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Information is for major shipping point areas.

Shipments in 40,000 LB Units from 9/21/2026 to 9/27/2026

Commodity/Var/Prop/Origin/District	Trans Mode/ Imp- Exp	Sep 21	Sep 22	Sep 23	Sep 24	Sep 25	Sep 26	Sep 27	Total This Season	To Date Last Season	Final Last Season
WATERMELONS	-										
CALIFORNIA-CENTRAL											
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CALIFORNIA	T	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	17
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC											
IMPORTS THROUGH SAN JUAN PUERTO RICO	B I	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	52
MEXICO											
MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH OTAY MESA CALIFORNIA	T I	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	37	359
MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH PROGRESO TEXAS	T I	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	16	56	5,537
WATERMELONS - RED FLESH SEEDED TYPE	-										
CALIFORNIA-CENTRAL											
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CALIFORNIA	T	2	5	-	2	-	-	-	218	256	256
DELAWARE											
DELAWARE	T	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	101	47	47
MARYLAND											
MARYLAND	T	4	1	-	1	-	-	-	26	24	24
WATERMELONS - RED FLESH SEEDLESS MINIATURE	-										
CALIFORNIA-CENTRAL											
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CALIFORNIA	T	26	29	28	23	64	-	-	2,984	2,490	2,677
INDIANA											
INDIANA	T	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	48	87	89
MARYLAND											
MARYLAND	T	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
MICHIGAN											
MICHIGAN	T	-	-	-	-	50	-	-	50	5	5
CANADA											
IMPORTS THROUGH DETROIT MICHIGAN	T I	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	2	-	-
MEXICO											
MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH PRESIDIO TEXAS	T I	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	43	58	242
WATERMELONS - RED FLESH SEEDLESS MINIATURE - ORGANIC	-										
CALIFORNIA-CENTRAL											
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CALIFORNIA	T	18	14	17	14	21	-	-	974	625	684
WATERMELONS - RED FLESH SEEDLESS TYPE	-										
CALIFORNIA-CENTRAL											
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CALIFORNIA	T	25	30	30	26	42	-	-	6,016	8,502	9,078
DELAWARE											
DELAWARE	T	19	15	5	3	13	13	6	2,772	2,100	2,223
INDIANA											
INDIANA	T	20	26	27	17	28	19	22	7,735	5,043	5,080
MARYLAND											
MARYLAND	T	2	1	2	3	4	2	2	1,054	1,058	1,118

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MICHIGAN											
MICHIGAN	T	46	58	72	62	-	36	29	2,816	1,952	2,089
MISSOURI											
SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	T	6	3	3	-	-	-	-	3,652	2,751	2,751
NORTH CAROLINA											
NORTH CAROLINA	T	7	5	3	3	12	13	2	3,322	3,193	3,203
SOUTH CAROLINA											
SOUTH CAROLINA	T	4	2	9	5	6	-	1	3,073	1,707	1,865
VIRGINIA											
VIRGINIA	T	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	448	222	222
<u>WATERMELONS - RED FLESH SEEDLESS TYPE - ORGANIC</u>	-										
CALIFORNIA-CENTRAL											
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CALIFORNIA	T	5	5	6	8	6	-	-	551	286	323
<u>WATERMELONS - SEEDLESS</u>	-										
CANADA											
IMPORTS THROUGH BUFFALO NEW YORK	T I	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	29	5	5
IMPORTS THROUGH DERBY LINE VERMONT	T I	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IMPORTS THROUGH DETROIT MICHIGAN	T I	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	24	5	5
IMPORTS THROUGH JACKMAN MAINE	T I	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IMPORTS THROUGH PORT HURON MICHIGAN	T I	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	4	4
MEXICO											
MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH NOGALES ARIZONA	T I	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	1	12,438
MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH OTAY MESA CALIFORNIA	T I	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31	514
MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH PHARR TEXAS	T I	3	4	8	-	-	-	-	16	33	1,038
MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH PROGRESO TEXAS	T I	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	6	33	1,894
MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH RIO GRANDE CITY TEXAS	T I	6	4	29	-	-	-	-	40	52	1,259
GRAND TOTALS		205	209	247	169	248	84	62	36,030	30,682	55,099

