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Information is for major shipping point areas.

Shipments in 40,000 LB Units from 9/23/2026 to 9/29/2026

Commodity/Var/Prop/Origin/District	Trans Mode/ Imp- Exp	Sep 23	Sep 24	Sep 25	Sep 26	Sep 27	Sep 28	Sep 29	Total This Season	To Date Last Season	Final Last Season
WATERMELONS	-										
CALIFORNIA-CENTRAL											
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CALIFORNIA	T	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	17
CANADA											
IMPORTS THROUGH PORT HURON MICHIGAN	T I	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
MEXICO											
MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH OTAY MESA CALIFORNIA	T I	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	37	359
MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH PROGRESO TEXAS	T I	-	1	-	-	-	2	4	22	58	5,537
WATERMELONS - RED FLESH SEEDED TYPE	-										
CALIFORNIA-CENTRAL											
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CALIFORNIA	T	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	220	256	256
MARYLAND											
MARYLAND	T	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	26	24	24
SOUTH CAROLINA											
SOUTH CAROLINA	T	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	112	101	101
WATERMELONS - RED FLESH SEEDLESS MINIATURE	-										
CALIFORNIA-CENTRAL											
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CALIFORNIA	T	28	23	64	-	-	19	21	3,025	2,514	2,677
INDIANA											
INDIANA	T	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	50	89	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 NOGALES ARIZONA	T I	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	2,673
WATERMELONS - RED FLESH SEEDLESS MINIATURE - ORGANIC	-										
CALIFORNIA-CENTRAL											
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CALIFORNIA	T	17	14	21	-	-	9	5	988	635	684
WATERMELONS - RED FLESH SEEDLESS TYPE	-										
CALIFORNIA-CENTRAL											
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CALIFORNIA	T	30	26	42	-	-	37	37	6,090	8,549	9,078
DELAWARE											
DELAWARE	T	5	3	13	13	6	5	5	2,782	2,113	2,223
INDIANA											
INDIANA	T	27	17	35	26	25	24	21	7,797	5,055	5,080

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MARYLAND											
MARYLAND	T	2	3	4	2	2	3	5	1,062	1,061	1,118
MICHIGAN											
MICHIGAN	T	72	62	-	36	29	44	32	2,891	1,973	2,089
MISSOURI											
SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	T	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,652	2,751	2,751
NORTH CAROLINA											
NORTH CAROLINA	T	3	3	12	13	2	5	6	3,334	3,194	3,203
SOUTH CAROLINA											
SOUTH CAROLINA	T	9	5	6	-	1	-	-	3,073	1,709	1,865
<u>WATERMELONS - RED FLESH SEEDLESS TYPE - ORGANIC</u>											
CALIFORNIA-CENTRAL											
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CALIFORNIA	T	6	8	6	-	-	5	4	560	289	323
<u>WATERMELONS - SEEDLESS</u>											
CANADA											
IMPORTS THROUGH BUFFALO NEW YORK	T I	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	29	5	5
IMPORTS THROUGH DERBY LINE VERMONT	T I	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-	2	2	7	7	12,438
MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH OTAY MESA CALIFORNIA	T I	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	33	514
MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH PHARR TEXAS	T I	8	-	-	-	-	5	4	25	46	1,038
MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH PROGRESO TEXAS	T I	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	34	1,894
MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH RIO GRANDE CITY TEXAS	T I	29	-	-	-	-	15	13	67	67	1,259
GRAND TOTALS		247	169	255	91	65	178	165	35,885	30,630	57,307

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CANTALOUPE**CALIFORNIA-CENTRAL**

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CALIFORNIA	T	135	115	213	-	-	103	115	9,815	12,002	13,886
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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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	8	9

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IMPORTS THROUGH MIAMI AIRPORT FLORIDA	A I	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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JAPAN

IMPORTS THROUGH LOS ANGELES AIRPORT CALIFORNIA	A I	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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CANTALOUPE - ORGANIC**CALIFORNIA-CENTRAL**

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CALIFORNIA	T	10	20	20	-	-	5	5	802	283	318
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GRAND TOTALS		145	135	233	-	-	108	120	10,631	12,295	14,216
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HONEYDEWS											
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CALIFORNIA-CENTRAL											
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CALIFORNIA	T	64	63	101	-	-	33	69	4,366	4,513	5,091
MEXICO											
MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH NOGALES ARIZONA	T I	1	3	4	-	-	-	3	11	-	3,609
HONEYDEWS - ORGANIC											
-											
CALIFORNIA-CENTRAL											
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CALIFORNIA	T	8	8	9	-	-	3	3	402	141	150
GRAND TOTALS		73	74	114	-	-	36	75	4,779	4,654	8,850

