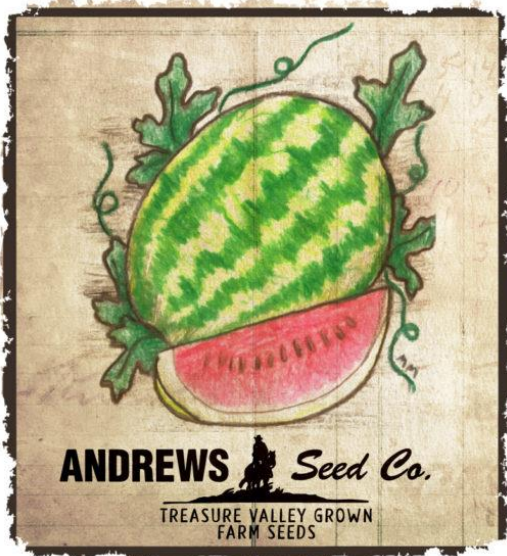


CRIMSON SWEET

Watermelon

Crimson Sweet produces round melons averaging 25 pounds with light green and dark green stripes. The inside has sweet, firm, bright red flesh. This variety is best eaten fresh.



NOTES

VARIETY INFO

Botanical Name: *Citrullus lanatus* "Crimson Sweet"

Plant Dimensions: 6" to 8"

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: 4 - 6 days

Seed Depth: 1/2"

Seed Spacing: 2" to 3"

Row Spacing: 6" to 8"

GROWING INFO

Harvesting: Harvest when rind changes from bright to dull green, and the part that touches soil shifts from greenish white or straw yellow to rich, creamy yellow. Rap on the skin and listen for a low-pitched thud; tune your ear to the incorrect sound by rapping on a few fruits that aren't ripe.

Fruit: Crimson Sweet produces round melons averaging 25 lbs. with light green and dark green stripes. This melon is even prettier on the inside, with exceptionally deep red flesh that's sweet and luscious.