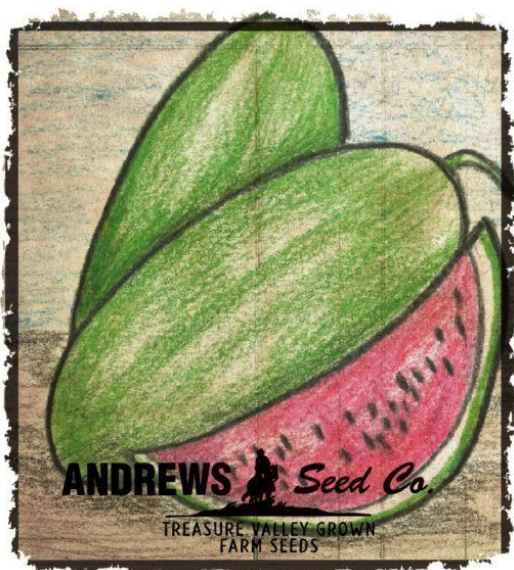


# CHARLESTON GRAY

## Watermelon

Charleston Gray is a big, juicy, open-pollinated watermelon variety. Oblong watermelons are 24" long x 10" wide and weigh about 30 pounds. The flesh is bright red, fibreless, crisp, and the tough rind makes it a good shipper.



## NOTES

### VARIETY INFO

**Botanical Name:** *Citrullus lanatus subsp. vulgaris cv.*

**Plant Dimensions:** 24" long x 10" wide

**Days to Maturity:** 85

**Zone:** 2 - 11

### SOWING INFO

**Sow Outside:** Plant directly in the garden in early summer, when the weather is consistently warm and soil temperatures have reached 70 to 90 degrees F.

**Start Inside:** In cool climates, start indoors, but no sooner than a month before transplanting. Plant three seeds per peat pot, 1/4" deep. Provide heat to keep the soil at least 80-85 degrees F.

**Days to Emerge:** 8-10 days

**Seed Depth:** 1"

**Seed Spacing:** 18-36"

**Row Spacing:** 4" to 6"

### GROWING INFO

**Harvesting:** Pick when the rinds turn a dull shade of green and the part of the melon touching the soil, previously straw yellow to greenish white, turns creamy yellow. Cut melons from the vine with a sharp knife. Leave about an inch (2.5 cm.) of stem attached, unless you plan to use the melon immediately.

**Fruit:** The classic oblong watermelon, Charleston Gray has red, fiberless flesh and a tough, medium-thick gray-green rind.