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40,000 lb units	MODE	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	TOTAL TO DATE SEASON		FINAL SEASON
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<b>WATERMELONS, SEEDED</b>											
California Central - San Joaquin Valley District	T	3	3	2	4	2	-	4	320	264	327
Delaware - Delaware District	T	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	8	31	35
Indiana - Indiana District	T	15	8	9	9	8	5	12	468	624	743
Maryland - Maryland District	T	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	11	29	34
Michigan - Michigan District	T	4	5	5	6	8	6	7	60	43	116
Missouri - Southeast Missouri	T	2	2	3	2	1	1	2	370	369	376
North Carolina - North Carolina District	T	4	3	2	1	-	1	1	186	224	227
Texas - All Texas Districts	T	3	3	2	5	4	8	-	263	474	609
Virginia - Virginia District	T	1	2	2	1	1	-	1	23	20	24
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>33</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1,709</b>	<b>2,078</b>	<b>2,491</b>
<b>WATERMELONS, SEEDLESS</b>											
California Central - San Joaquin Valley District	T	94	93	104	90	70	35	58	6,433	6,412	9,449
California Central - San Joaquin Valley District	P	3	2	-	1	-	-	1	52	39	61
Delaware - Delaware District	T	56	51	68	53	59	46	63	1,664	1,836	2,680
Indiana - Indiana District	T	266	225	178	145	144	112	189	6,904	7,210	9,960
Maryland - Maryland District	T	38	33	48	25	30	19	32	975	1,167	1,683
Michigan - Michigan District	T	26	24	48	34	28	25	65	600	821	2,228
Missouri - Southeast Missouri	T	52	40	32	18	17	23	30	3,296	4,022	4,214
North Carolina - North Carolina District	T	68	66	69	65	60	40	31	3,598	3,182	3,720
Oklahoma-Oklahoma District	T	3	2	2	3	3	2	3	151	133	154
Texas - All Texas Districts	T	67	78	72	65	53	45	61	3,621	2,940	4,655
Virginia-Virginia District	T	38	8	5	3	3	3	3	179	92	294
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>711</b>	<b>622</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>27,473</b>	<b>27,854</b>	<b>39,098</b>
<b>WATERMELONS, MINIATURE SEEDLESS</b>											
California Central - San Joaquin Valley District	T	46	53	72	85	64	47	70	2,778	347	502
Indiana - Indiana District	T	22	12	10	16	10	6	16	451	470	765
Missouri - Southeast Missouri	T	13	6	5	-	-	-	5	213	28	28
<b>WATERMELONS, MINIATURE SEEDLESS - ORGANIC</b>											
California Central - San Joaquin Valley District	T	-	22	16	17	9	-	9	603	167	222
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>81</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>4,045</b>	<b>1,012</b>	<b>1,517</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>825</b>	<b>741</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>33,227</b>	<b>30,944</b>	<b>43,106</b>
<b>Florida - Florida District watermelons seeded, seedless, and seedless miniature deleted from total to date 8/15/2018</b>											
<b>Georgia - Georgia District watermelons seeded, seedless, and seedless miniature deleted from total to date 8/15/2018</b>											
<b>South Carolina - South Carolina District watermelons seeded and seedless deleted from total to date 8/15/2018</b>											

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<b>CANTALOUPE</b>												
California Central - San Joaquin Valley District	T	188	210	197	189	156	-	230	8,694	7,674	14,184	
California Central - San Joaquin Valley District	P	4	4	8	4	-	-	4	141	149	300	
California Central - San Joaquin Valley District	R	8	-	-	-	4	-	-	62	251	336	
Indiana - Indiana District	T	11	17	16	10	11	5	12	1,141	853	896	
North Carolina, South Carolina District	T	10	7	5	6	1	1	4	853	877	885	
<b>CANTALOUPE - ORGANIC</b>												
California Central - San Joaquin Valley District	T	6	6	6	7	3	-	3	331	234	406	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>227</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>11,222</b>	<b>10,038</b>	<b>17,007</b>	
<b>HONEYDEWS</b>												
California Central - San Joaquin Valley District	T	61	69	61	75	56	-	84	2,845	2,679	4,590	
California Central - San Joaquin Valley District	P	-	1	-	2	-	-	3	80	64	158	
California Central - San Joaquin Valley District	R	4	4	-	-	4	-	-	50	115	192	
<b>HONEYDEWS - ORGANIC</b>												
California Central - San Joaquin Valley District	T	7	4	-	3	3	-	2	124	58	71	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>72</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>3,099</b>	<b>2,916</b>	<b>5,011</b>	

**SHIPPING POINT INFORMATION**

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis for **Tuesday, August 21, 2018**. 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.

