

# Watermelon

**Watermelon is in the same family as cucumbers, pumpkins, and squash.**

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

**As the name implies, watermelon is mostly water and helps us stay hydrated in summer months while providing vitamins C, A and lycopene. Lycopene gives watermelon its red color.**



Watermelon is in season in Georgia June through August.

University of Georgia's 2023 Ag Snapshot lists Georgia as second in the nation for watermelon production.

Cordele, Georgia, located in Crisp County, is known as "The Watermelon Capital of the World."

Watermelons are ready to harvest 80-90 days after planting.



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