

NATIONAL WATERMELON REPORT



United States
Department of
Agriculture

Agricultural Marketing Service
Fruit and Vegetable Programs
Market News Branch

2202 Monterey St. Suite 104-F
Fresno, CA 93721
Phone: 559-487-5178 FAX: 487-5199

Volume XXXIX - Number 26

<http://www.marketnews.usda.gov/portal/fv>

Wednesday, February 08, 2012

DAILY SHIPMENTS AND CROSSINGS

Movement information is current as of the date of the report. Information is subject to revision.

40,000 lb units	MODE	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	TOTAL TO DATE		FINAL
		Feb 1	Feb 2	Feb 3	Feb 4	Feb 5	Feb 6	Feb 7	This Season	Last Season	Last Season
WATERMELONS											
Costa Rica - South Florida/Tampa	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	*	*
Guatemala - Gulfport (Mississippi)	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27	*	*
Guatemala - Los Angeles-Long Beach	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	*	10
Guatemala - Philadelphia-Camden	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	204	356
Guatemala - South Florida/Tampa	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	14	79
Guatemala - Wilmington (Delaware)	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	*	*
Honduras - Los Angeles-Long Beach	B	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	16	79
Honduras - South Florida/Tampa	B	-	-	1	13	-	10	-	24	1	30
Honduras - Wilmington (Delaware)	B	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	10	*	7
Mexico - Calexico	B	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	*	184
Mexico - Eagle Pass, TX	T	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	*	*
Mexico - Otay Mesa	T	1	1	1	2	-	1	2	83	90	418
Mexico - Pharr, TX	T	9	12	8	4	4	5	11	335	*	*
Mexico - Progreso, TX	T	16	19	18	9	-	12	32	1,484	*	*
Mexico - Rio Grande City, TX	T	-	4	-	2	-	-	-	9	*	*
Mexico - Laredo, TX	T	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	*	*
Mexico - San Luis	T	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	5	5
Nicaragua - South Florida/Tampa	B	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	25	32	105
TOTAL		26	47	30	36	4	28	45	2,065	362	1,273
WATERMELONS, SEEDED											
Mexico - Nogales	T	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	86	101	376
TOTAL		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	86	101	376
WATERMELONS, SEEDLESS											
Guatemala - South Florida/Tampa	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	338	414	1,006
Honduras - South Florida/Tampa	B	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	32	7	188
Mexico - Nogales	T	10	10	13	10	-	11	10	3,943	3,789	17,013
Nicaragua - South Florida/Tampa	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	67	202
TOTAL		10	21	13	10	-	11	10	4,318	4,277	18,409
GRAND TOTAL		36	68	43	46	4	39	55	6,469	4,740	20,058
CANTALOUPS											
Costa Rica - South Florida/Tampa	B	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	98	58	261
Guatemala - Galveston (Texas)	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	221	363	1,150
Guatemala - Gulfport (Mississippi)	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	*	23
Guatemala - Los Angeles-Long Beach	B	-	-	-	24	-	-	-	455	444	1,381
Guatemala - Philadelphia-Camden	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	205	750	2,173
Guatemala - Port Hueneme (Calif)	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	191	229	494
Guatemala - South Florida/Tampa	B	10	8	3	15	2	11	-	1,733	2,006	5,157
Guatemala - Wilmington (Delaware)	B	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	123	187	543
Honduras - Los Angeles-Long Beach	B	-	-	-	85	-	-	-	255	275	1,190
Honduras - South Florida/Tampa	B	6	3	-	6	1	6	-	253	554	1,665
Honduras - Wilmington (Delaware)	B	-	-	-	22	-	-	-	126	124	522
Mexico - Nogales	T	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	673	891	1,599
TOTAL		16	17	4	156	3	17	-	4,352	5,881	16,158
B - Boat; T - Truck; P- Piggyback; R - Rail											
* - Unavailable											