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SHIPPING POINT INFORMATION

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis for September 30, 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 SLIGHTLY HIGHER. Extra services included. Many present shipments from prior bookings and/or previous commitments. 1/2 cartons 9s 12.00-14.00 mostly 13.00-14.00 occasional higher 12s 11.50-14.00 mostly 12.00-13.00 occasional higher oversized 1/2 cartons 9s (6 size) 12.00-14.00 mostly 13.00-14.00 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 LIGHT. DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET 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 154.00-196.00 mostly 175.00-182.00 occasional higher approx 45 count 147.00-189.00 mostly 175.00-182.00 occasional higher approx 60 count 133.00-168.00 mostly 154.00-161.00 occasional higher

MICHIGAN

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

WATERMELONS: SUPPLY VERY LIGHT. DEMAND VERY 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 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: Red Flesh Seedless Type 24 inch bins Supplies in too few hands to establish a market.

WHOLESALE TERMINAL MARKET PRICES AS OF September 30, 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>

ATLANTA

CANTALOUPE: MARKET 1/2-CARTONS SLIGHTLY HIGHER, OTHER STEADY. OFFERINGS 1/2-CARTONS OVERSIZED 9S (6 SIZE) VERY LIGHT. 1/2 cartons CALIFORNIA SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CALIFORNIA 9s 29.00-32.00 mostly 30.00-31.50 12s 30.00-33.00 mostly 31.00- 32.50 oversized 1/2 cartons CALIFORNIA SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CALIFORNIA 9s (6 size) 29.00-30.00 occasional higher/lower
HONEYDEWS: 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 STEADY. 1/2 cartons CALIFORNIA 9s 28.00 12s 28.00 MISSISSIPPI 9s 24.00 12s 24.00

HONEYDEWS: MARKET 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, KOREAN: flat cartons MEXICO 12s 26.00

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 STEADY. 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 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 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 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 STEADY. 1/2 cartons CALIFORNIA 12s 28.00

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

WATERMELONS: MARKET STEADY. flat cartons OHIO RED FLESH SEEDLESS MINIATURE Round Types 6s 24.00

LOS ANGELES

CANTALOUPE: MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 1/2 cartons CALIFORNIA SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CALIFORNIA 9s 19.00-22.00 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 ABOUT STEADY. cartons CALIFORNIA SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CALIFORNIA RED FLESH SEEDLESS MINIATURE 8s 22.00 (black diamond) 9s 22.00 (black diamond) RED FLESH SEEDLESS TYPE Round Types 4s 36.00-38.00 5s 36.00-38.00 MEXICO RED FLESH SEEDLESS MINIATURE 8s 28.00 (black diamond) 9s 28.00 (black diamond) bins CALIFORNIA SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CALIFORNIA RED FLESH SEEDED TYPE 45s 245.00-255.00 RED FLESH SEEDLESS TYPE Round Types 8s insufficient to quote 60s 245.00-255.00

MIAMI

CANTALOUPE: MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 1/2 cartons CALIFORNIA 9s 29.00-32.00 occasional higher 12s 29.00-32.00 occasional higher

HONEYDEWS: MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 2/3 cartons CALIFORNIA 5s 26.00-29.00 6s 26.00-29.00

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

NEW YORK

CANTALOUPE: MARKET ABOUT STEADY. flat cartons ARIZONA 12s 16.00 1/2 cartons CALIFORNIA 9s 22.00-25.00 mostly 23.00-24.00 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 holdovers 18.00-20.00 fine appearance 26.00-30.00 mostly 28.00 occasional higher oversized 2/3 cartons CALIFORNIA 5s (4 size) fine appearance 28.00-30.00 6s (5 size) 23.00

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 TEXAS RED FLESH SEEDLESS TYPE 36s fine appearance 400.00

PHILADELPHIA

CANTALOUPE: MARKET SLIGHTLY LOWER. 1/2 cartons CALIFORNIA 9s 24.00 12s 22.00-24.00 mostly 24.00 oversized 1/2 cartons CALIFORNIA 9s (6 size) 24.00-26.00 mostly 24.00-25.00 some higher

HONEYDEWS: MARKET 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) 25.00-26.00 6s (5 size) 25.00-26.00

WATERMELONS: MARKET LOWER. 24 inch bins DELAWARE RED FLESH SEEDLESS TYPE Round Types 60s 220.00-230.00 mostly 230.00 MICHIGAN RED FLESH SEEDLESS TYPE Round Types 60s 230.00-240.00 mostly 240.00 SOUTH CAROLINA RED FLESH SEEDLESS TYPE Round Types 60s 260.00-270.00 mostly 270.00