

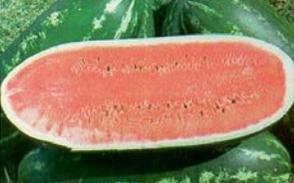


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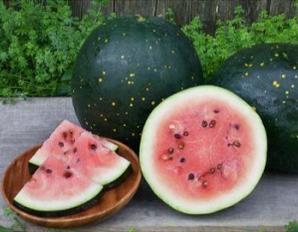
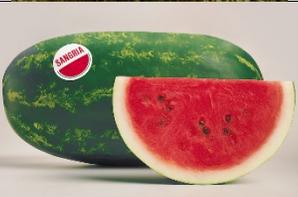
THE LOUISIANA FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

Table 1. RECOMMENDED CANTALOUPE AND WATERMELON VARIETIES FOR LOUISIANA

Image	Variety Name	Description	Days to Harvest*	Fruit Size	Resistance & Tolerance
Cantaloupe					
	Ambrosia	Eastern, round cantaloupe with peach-colored flesh; very sweet and juicy; very flavorful; small seed cavity; hybrid	86 days	4.5-5 lbs	Downy mildew, powdery mildew
	Aphrodite	Round cantaloupe with salmon-colored flesh; slight netting; stores well; firm and sweet flesh; early variety; hybrid	80 days	6-8 lbs	Fusarium wilt, powdery mildew
	Athena	Round cantaloupe with peach-colored flesh; resistant to cracking, with tough rind; good shelf life; widely adapted; hybrid	79 days	5-6 lbs	Fusarium wilt, powdery mildew

	Hale's Best	Eastern, oval cantaloupe with salmon-colored flesh; juicy and flavorful; heavy netting and slightly ribbed; thin rinds; heirloom variety from California	80-86 days	4-5 lbs	
	Primo	Oval cantaloupe with dark orange flesh; smooth rind; heavy netting; small seed capacity; firm, very sweet hybrid	79 days	5-7 lbs	Downy mildew, Fusarium wilt, powdery mildew
Watermelon					
<i>Diploid/Seeded</i>					
	Allsweet	Large, oblong watermelon with dark green, thin stripes and bright red flesh; very sweet; open-pollinated	90 days	25-30 lbs	Anthracnose, Fusarium wilt
	AU Producer	Blocky, round watermelon with bright red flesh; sweet; stores well; high yielding, heirloom variety from Alabama	85 days	25-30 lbs	Anthracnose, Fusarium wilt, gummy stem blight

	Black Diamond	Large, oblong watermelon with tough green rind and bright red flesh; flavorful; good foliage cover; productive; stores well; heirloom variety	90 days	40-75 lbs	
	Charleston Grey	Oblong watermelon with light gray-green rind; fiberless red flesh; juicy, productive heirloom variety	90 days	30-40 lbs	
	Crimson Sweet	Classic, oblong watermelon with bright red flesh; high quality; reliable; juicy and fine-textured flesh; dark green striping; open-pollinated	85 days	15-25 lbs	Anthracnose, Fusarium wilt
	Desert King	Oblong watermelon with light green rind and yellow-pink flesh; very sweet; stores well; drought tolerant; heirloom variety	85 days	12-20 lbs	Sunburn
	Jamboree	Long, blocky watermelon with bright, deep red flesh; very sweet and flavorful; uniform, adaptable hybrid	88 days	25-30 lbs	Anthracnose, Fusarium wilt

	Jubilee	Compact variety; oblong watermelon with red flesh; juicy and crisp; very sweet; open-pollinated	90-95 days	10-13 lbs	Anthraco-nose, Fusarium wilt
	Moon and Stars	Large, oblong watermelon with dark green rind decorated with large yellow “moons” and small yellow “stars”; dark red flesh; very flavorful; grows well in warm temperatures; heirloom variety from Missouri	85-105 days	40 lbs	
IMAGE NOT AVAILABLE	Regency	Long watermelon with gray-green rind and pink flesh; juicy and flavorful; hybrid	85 days	30 lbs	Anthraco-nose, Fusarium wilt, hollow heart, white heart, sunburn
	Royal Star	Oblong watermelon with green striped rind and bright red flesh; very productive; stores well; small seeds; hybrid	84 days	21-26 lbs	Anthraco-nose, Fusarium wilt
	Sangria	Long watermelon with green striped rind and red flesh; juicy and flavorful; very sweet; hybrid	85 days	20-25 lbs	Anthraco-nose, Fusarium wilt
	Summer Flavor 720 or 710	Oblong and blocky watermelon; green striped rind; bright red flesh; sweet and crisp; very productive; hybrid	85 days	28-30 lbs	Anthraco-nose

	Tendersweet	Oblong watermelon with green striped rind and orange flesh; productive; very sweet and flavorful; open pollinated	85 days	25-40 lbs	
<i>Icebox</i>					
	Sugar Baby	Small, round watermelon with solid dark green rind and deep red flesh; small seeds; high yielding; reliable; drought tolerant; grows well in cool conditions; heirloom variety	75-77 days	6-12 lbs	
<i>Triploid/Seedless</i>					
	Amarillo	Round watermelon with green striped rind; bright yellow flesh; sweet; hybrid	82 days	15 lbs	
	Buttercup	Round watermelon with green striped rind and bright yellow flesh; flavorful; crisp and very sweet; productive hybrid	90 days	14-16 lbs	
IMAGE NOT AVAILABLE	Gypsy	Round watermelon with red flesh; uniform, flavorful hybrid	75 days	13-17 lbs	Anthraco

	<p>Millionaire</p>	<p>Oval blocky watermelon with thick, green rind and dark pink flesh; solid and firm; very productive; high quality; hybrid</p>	<p>90 days</p>	<p>18-22 lbs</p>	<p>Anthracnose, Fusarium wilt</p>
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Notes: * From transplant to harvest

Table varieties selected from recommendations from LSU AgCenter, UF Extension, Texas A&M Extension, and Southeastern U.S. Vegetable Crop Handbook.

Variety descriptions and images compiled from High Mowing Organic Seeds, Johnny's Selected Seeds, Reimer Seeds, Southern Exposure Seed Exchange, Sow True Seed, Jordan Seeds, Hoss Tools, Willhite Seed, Sustainable Seed Company, Osborne Seed Company, Sakata Seed America, and Syngenta.

Other recommended varieties for Louisiana include:

Cantaloupe: Caravelle, Gold Strike, Magnum 45, Mainstream, Mission, Perlita, Royal Sweet, Star Brite, Uvalde

Watermelon: Imagination, Liberty, Matrix, Mickey Lee, Millennium, Mirage, Patriot, Revolution, Stars 'N Stripes, Summer Gold, Tender Gold, Treasure Chest, Tri-X 313, Vanessa