40,000 lb units	MODE	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	TOTAL TO DATE		FINAL
		Feb 1	Feb 2	Feb 3	Feb 4	Feb 5	Feb 6	Feb 7	This Season	Last Season	Last Season
HONEYDEW											
Brazil - Los Angeles-Long Beach	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	8	8
Brazil - Newark-Elizabeth (NJ)	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50	75	93
Brazil - Philadelphia-Camden	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	*	*
Costa Rica - Los Angeles-Long Beach	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	*	34
Costa Rica - South Florida/Tampa	B	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	17	89
Guatemala - Galveston (Texas)	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	68	61	171
Guatemala - Gulfport (Mississippi)	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	*	*
Guatemala - Los Angeles-Long Beach	B	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	81	78	189
Guatemala - Philadelphia-Camden	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	252	413
Guatemala - Port Hueneme (Calif)	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	61	35	40
Guatemala - South Florida/Tampa	B	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	583	632	1,491
Guatemala - Wilmington (Delaware)	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50	24	58
Honduras - Los Angeles-Long Beach	B	-	-	-	28	-	-	-	40	74	436
Honduras - South Florida/Tampa	B	6	7	-	-	2	5	-	135	286	730
Honduras - Wilmington (Delaware)	B	-	-	-	14	-	-	-	24	26	125
Mexico - Calexico	T	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	31	114
Mexico - Pharr, TX	T	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	*	*
Mexico - Progreso, TX	T	-	-	1	-	-	2	3	57	*	*
Mexico - San Luis	T	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	5	29
Mexico - Nogales	T	3	4	-	7	1	7	4	1,958	2,683	4,811
TOTAL		13	11	1	52	3	16	7	3,209	4,287	8,831
B - Boat; T - Truck; P - Piggyback; R - Rail											
* - Unavailable											

SHIPPING POINT INFORMATION

Sales F.O.B Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis for **Wednesday, February 08, 2012.** Prices represent open (spot) market sales by first handlers on product of generally good quality and condition unless otherwise stated and may include promotional allowances or other incentives. No consideration is given to after-sale adjustments unless otherwise stated. Brokerage fees paid by the shipper are included in the price reported.

Bakersfield, CA: Fair 42-68

Blythe, CA: Fair 48-75

Coachella, CA: Fair 42-79

Culiacan, Sin. MX: Cloudy 57-83

El Centro, CA: Mostly Cloudy 44-71

Fresno, CA: Partly Cloudy 41-67

Guadalajara, Jal. MX: Mostly Cloudy 40-74

Guapiles, Costa Rica Scattered Showers 70-86F 21- 30C

Hermosillo, Son. MX: Cloudy 54-78

Huehuetenango, Guatemala Partly Cloudy 49-72F 09- 22C

Long Beach, CA Sunny 50- 74F 10- 23C

McAllen, TX: Cloudy 54-60

Miami, FL Showers 67- 81F 19- 27C

Morelia, Mich. MX: Mostly Cloudy 41-69

Oxnard, CA: Fair 49-71

Phoenix, AZ: Mostly Cloudy 53-77

San Antonio, TX: Partly Cloudy 43-57

San Pedro Sula, Honduras Partly Cloudy 67-83F 19- 28C

Veracruz, Ver. MX: Cloudy 66-77

Villahermosa, Tab. MX: Cloudy 69-80

Yuma, AZ: Mostly Cloudy 52-73

CENTRAL AMERICA IMPORTS - PORTS OF ENTRY SOUTH FLORIDA

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and/or Delivered Sales, Shipping Point Basis

CANTALOUPE: DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET ABOUT STEADY.

GUATEMALA, HONDURAS, and COSTA RICA - Extra services included.

1/2 CARTONS

9s 11.95-12.95

12s 13.00-13.95

occas higher

15s 13.95-14.95

18s 13.95

few 13.00

OVERSIZED**1/2 CARTONS**

6s (5 size) 9.00-10.00

mostly 9.00

occas lower

9s (6 size) 11.95-13.95

mostly 11.95-12.95

HONEYDEWS: DEMAND EXCEEDS

SUPPLY. MARKET ABOUT STEADY.

