3-4 melons.
Yellow Doll	70	F1	An early icebox type yielding 6-10 lb fruits with yellow flesh that is crisp and very sweet. The thin rind is medium green with dark stripes. Vines are semi-compact.
* Type - F1 hybrid vs open pollinated (OP). To save seeds that retain the characteristics of a variety, choose an OP variety and plant away from other plants to avoid cross pollination.			