

Watermelon

FRESH

Sizes

Average 22 lb to 26 lb

Grades

U.S. Fancy
U.S. No. 1
U.S. No. 2

Popular varieties

Icebox type: Sugar Baby, Mickeylee, Petite Sweet, Yellow Doll, Tiger Baby

Picnic type: Jubilee, Crimson Sweet, Royal Sweet

Seedless type: Jack of Hearts, King of Hearts, Queen of Hearts

Yellow flesh: Desert King, Tender Sweet, Orangeglo, Tenderfold, Honeyhart

How Packed

3 to 5 melons per 85-lb paperboard carton

In Season

- Available year-round
- Peak season: May to August

Receiving

- Good quality melon should be ripe. Indicators are dry stem, yellow underside, dull (not shiny) rind.
- Exterior firm, symmetrical, with color and shape typical of variety.

Storing

- Store at room temperature.
- Store away from ethylene-producing fruits and vegetables.
- Keeps approximately 2 weeks.
- Handle melons carefully to prevent internal bruising.

Standard of Identity Reference

None

Grade Standard Reference

Title 7 CFR 51.1970 to 51.1972

Sample Description

WATERMELON, FRESH: picnic variety; whole melons; to be packed to U.S. No. 1 standard; average 22 to 26 lb; 85 lb carton.