GUATEMALA and HONDURAS- Extra

services included.

2/3 CARTONS

5s 18.95-20.50

mostly 18.95-19.95

6s 18.95-20.50

mostly 18.95-19.95

8s supply insufficient to quote

5s (4 size) supply insufficient to quote

WATERMELONS: DEMAND

MODERATE. MARKET ABOUT STEADY.

GUATEMALA and HONDURAS- Extra services included.

FLAT CARTONS**RED FLESH SEEDLESS MINIATURE**

5s 10.00-12.00

occas lower

6s 14.00-15.00

8s 14.00-15.00

9s 14.00-15.00

CARTONS 4s PER LB**RED FLESH SEEDLESS TYPE**

65-69 lb avg .28-.30

few higher

CARTONS 5s PER LB**RED FLESH SEEDLESS TYPE**

65-69 lb avg .28-.30

few higher

CENTRAL AMERICA IMPORTS - PORTS OF ENTRY SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and/or Delivered Sales, Shipping Point Basis

CANTALOUPE: DEMAND GOOD. MARKET ABOUT STEADY.

GUATEMALA., COSTA RICA, and HONDURAS Extra Services included

1/2 CARTONS

9s 16.95

occas higher and lower

9s (6 size) 16.00-16.95

occas higher and lower

12s 16.00-16.95

occas higher and lower

15s 15.00-15.95

occas higher and lower

HONEYDEWS: GUATEMALA. Extra

Services included

2/3 CARTONS

5s supply insufficient to quote

6s supply insufficient to quote

8s supply insufficient to quote

MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH NOGALES, ARIZONA

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and/or Delivered

Sales, Shipping Point Basis

WATERMELONS: DEMAND GOOD.

MARKET HIGHER. Extra services included.

Wide range in quality.

CARTONS PER LB**RED FLESH SEEDLESS TYPE**

4s .30

few .32

5s .28-.30

few .32

6s supplies insufficient to establish a market

MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH TEXAS

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and/or Delivered

Sales, Shipping Point Basis

WATERMELONS: SUPPLY VERY LIGHT.

DEMAND GOOD. MARKET ABOUT

STEADY. Wide range in quality. Most

present shipments from prior bookings and/or

previous commitments.

CARTONS PER LB**RED FLESH SEEDLESS TYPE**

4s .24-.26

mostly .26

few high as .28

5s .24-.26

mostly .26

few high as .28

6s .24-.26

mostly .26

few high as .28

24 INCH BINS PER LB**RED FLESH SEEDLESS TYPE**

approx 35 count .22-.24

mostly .24

few .26

approx 45 count .22-.24

mostly .24

few .26

approx 60 count .22-.24

mostly .24

few .26

WHOLESALE TERMINAL MARKET PRICES AS OF**Wednesday, February 08, 2012**

This is only a sample of wholesale terminal market

reports. For a complete and current listing

<http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/mncs/fvdaily.htm>**ATLANTA:** MOSTLY CLOUDY 46

YESTERDAY'S HIGH: 62

CANTALOUPS: MARKET ABOUT

STEADY. 1/2 cartons GU 9s 16.50 12s 17.00-

17.50 one label best 21.00 15s 21.00 HD 12s

19.00

HONEYDEWS: OFFERINGS VERY

LIGHT. 2/3 cartons HD 5s 23.00 6s 24.00-

25.00

WATERMELONS: MARKET MX

SEEDED 4S LOWER, OTHERS STEADY.

flat cartons GU Red Flesh Seedless Miniature

6s 13.00-14.00 cartons 4s MX Red Flesh

Seeded Type 4s 24.00 Red Flesh Seedless

Type 4s 25.00 cartons 5s GU Red Flesh

Seedless Type 5s 23.50 MX Red Flesh

Seedless Type 5s 25.00

BOSTON: MOSTLY SUNNY 19 MAX

YESTERDAY 46

CANTALOUPS: MARKET HONDURAS

9S HIGHER; OTHERS ABOUT STEADY.