Trans Mode: T = Truck A = Air B = Boat R = Rail P = Piggyback

Imp-Exp: E = Export I = Import

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CANTALOUPE	-										
CALIFORNIA-CENTRAL											
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CALIFORNIA	T	108	88	135	115	213	-	-	9,597	11,850	13,886
CANADA											
IMPORTS THROUGH DERBY LINE VERMONT	T I	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IMPORTS THROUGH DETROIT MICHIGAN	T I	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
IMPORTS THROUGH JACKMAN MAINE	T I	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IMPORTS THROUGH LAKE CHAMPLAIN NEW YORK	T I	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	2	3
IMPORTS THROUGH PORT HURON MICHIGAN	T I	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	8	8	9
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC											
IMPORTS THROUGH MIAMI AIRPORT FLORIDA	A I	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ITALY											
IMPORTS THROUGH NEW YORK JFK AIRPORT	A I	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
JAPAN											
IMPORTS THROUGH LOS ANGELES AIRPORT CALIFORNIA	A I	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IMPORTS THROUGH SAN FRANCISCO CALIFORNIA	A I	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CANTALOUPE - ORGANIC	-										
CALIFORNIA-CENTRAL											
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CALIFORNIA	T	10	9	10	20	20	-	-	792	276	318
GRAND TOTALS		118	98	145	135	233	-	-	10,403	12,137	14,217
Trans Mode: T = Truck A = Air B = Boat R = Rail P = Piggyback						Imp-Exp: E = Export I = Import					
HONEYDEW	-										
CALIFORNIA-CENTRAL											
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CALIFORNIA	T	64	51	64	63	101	-	-	4,263	4,449	5,091
JAPAN											
IMPORTS THROUGH CHICAGO ILLINOIS	A I	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MEXICO											
MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH NOGALES ARIZONA	T I	-	1	1	3	4	-	-	9	-	3,609
HONEYDEW - ORGANIC	-										
CALIFORNIA-CENTRAL											
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CALIFORNIA	T	8	6	8	8	9	-	-	395	140	150
GRAND TOTALS		72	58	73	74	114	-	-	4,667	4,589	8,850

Imp-Exp: E = Export I = Import

SHIPPING POINT INFORMATION

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis for September 28, 2026. 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. Reported prices generally include, but are not limited to, applicable brokerage fees and commissions, Customs fees and duties, U.S. packaging and U.S. freight costs prior to first sale, paid by the shipper/seller. Delivered Sales, Shipping Point Basis excludes all charges for freight after sale.

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CALIFORNIA

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

CANTALOUPE: SUPPLY LIGHT. DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET 12S SLIGHTLY LOWER, OTHERS ABOUT STEADY. Extra services included. Many present shipments from prior bookings and/or previous commitments. 1/2 cartons 9s 11.50-14.00 mostly 12.00-14.00 occasional higher 12s 11.00-14.00 mostly 11.00-13.00 occasional higher oversized 1/2 cartons 9s (6 size) 11.00-14.00 mostly 12.00-14.00 occasional higher ORGANIC 1/2 cartons 9s supplies in too few hands to establish a market 12s supplies in too few hands to establish a market

HONEYDEWS: SUPPLY CONVENTIONAL 6S VERY LIGHT, OTHERS FAIRLY LIGHT. DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. Extra services included. A wide range of quality and condition. 2/3 cartons 5s 11.00-13.50 mostly 11.50-13.00 occasional higher and lower 6s 11.00-13.50 mostly 11.50-13.00 occasional higher ORGANIC 2/3 cartons 5s supplies in too few hands to establish a market 6s supplies in too few hands to establish a market

