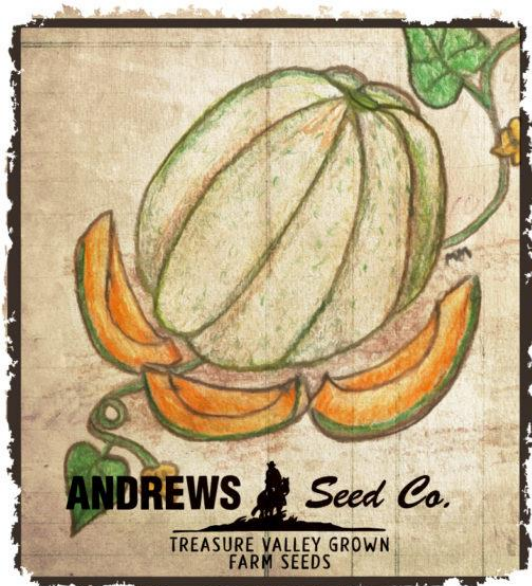


HEARTS O' GOLD

Cantaloupe

The Hearts of Gold actually has a heart of deep-orange, "golden" flesh that is thick and sweet! This variety produces high quality melons that are sweet, juicy and fragrant. The Hearts of Gold's rinds are thin, heavily netted and medium ribbed.



NOTES

VARIETY INFO

Botanical Name: *Cucumis melo* 'Hearts O' Gold'

Plant Dimensions: 6'

Days to Maturity: 80 - 90

Zone: 3 – 9

SOWING INFO

Sow Outside: For direct seeding, sow 1-2 weeks after last frost when soil is warm, above 70°F, 3 seeds every 18", 1/2" deep, thinning to 1 plant/spot. Space rows 6' apart.

Start Inside: Sow indoors 3 weeks before last frost. Plant 2-3 seeds per or pot, about 1/4" deep. Keep temperature 80-90°F until germination. Handle young plants carefully and never let the soil dry out. Grow seedlings at 75°F. Reduce water and temperature for a week to harden seedlings. When the weather is frost-free, warm, and settled, transplant 2-3' apart in rows 6' apart or thin to 1 plant/pot or cell with scissors and transplant 18" apart.

Days to Emerge: 7-14 days.

Seed Depth: 8"

Seed Spacing: 3"

Row Spacing: 4"-6"

GROWING INFO

Harvesting: Melons must be cut from the vine. All melons should be stored at 90% relative humidity. Store ripe melons at 40-45°F for 7-14 days.

Fruit: 2–3 lb