1/2 cartons GU 9s 18.00-20.00 mostly 18.00-

19.00 12s 18.00-20.00 mostly 18.00 15s

17.00-18.00 18s 16.00 HD 9s 22.00 12s

18.00-21.00 mostly 18.00-19.00 occas high as

24.00 15s 19.00-20.00 mostly 19.00 18s 18.00

oversized 1/2 cartons GU 9s (6 size) 18.00-

20.00 mostly 18.00-19.00

HONEYDEWS: MARKET HIGHER. 2/3

cartons CR 6s 28.00 HD 5s 24.00-26.00

mostly 25.00-26.00 6s 24.00-26.00 mostly

25.00-26.00 fr cond 12.00 8s 24.00-26.00

mostly 25.00-26.00 MX 6s 28.00 8s 28.00

WATERMELONS: MARKET STEADY.

cartons MX Red Flesh Seeded Type 4s 24.00

Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 4s

34.00 fr cond 28.00 5s 32.00 flat cartons GU

Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 15.00-18.00

mostly 16.00 8s 16.00-18.00 mostly 16.00 24

inch bins per melon MX Red Flesh Seedless

Type 15-19 lb avg 6.50-8.00 mostly 6.50-7.00

20-24 lb avg 8.00-9.00 mostly 8.00

CHICAGO: MOSTLY CLOUDY 28

YESTERDAY'S HIGH 36

CANTALOUPS: MARKET STEADY. 1/2

cartons GU 9s 18.00-20.00 mostly 19.00-

20.00 occas lower 12s 20.00-21.00 mostly

20.50 HD 12s 20.00-21.00 mostly 20.50 15s

20.00-21.00 mostly 20.50 18s 18.50 oversized

1/2 cartons GU 9s (6 size) 19.00-20.00 mostly

20.00 occas higher

HONEYDEWS: MARKET STEADY. 2/3

cartons GU 5s 24.00-26.00 6s 24.00-26.00

mostly 26.00 HD 5s 26.00 MX 5s 28.00-30.00

6s 28.00-30.00 oversized 2/3 cartons GU 5s (4

size) 24.00-26.00

WATERMELONS: MARKET STEADY.

