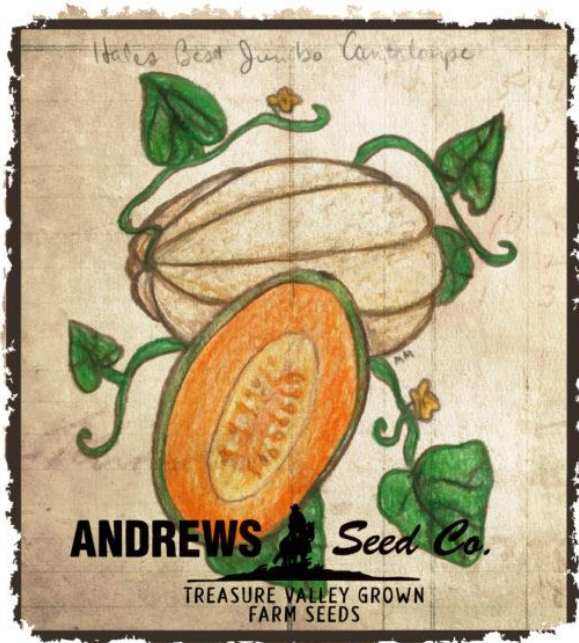


HALES BEST JUMBO

Cantaloupe

Hales Best has been one of our best sellers for years and is great for the home garden! It became wildly popular because of its excellent flavor coupled with its early maturity day. Beautifully ribbed oval melon with deep-green skin and golden netting. Firm, salmon-toned flesh is aromatic and sweet.



NOTES

VARIETY INFO

Botanical Name: *Cucumis melo* 'Hales Best Jumbo'

Plant Dimensions: 6'

Days to Maturity: 85

Zone: 3 – 9

SOWING INFO

Sow Outside: Space 36 to 42 inches apart. Soil requirements: Provide well-drained, nutrient-rich soil that's high in organic matter. Work at least 3 inches of organic matter into planting beds—more is better. Soil should be at least 70°F at planting.

Start Inside: As they require a long growing season, melons are best started indoors approximately 3 weeks prior to the last frost of the season. Sow seeds ½" deep in flats or small pots, sowing 3 seeds per pot. Keep medium moist while awaiting germination.

Days to Emerge: 3 to 5 days

Seed Depth: 1/2"

Seed Spacing: 12"

Row Spacing: 36" - 42"

Thinning: Not necessary

GROWING INFO

Harvesting: Harvest when rind changes from gray-green to yellow-buff and the netting pattern becomes more pronounced. Look for a crack at the base of the stem. Should slip right off the vine.

Fruit: 3 to 5 pounds.