

MDP COMMODITY
SAMPLE FACT SHEET
(Effective 07/01/02)

PRODUCT: Fresh Cantaloupe (CN)

SAMPLING PROCEDURES:

- Sampling begins July 1, 2002.
- Only fresh cantaloupe (netted skinned variety) will be sampled.
- Collect three (3) individual cantaloupes.
- Collectors will measure surface temperature using an infrared thermometer and will record the temperature on the MDP Sample Information Form (SIF).
- **Remove and discard any product wrappings or bags that identify State of Origin, grower, packer, distributor, or lot number.**
- **Collectors will not report on the SIF domestic State of Origin, grower, packer, distributor, or lot number that may identify the domestic origin of the sample. Country of Origin, variety, and information related to agricultural practices employed during or after production such as organically grown or chemically treated with sanitizers will be recorded on the SIF.**
- Samples must be collected using aseptic techniques.
- Whenever possible, commodities should be collected in the collection site to avoid exposure to inclement weather or high or subfreezing temperatures. However, if necessary, an entire case of product may be taken to a more convenient location before removing the sample portion.

VARIETIES:

- If the variety is easily identified, enter that information in the "Variety" section of the SIF. If the variety is not available, leave the "Variety" field blank. Sample collectors should not enter the brand or trade name (i.e., Dole, Libby's) on the SIF.

AVAILABILITY: Year-round.

SAMPLE SIZE:

- Collect three (3) individual cantaloupe.
- Each subsample must weigh a minimum of 1 ½ pounds or 681 grams.

UNACCEPTABLE PRODUCTS:

- Fresh cut, wrapped slices or halves of cantaloupe, fruit mixes, green fleshed, honeydew melon, watermelons, Persian melon, nutmeg melon, honey ball, casaba, Crenshaw, Juan Canary, Santa Claus, Hand Melon, rough/warty skinned variety

PACKAGING AND SHIPPING:

- Insulated shipping containers must be pre-cooled prior to packaging MDP samples.
- A sufficient number of ice packs (frozen solid) must be placed inside the insulated shipping containers to ensure product is shipped and arrives in the laboratory at refrigerated temperature.
- Affix temperature indicator to the inside of the larger plastic sample bag and insure it does not rest against the ice packs.
- Wrap larger plastic bag with material such as newspaper or butcher paper to prevent gel packs from coming in direct contact with the samples.
- Do not freeze samples.