**DELAWARE, MARYLAND AND EASTERN SHORE VIRGINIA**

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

**WATERMELONS: SUPPLY FAIRLY LIGHT. DEMAND GOOD. MARKET SLIGHTLY HIGHER.** 24 inch bins per lb Red Flesh Seedless Type 36s .16-.18 mostly .16-.17 occas higher 45s .16-.18 mostly .16-.17 60s .16-.17 occas lower

**MICHIGAN**

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

**WATERMELONS: SUPPLY RED FLESH SEEDED VERY LIGHT. DEMAND GOOD. MARKET ABOUT STEADY.** 24 inch bins per lb Red Flesh Seeded Type 35s .14-.15 Red Flesh Seedless Type 36s .16-.18 mostly .16-.17 45s .16-.18 mostly .16-.17 60s .16-.18 mostly .16-.17

**NORTH CAROLINA**

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

**WATERMELONS: SUPPLY LIGHT.** Too few new sales to establish a market.

**SOUTHEAST MISSOURI**

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

**WATERMELONS: SUPPLY LIGHT. DEMAND GOOD. MARKET ABOUT STEADY.** 24 inch bins per lb Red Flesh Seedless Type 36s .14-.15 45s .14-.15 60s .14-.15

**SOUTHWEST INDIANA AND SOUTHEAST ILLINOIS**

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

**WATERMELONS: SUPPLY RED FLESH SEEDED VERY LIGHT. DEMAND GOOD. MARKET ABOUT STEADY.** Some early harvest curtailed due to wet fields. 24 inch bins per lb Red Flesh Seeded Type 35s .14 occas lower Red Flesh Seedless Type 36s .15-.16 45s .15-.16 60s .15-.16 some including previous commitments low as .13

**SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CALIFORNIA**

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

**CANTALOUPE: SUPPLY 12S AVAILABLE LIGHT. DEMAND FAIRLY GOOD. MARKET ABOUT STEADY.** Extra services included. 1/2 cartons 9s 4.50-6.00 mostly 5.00-5.50 12s 4.50-6.00 mostly 6.00 oversized 1/2 cartons 9s (6 size) 4.00-6.00 mostly 5.00-5.50 **ORGANIC** 1/2 cartons 9s 8.95-10.95 12s 8.95-10.95

**HONEYDEWS: DEMAND FAIRLY GOOD. MARKET ABOUT STEADY.** Extra services included. 2/3 cartons 5s 5.00-6.00 mostly 5.00-5.50 6s 5.00-7.00 mostly 6.00 **ORGANIC** 2/3 cartons 5s 6.95-7.95 6s 6.95-7.95

**WATERMELONS: DEMAND SEEDLESS GOOD, MINIATURE MODERATE.**

**MARKET ABOUT STEADY.** Extra services included. cartons Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 9.95-10.95 8s 10.95-11.95 9s 10.95-11.95 24 inch bins per lb Red Flesh Seedless Type approx 35 count .15-.17 mostly .16-.17 approx 45 count .15-.17 mostly .16-.17 approx 60 count .15-.17 mostly .16-.17 **ORGANIC** cartons Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 10.95-13.95 8s 12.95-13.95

**TEXAS & OKLAHOMA**

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

**WATERMELONS: DEMAND FAIRLY GOOD. MARKET 35 AND 45 COUNT HIGHER, OTHERS ABOUT STEADY.** Prices represent mostly Central, West Texas and Oklahoma. Most present shipments from prior bookings and/or previous commitments. bins per lb Red Flesh Seedless Type approx 35 count .14-.18 mostly .16-.18 few 20.00 occasional lower approx 45 count .14-.18 mostly .16-.18 few 20.00 occasional lower approx 60 count .10-.16 mostly .13-.15

**WHOLESALE TERMINAL MARKET PRICES AS OF Tuesday, August 21, 2018**

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**

**CANTALOUPE: OFFERINGS LIGHT. MARKET ABOUT STEADY.** 1/2 cartons CA 9s 13.00-15.00 mostly 14.50-15.00 few 16.00 12s 14.75-16.00 occas 17.25