WATERMELONS: SUPPLY LIGHT. DEMAND GOOD. MARKET SLIGHTLY HIGHER. Extra services included. Many present shipments from prior bookings and/or previous commitments. Red Flesh Seedless Type 24 inch bins approx 36 count 147.00-182.00 mostly 175.00 occasional higher approx 45 count 147.00-182.00 mostly 168.00-175.00 occasional higher approx 60 count 133.00-161.00 mostly 147.00-154.00 occasional higher

MICHIGAN

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

WATERMELONS: SUPPLY RED FLESH SEEDLESS 36S VERY LIGHT, OTHERS FAIRLY LIGHT. DEMAND FAIRLY GOOD. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. Wide range in prices. Some sales are from prior bookings and/or previous commitments with few new sales. Red Flesh Seedless Type 24 inch bins 36s 175.00-200.00 mostly 180.00-190.00 Occasional higher. 45s 164.00-182.00 mostly 175.00-180.00 Occasional higher. 60s 150.00-161.00 mostly 154.00-161.00 Occasional higher.

SOUTHWEST INDIANA AND SOUTHEAST ILLINOIS

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

WATERMELONS: Red Flesh Seedless Type 24 inch bins 60s Supplies in too few hands to establish a market.

DELAWARE, MARYLAND AND EASTERN SHORE VIRGINIA

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

WATERMELONS: SUPPLY LIGHT. DEMAND FAIRLY GOOD. MARKET HIGHER. Wide range in prices. Some sales are from prior bookings and/or previous commitments with few new sales. Red Flesh Seedless Type 24 inch bins 36s 168.00-182.00 45s 168.00-182.00 60s 168.00-182.00 mostly 168.00-180.00 Occasional higher.

**WHOLESALE TERMINAL MARKET
PRICES AS OF
September 28, 2026.**

This is only a sample of wholesale terminal market reports. For a complete and current listing <https://www.ams.usda.gov/market-news/fruit-and-vegetable-terminal-markets-standard-reports>

ASHEVILLE

CANTALOUPE: MARKET. OFFERINGS LIGHT. flat cartons CALIFORNIA repacked enroute 9s 33.00-41.00

HONEYDEWS: MARKET. OFFERINGS LIGHT. 2/3 cartons/crates CALIFORNIA 6s 28.00-40.00

ATLANTA

CANTALOUPE: OFFERINGS 1/2-CARTONS OVERSIZED 9S (6 SIZE) VERY LIGHT. 1/2 cartons CALIFORNIA SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CALIFORNIA 9s 26.00-30.00 mostly 27.00-28.00 12s 26.00-30.00 mostly 27.00-28.00 oversized 1/2 cartons CALIFORNIA SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CALIFORNIA 9s (6 size) 29.00-30.00 occasional higher/lower

HONEYDEWS: MARKET STEADY. OFFERINGS LIGHT. 2/3 cartons CALIFORNIA SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CALIFORNIA 5s 28.00-29.00 occasional lower 6s 28.00-29.00 Occasional lower 8s insufficient to quote

WATERMELONS: MARKET STEADY. OFFERINGS YELLOW FLESH SEEDLESS TYPE VERY LIGHT. 24 inch bins repacked local BLACK DIAMOND Round Types 45s 270.00-275.00 occasional higher/lower RED FLESH SEEDLESS TYPE Round Types 36s 165.00-175.00 occasional higher/lower SUGAR BABY Round Types 45s 100.00 occasional higher/lower YELLOW FLESH SEEDLESS TYPE Round Types 45s fine appearance 200.00 60s 200.00 VIRGINIA BLACK DIAMOND Round Types 45s 270.00-275.00 occasional higher/lower RED FLESH SEEDED TYPE Long Types 240.00-250.00 (approximately 22 count) approx 28 count 240.00-250.00 approx 35 count 240.00-250.00 occasional higher/lower fine appearance 240.00-250.00 occasional higher/lower RED FLESH SEEDLESS TYPE Round Types 45s 240.00- 250.00 approx 36 count fine appearance 240.00-250.00 approx 45 count 240.00-250.00 occasional higher/lower flat cartons INDIANA RED FLESH SEEDLESS MINIATURE Round Types 6s 15.00-16.00 mostly 16.00 occasional higher/lower

