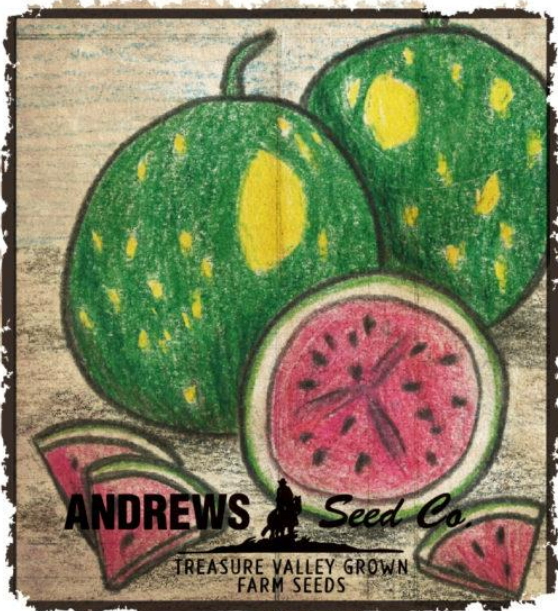


MOON AND STARS

Long Vine Watermelon

Moon and Stars watermelon sports dark green skin speckled with yellow spots of varying sizes. The vine is compact, making it ideal for small gardens. The flesh of the fruit is commonly red, yellow, or orange. The rind is thick and good for pickling, and the flesh has a sweet flavor.



NOTES

VARIETY INFO

Botanical Name: *Citrullus lanatus*

Plant Dimensions: 8"-12"

Days to Maturity: 95-100

Zone: 3-10

SOWING INFO

Sow Outside: Sow seeds directly into garden soil when all danger of frost is past. Plant $\frac{1}{2}$ " deep, 3 seeds per hill. Space hills 12-18" apart with 6' row centers. Sandy, well-drained soils are best.

Start Inside: 3-4 weeks before last frost. Provide 70-85°F soil temperature. Sow 2-3 seeds per cell/pot.

Sowing into individual biodegradable peat/cow pots reduces root damage when transplanting. Transplant after last frost, 36-48" apart.

Days to Emerge: 5-10 days

Seed Depth: $\frac{1}{2}$ " – 1"

Seed Spacing: 12-18"

Row Spacing: 3'

Thinning: Thin to one strong seedling in every hill.

GROWING INFO

Harvesting: Fruit is ripe when the nearest tendril is brown and dry; when the spot that touches the ground turns from white to yellow; when the blossom end is soft; and the fruit sounds hollow when tapped. Cut the fruit from the vine with a sharp knife or pruners.

Fruit: Dark green skin speckled with yellow spots of varying sizes. The flesh of the fruit is commonly red, yellow, or orange. The rind is thick and good for pickling, and the flesh has a sweet flavor.