**HONEYDEWS:** MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 2/3 cartons CA 5s 13.00-14.00 mostly 13.50 few 17.50 6s 13.00-14.00 mostly 13.25-13.50 few 16.50 8s 11.75-13.50 mostly 13.00-13.50 9s 12.00-12.50 few 13.50

**WATERMELONS:** OFFERINGS LIGHT. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 24 inch bins IN Red Flesh Seeded Type 28s 130.00 Red Flesh Seedless Type 36s 140.00 45s 145.00-175.00 few 123.00 60s 123.00-152.00 mostly 145.00 KY Red Flesh Seedless Type 45s 140.00-145.00 60s 145.00-147.00 MO Red Flesh Seedless Type 36s 140.00

### BOSTON

**CANTALOUPS:** MARKET STEADY. 1/2 cartons CA 9s 14.00-18.00 mostly 16.00-17.00 12s 14.00-18.00 mostly 16.00-17.00 15s 15.00

**HONEYDEWS:** MARKET STEADY. 2/3 cartons CA 5s 12.00-15.00 mostly 13.00-14.00 6s 13.00-16.00 mostly 14.00-15.00 8s 12.00-16.00 mostly 14.00-15.00 occas lower

**WATERMELONS:** MARKET IN RED FLESH SEEDLESS TYPE 20-24 LB AVG LOWER; OTHERS ABOUT STEADY. 24 inch bins per melon AR Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 15-19 lb avg 4.25-4.50 20-24 lb avg 5.50-6.00 DE Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 14-16 lb avg 3.00 15-19 lb avg 3.00-4.00 mostly 3.50 IN Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 10-14 lb avg 3.50 15-19 lb avg 4.50 20-24 lb avg 6.00-7.00 MX Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 20-24 lb avg 8.00 NC Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 15-19 lb avg 3.50-4.00 mostly 4.00 TX Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 20-24 lb avg 7.00-8.00 mostly 7.50 cartons 6s IN Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 16.00

### CHICAGO

**CANTALOUPS:** MARKET ORGANIC HIGHER, OTHERS ABOUT STEADY. 1/2 cartons CA 9s 12.00-14.00 mostly 13.00-14.00 12s 13.00-15.00 mostly 13.00-14.00 15s fineappear 16.00 oversized 1/2 cartons CA 9s (6 size) 13.00-15.00 mostly 13.00-14.00

**HONEYDEWS:** MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 2/3 cartons CA 5s 13.00-14.00 6s 13.00-14.00 8s 13.00 golden 6s 15.00 orange flesh 5s 18.00

**WATERMELONS:** MARKET ORGANIC HIGHER, OTHERS ABOUT STEADY. cartons per carton AR Red Flesh Seedless Type 5s 30.00 IN Red Flesh Seedless Type 4s 26.50-28.00 5s 26.50-28.00 Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 15.00 8s 15.00 MI Red Flesh Seedless Type 4s 26.50-28.00 5s 26.50-28.00 Local Repack Red Flesh Seedless Type 4s 28.00 5s 28.00 4s 30.00 24 inch bins per lb MI Red Flesh Seeded Type 35s .23-.24 Red Flesh Seedless Type 36s .22-.24 mostly .23-.24 45s .22-.24 mostly .23-.24 60s .22-.24 mostly .23-.24

**ORGANIC-CANTALOUPS:** 1/2 cartons CA 9s 18.50

**ORGANIC-HONEYDEWS:** 2/3 cartons CA 4s 18.50 5s 18.50

**ORGANIC-WATERMELONS:** flat cartons per carton IN Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 20.50

### LOS ANGELES

**CANTALOUPS:** MARKET STEADY. 1/2 cartons CA Central San Joaquin Valley California 9s 7.00-9.00 mostly 7.50-8.00 occas higher 12s 7.00-9.00 mostly 7.50-8.00 occas higher oversized 1/2 cartons CA Central San Joaquin Valley California 9s (6 size) 7.00-9.00 mostly 7.50-8.00 occas higher few poorer quality and condition lower

**HONEYDEWS:** MARKET STEADY. 2/3 cartons CA San Joaquin Valley California 5s 7.00-8.00 mostly 7.00-7.50 occas higher 6s 7.00-8.00 mostly 7.00-7.50 occas higher 8s 8.00-10.00 mostly 9.00 occas lower oversized 2/3 cartons CA San Joaquin Valley California 5s (4 size) 7.00-8.00 mostly 7.00-7.50 occas higher

