

Watermelon

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General Information

- Citrullus lanatus, Watermelon
- Cucurbitaceae family
- Sunlight: full sun.
- Soil conditions: well drained, fertile soil.
- Heat loving, vining plant.

Successful Cultivators

- Crimson Sweet (85 days) Classic large watermelon, dark and light green stripes. Sweet pink flesh.
- Sugar Baby (72 days) Round, 7-8" diameter.
- Orange Crisp (87 days) Seedless, orange flesh. 11" round green fruit with dark green stripes.

Common Pests and Diseases

- Powdery mildew (pictured here)
- Downy mildew
- Cucumber beetle
- Melon aphid

Watermelon photos courtesy of Gail Hermenaus



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