

# Cantaloupe

## Cantaloupes are members of the cucurbit (Cucurbitaceae) family.

**Cantaloupe is a warm-season crop that grows on a vine.**

**Cantaloupes grow well in Georgia's mild climate and sandy, well-drained soil.**

**Cantaloupe needs 8 to 10 hours of full sun and plenty of space to spread for optimal production.**



A melon is ready to harvest when the rind changes from green to tan between the netting, and a ripe melon will also smell sweet.

Cantaloupe is in season in Georgia May through October, with June, July and August the peak sweetest months.

The University of Georgia's 2024 Ag Snapshot lists Georgia as second in the nation for cantaloupe production.



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