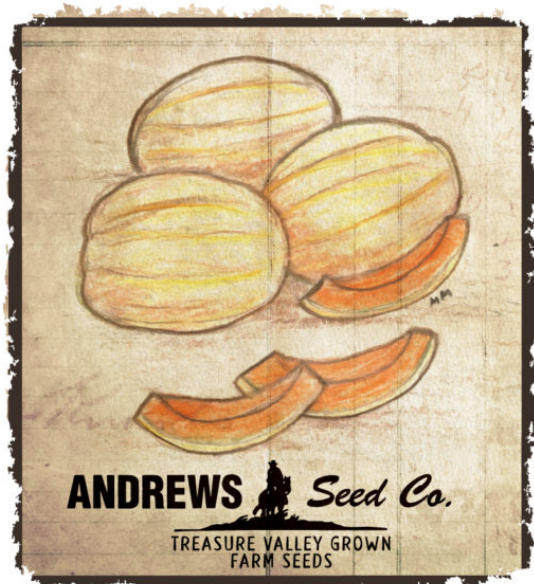


APHRODITE

Cantaloupe

Musky sweetness makes 'Aphrodite' the cantaloupe of choice for sublime desserts and breakfast alike. Aphrodite produces large melons weighing 6 to 8 lbs. Aphrodite muskmelon stores and ships well after harvest and its salmon-colored flesh is firm and sweet.



NOTES

VARIETY INFO

Botanical Name: *Cucumis melo*

Plant Dimensions: 60" - 72"

Days to Maturity: 72

Zone: 3 – 9

SOWING INFO

Sow Outside: Melons will thrive in warm, well-draining soil high in organic matter with pH between 6.5-7.5. Sandy loam is best. If you live in a warmer climate, you may direct sow seeds outdoors as soon as the soil temperature warms to at least 60°F (16°C).

Start Inside: Direct sowing is recommended, but to get a head start you can grow cantaloupe indoors 3-4 weeks before the last frost in individual biodegradable pots indoors. Sow 2-3 seeds per pot.

Days to Emerge: 7 - 10 days

Seed Depth: ½" - 1"

Seed Spacing: 3"

Row Spacing: 18"

Thinning: Not necessary

GROWING INFO

Special Instructions: Melons are heavy feeders. Give 80-120 lbs of N per acre. Calcium deficiency can lead to blossom end rot, especially when adequate moisture is not available. Use dolomitic limestone. Manganese in excess can cause black spot.

Harvesting: Allow your melons to ripen on the vine. In general fruits are ripe when they smell aromatic and when stems start to crack and the fruit slips off easily with light pressure from your thumb.

Fruit: 7 - 8 lbs.