BOSTON

CANTALOUPE: MARKET CALIFORNIA HIGHER, OTHERS ABOUT STEADY. 1/2 cartons CALIFORNIA 9s 28.00 12s 28.00 MISSISSIPPI 9s 24.00 12s 24.00

HONEYDEWS: MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 2/3 cartons CALIFORNIA 5s 25.00 6s 25.00

MELON, HAMI : OFFERINGS LIGHT. 2/3 cartons CALIFORNIA 4s 26.00-28.00 5s 26.00-28.00 6s 26.00-28.00 8s 26.00-28.00

MELON, JUAN CANARY: OFFERINGS LIGHT. 2/3 cartons CALIFORNIA 6s 26.00-28.00 8s 26.00-28.00

MELON, ORANGE FLESH: OFFERINGS LIGHT. 2/3 cartons CALIFORNIA 8s 26.00-28.00

MELON, SANTA CLAUS (PIEL DE SAPO): OFFERINGS LIGHT. 2/3 cartons CALIFORNIA 6s 26.00-28.00

WATERMELONS: MARKET HIGHER. cartons INDIANA RED FLESH SEEDLESS TYPE Round Types 4s per carton 44.00 5s per carton 40.00 24 inch bins INDIANA RED FLESH SEEDLESS TYPE Round Types 45s per melon 8.50 60s per melon 5.50

CHICAGO

CANTALOUPE: MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 1/2 cartons CALIFORNIA 9s fine appearance 24.00 12s 20.00-22.00 fine appearance 24.00- 25.00 oversized 1/2 cartons CALIFORNIA 9s (6 size) 20.00 fine appearance 24.00-26.50

HONEYDEWS: MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 2/3 cartons CALIFORNIA 5s fine appearance 23.00 6s 20.00 fair quality 17.00 fine appearance 23.00 oversized 2/3 cartons CALIFORNIA 5s (4 size) 20.00 fair quality 18.00-21.00 mostly 19.00-20.00 fine appearance 23.00

MELON, HAMI : OFFERINGS VERY LIGHT. 2/3 cartons CALIFORNIA 5s 10.00

MELON, ORANGE FLESH: OFFERINGS LIGHT. 2/3 cartons CALIFORNIA 5s 10.00

MELON, SANTA CLAUS (PIEL DE SAPO): OFFERINGS VERY LIGHT. 2/3 cartons CALIFORNIA 6s 10.00

WATERMELONS: MARKET INDIANA HIGHER; OTHERS ABOUT STEADY. cartons repacked local RED FLESH SEEDLESS TYPE Round Types 4s 30.00-32.00 5s 30.00-32.00 24 inch bins INDIANA RED FLESH SEEDLESS TYPE Round Types 45s 235.00 60s 220.00-235.00

MICHIGAN RED FLESH SEEDED TYPE Round Types 28s 200.00 RED FLESH SEEDLESS TYPE Round Types 45s 240.00 60s 220.00 MISSOURI RED FLESH SEEDLESS TYPE Round Types 45s 235.00-240.00 TEXAS RED FLESH SEEDLESS TYPE Round Types 45s 280.00

ORGANIC CANTALOUPE: MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 1/2 cartons CALIFORNIA 12s Offerings insufficient to quote

HONEYDEWS: MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 2/3 cartons CALIFORNIA 5s Offerings insufficient to quote

WATERMELONS: MARKET INDIANA HIGHER; OTHERS ABOUT STEADY. flat cartons OHIO RED FLESH SEEDLESS MINIATURE Round Types 6s 30.00