**WATERMELONS:** OFFERINGS LIGHT. MARKET CASJV 24-INCH BINS RED FLESH SEEDLESS TYPE HIGHER, OTHERS STEADY. cartons CA San Joaquin Valley California Red Flesh Seedless Type 5s 18.00-20.00 mostly 19.00 occas higher flat cartons CA San Joaquin Valley California Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 5.00-7.00 mostly 5.00-6.00 occas higher 8s 10.00-12.00 mostly 10.00-11.00 occas higher 24 inch bins CA San Joaquin Valley California Red Flesh Seedless Type 36s 130.00-140.00 mostly 130.00-135.00 few high as 145.00 45s 150.00-160.00 mostly 150.00-155.00 few high as 165.00

### MIAMI

**CANTALOUPS:** MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 1/2 cartons CA 9s 16.00-19.00 mostly 16.00-18.00 occas higher 12s 17.00-20.00 mostly 17.00-19.00 occas higher

**HONEYDEWS:** MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 2/3 cartons CA 5s 13.00-17.00 mostly 13.00-16.00 occas higher and lower 6s 13.00-17.00 mostly 13.00-16.00 occas higher and lower MX 5s 13.00-17.00 mostly 13.00-16.00 occas higher and lower 6s 13.00-17.00 mostly 13.00-16.00 occas higher and lower

**WATERMELONS:** MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 24 inch bins per melon GA Red Flesh Seedless Type approx 36 count 4.00-5.00 mostly 4.00-4.50 approx 45 count 3.00-4.00 mostly 3.00-3.50 approx 60 count 2.00-3.00 mostly 2.00-2.50

### NEW YORK

**CANTALOUPS:** MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 1/2 cartons AZ 9s 12.00-13.00 CA 9s 12.00-14.00 mostly 14.00 fineappear offerings insufficient to quote 12s 12.00-14.00 oversized 1/2 cartons AZ 9s (6 size) 12.00-13.00 CA 9s (6 size) 12.00-14.00 NJ Athena Type 6s 12.00 bins IN Athena Type 90s fr cond 70.00-100.00 100s fr cond 70.00-100.00 NC Athena Type 90s fr cond 70.00 flat cartons CA 9s (6 size) 12.00-13.00

**HONEYDEWS:** MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 2/3 cartons AZ 5s offerings insufficient to quote CA 4s 13.00-14.00 5s 12.00-14.00 holdovers 10.00 6s 13.00-14.00

holdovers 10.00 oversized 2/3 cartons CA 5s (4 size) 12.00-14.00 few 11.00 fr appear 9.00-11.00 ord appear ord cond 2.00 6s (5 size) 13.00-14.00

**WATERMELONS:** MARKET ABOUT STEADY. flat cartons NJ Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 12.00 Sugar Baby 6s 13.00 24 inch bins KY Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 36s .26 PA Sugar Baby 45s .25-.26 60s .25-.26 per lb DE Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 36s .24 45s .25-.26 60s .25-.26 MD Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 36s .25-.26 45s .25-.26 occas higher 60s .25-.26 TX Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 36s fineappear .40 cartons 3s per carton TX Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 70-74 lb avg 30.00 cartons 4s per carton DE Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 70-74 lb avg 18.00 MX Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 70-74 lb avg 28.00

**ORGANIC-WATERMELONS:** cartons CA Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s offerings insufficient to quote

### PHILADELPHIA

**CANTALOUPS:** MARKET STEADY. 1/2 cartons CA 9s 10.00-14.00 mostly 12.00-13.00 holdovers 8.00 12s 14.00-15.00 oversized 1/2 cartons CA 9s (6 size) 12.00-15.00 mostly 13.00-14.00

**HONEYDEWS:** MARKET STEADY. 2/3 cartons CA 4s 13.00-14.00 5s 12.00-14.00 6s 13.00-14.00 oversized 2/3 cartons CA 5s (4 size) 13.00-14.00

**WATERMELONS:** MARKET STEADY. flat cartons NJ Sangria 6s 10.00 24 inch bins DE Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 36s 120.00-150.00 45s 120.00-140.00 60s 120.00-140.00 IN Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 36s 140.00 45s 140.00 MD Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 36s 120.00-150.00 45s 120.00-140.00 60s 120.00-140.00 NJ Red Flesh Seedless Type 45s 130.00 60s 130.00 Sugar Baby 75s 155.00