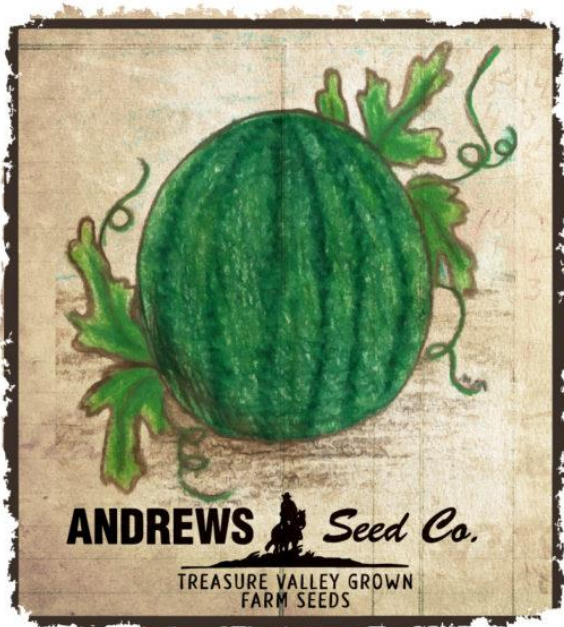


SUGAR BABY

Icebox Watermelon

Sugar Baby watermelons are a prolific variety producing fruits that average 6-10 pounds. They have a deep forest green outer rind that is striated with paler shades of lime. When fully ripe the fruits may even appear black. The juicy inner flesh ranges from red-orange to magenta and is dotted with small dark brown seeds.



NOTES

VARIETY INFO

Botanical Name: *Citrullus lanatus* 'Sugar Baby'

Plant Dimensions: 36 to 42"

Days to Maturity: 75

Zone: 3-9

SOWING INFO

Sow Outside: Sow 1–2 weeks after last frost when soil is warm, above 70°F, 3 seeds every 18–36", ½–1" deep, thinning to 1 plant/spot.

Start Inside: Sow indoors one month (no sooner!) before transplanting outdoors. Plant 2 seeds per cell or pot, about ½–1" deep. 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 6–8' apart, or thin to 1 plant/pot or cell with scissors and transplant 18" apart.

Seed Depth: ½ to ¾"

Seed Spacing: 6"

Row Spacing: 4 to 6"

Thinning: Not necessary

GROWING INFO

Harvesting: When they are green at the attachment point, the fruit is not yet ripe, but when they start to turn brown and dry, it is harvest time. When the tendrils have fully dried out, the fruit is on the verge of over ripeness.

Fruit: Like many icebox types, 'Sugar Baby' ripens 8- to 12-pound fruits in 75 days. Even though fruits are small, they're packed with full-size flavor and sweetness.