cartons per carton MX Red Flesh Seedless

Type Round Varieties 4s 26.00 5s 26.00 per lb

MX Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties

5s .43 flat cartons per carton CA Red Flesh

Seedless Miniature 9s 15.00-17.00 mostly

16.00-17.00 24 inch bins per lb MX Red Flesh

Seedless Type Round Varieties approx 45

count .28-.30 35-40s .30-.32

LOS ANGELES: CLEAR 52

YESTERDAY'S HIGH: 69

24-HOUR RAINFALL TOTAL: TRACE**CANTALOUPS:** MARKET ABOUT

STEADY. 1/2 cartons GU BOAT 9s 18.00-

20.00 12s 16.00-20.00 mostly 17.00-18.00

15s 16.00-18.00 HD BOAT 9s 18.00-20.00

mostly 18.00 occas higher/lower 12s 17.00-

18.00 occas higher/lower 15s 16.00-17.00

occas higher/lower oversized 1/2 cartons HD

BOAT 9s (6 size) 18.00-20.00 mostly 18.00-

19.00

HONEYDEWS: OFFERINGS VERY

LIGHT. 2/3 cartons HD 5s 28.00-32.00

mostly 30.00-32.00 6s 28.00-32.00 mostly

30.00-32.00 MX 5s 28.00-32.00 6s 28.00-

32.00

WATERMELONS: OFFERINGS

MODERATE. MARKET STEADY. cartons

per lb MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 5s .32-.35

mostly .32-.34 occas lower 6s .32 occas

higher/lower flat cartons GU BOAT Red

Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 13.00-14.00

occas higher 8s 12.00-15.00 occas higher MX

Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 10.00-14.00

mostly 12.00-13.00 occas higher 8s 12.00-

14.00 mostly 12.00 9s 12.00-14.00 mostly

12.00 11s 12.00

MIAMI: SHOWERS 67

YESTERDAY'S HIGH: 81

CANTALOUPS: MARKET STEADY. 1/2

cartons GU 9s 18.00 few higher 12s 16.00 few

higher 15s 19.00 few higher and lower HD

15s 19.00 few higher and lower

HONEYDEWS: MARKET STEADY. 2/3

cartons GU 5s 24.00 few lower HD 6s 25.00

few lower

WATERMELONS: MARKET STEADY. 24

inch bins per melon GU Red Flesh Seedless

Type 36s 4.00 few lower 45s 3.00-4.00 80s

2.00 few lower

NEW YORK: OVERCAST 32

YESTERDAY'S HIGH 47 LOW 40

CANTALOUPS: MARKET LOWER. 1/2

cartons GU 9s 16.00-18.00 mostly 16.00 few

15.00 12s 12.00-14.00 few 15.00 fr appear

holdovers 14.00 1/2 crates HD 9s 16.00 12s

16.00 15s offerings insufficient to quote 18s

offerings insufficient to quote oversized 1/2

cartons GU 9s (6 size) 18.00

HONEYDEWS: OFFERINGS LIGHT. 2/3

cartons CR 4s 30.00 5s 32.00-34.00 6s 34.00

8s 34.00 GU 4s offerings insufficient to quote

5s offerings insufficient to quote HD 4s

30.00-32.00 5s offerings insufficient to quote

6s offerings insufficient to quote MX 5s

offerings insufficient to quote 6s fr appear

25.00 oversized 2/3 cartons CR 5s (4 size)

34.00

WATERMELONS: MARKET STEADY.

cartons per carton CR Red Flesh Seedless

Miniature 4s fr appear 14.00-16.00 mostly

14.00-15.00 GU Red Flesh Seedless

Miniature 4s fr appear 14.00-16.00 mostly

14.00-15.00 6s 20.00 MX Red Flesh Seedless

Miniature 7s 20.00-22.00 9s 16.00 cartons 3s

per carton MX Sangria 70-74 lb avg 26.00

cartons 4s per carton CR Red Flesh Seedless

Type 60-64 lb avg fr appear fr qual 17.00 GU

Red Flesh Seedless Type 60-64 lb avg fr

appear fr qual fr cond 19.00-20.00 MX Red

Flesh Seedless Type 65-69 lb avg 24.00-26.00

fr qual fr cond 20.00-22.00 fineappear 32.00

70-74 lb avg 33.00 NI Red Flesh Seedless

Type 75-79 lb avg 30.00 cartons 5s per carton

CR Red Flesh Seedless Type 65-69 lb avg

18.00-20.00 GU Red Flesh Seedless Type 65-

69 lb avg fr appear fr qual fr cond 19.00-20.00

MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 65-69 lb avg

26.00 cartons 6s per carton GU Red Flesh

Seedless Type 65-69 lb avg 20.00-22.00

PHILADELPHIA: CLOUDY 34

YESTERDAY'S HIGH 52

CANTALOUPS: MARKET HD LOWER,
GU ABOUT STEADY. 1/2 cartons GU 12s
19.00-21.00 mostly 20.00 HD 9s 15.00 12s
15.00 oversized 1/2 cartons GU 9s (6 size)
20.00

HONEYDEWS: OFFERINGS
INSUFFICIENT TO QUOTE.

WATERMELONS: MARKET ABOUT
STEADY. cartons MX Red Flesh Seeded
Type 3s 18.00 Red Flesh Seedless Type
Round Varieties 5s 25.00 NI Red Flesh
Seedless Type Round Varieties 4s 25.00