LOS ANGELES

CANTALOUPE: MARKET STEADY. 1/2 cartons CALIFORNIA SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CALIFORNIA 9s 19.00-21.00 mostly 20.00-21.00 12s fine appearance 20.00-22.00 TUSCAN TYPE 9s 16.00-17.00 oversized 1/2 cartons CALIFORNIA SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CALIFORNIA 9s (6 size) 18.00-23.00 mostly 20.00-22.00

HONEYDEWS: MARKET STEADY. 2/3 cartons CALIFORNIA SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CALIFORNIA 5s 19.00-20.00 fair condition 14.00-16.00 5s (4 size) 19.00-20.00 6s 19.00-20.00

MELON, HAMI : MARKET STEADY. flat cartons CALIFORNIA CENTRAL SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CALIFORNIA 4s 13.00-14.00 5s 13.00-14.00

WATERMELONS: MARKET STEADY. cartons CALIFORNIA SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CALIFORNIA RED FLESH SEEDLESS MINIATURE 10s 22.00 (black diamond) RED FLESH SEEDLESS TYPE Round Types 4s 34.00-36.00 5s 34.00-36.00 bins CALIFORNIA SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CALIFORNIA RED FLESH SEEDED TYPE 45s 235.00-245.00 RED FLESH SEEDLESS TYPE Round Types 8s 170.00-180.00 60s 235.00-245.00

MIAMI

CANTALOUPE: MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 1/2 cartons CALIFORNIA 9s 26.00-28.00 12s 26.00-28.00

HONEYDEWS: MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 2/3 cartons CALIFORNIA 5s 23.00-25.00 6s 23.00-25.00

WATERMELONS: OFFERINGS LIGHT. 24 inch bins NORTH CAROLINA RED FLESH SEEDLESS TYPE Round Types 60s per melon 6.00-7.00

NEW YORK

CANTALOUPE: OFFERINGS LIGHT. flat cartons ARIZONA 12s 16.00 1/2 cartons CALIFORNIA 9s 24.00-26.00 12s 20.00-24.00 mostly 22.00 fine appearance 26.00-28.00 oversized 1/2 cartons ARIZONA 9s (6 size) 28.00 CALIFORNIA 9s (6 size) 28.00-30.00 fine appearance 32.00

HONEYDEWS: MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 2/3 cartons CALIFORNIA 5s 22.00-24.00 fine appearance 26.00-28.00 6s 22.00-24.00 fine appearance 26.00-28.00 occasional higher oversized 2/3 cartons CALIFORNIA 5s (4 size) 24.00-26.00 fine appearance 28.00-30.00

WATERMELONS: MARKET STEADY. cartons 4s DELAWARE RED FLESH SEEDLESS TYPE 65-69 lb 40.00-44.00 mostly 42.00 MEXICO RED FLESH SEEDLESS TYPE 65-69 lb 43.00-45.00 TEXAS RED FLESH SEEDLESS TYPE 65-69 lb 45.00 24 inch bins DELAWARE RED FLESH SEEDLESS TYPE 45s 230.00-250.00 60s 230.00-250.00

PHILADELPHIA

CANTALOUPE: MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 1/2 cartons CALIFORNIA 9s 24.00-27.00 mostly 26.00-27.00 fine appearance 29.00 12s 23.00 -27.00 mostly 24.00-26.00 oversized 1/2 cartons CALIFORNIA 9s (6 size) 26.00-28.00 mostly 27.00-28.00

HONEYDEWS: MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 2/3 cartons CALIFORNIA 5s 24.00-26.00 mostly 24.00-25.00 6s 23.00-25.00 mostly 23.00- 24.00 oversized 2/3 cartons CALIFORNIA 5s (4 size) 25.00

WATERMELONS: MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 24 inch bins DELAWARE RED FLESH SEEDLESS TYPE Round Types 60s 230.00 MICHIGAN RED FLESH SEEDLESS TYPE Round Types 60s 240.00 SOUTH CAROLINA RED FLESH SEEDLESS TYPE Round Types 60s 270.00