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DAILY SHIPMENTS AND CROSSINGS

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40,000 lb units	MODE	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	TOTAL TO DATE SEASON		FINAL SEASON
		Mar 15	Mar 16	Mar 17	Mar 18	Mar 19	Mar 20	Mar 21	This Season	Last Season	Last Season
WATERMELONS											
Costa Rica - Philadelphia-Camden	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	78	105	338
Costa Rica - Port Hueneme (Calif)	B	-	-	56	-	-	-	-	65	6	32
Costa Rica - South Florida/Tampa	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	22	136
Guatemala - Freeport (Texas)	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	5	5
Guatemala - Galveston (Texas)	B	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	234	271	348
Guatemala - Houston	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50	156	203
Guatemala - Los Angeles-Long Beach	B	-	-	25	-	-	-	-	237	151	178
Guatemala - Philadelphia-Camden	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	788	774	990
Guatemala - Port Hueneme (Calif)	B	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	219	155	189
Guatemala - Pt Canaveral (Florida)	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	87	124	124
Guatemala - South Florida/Tampa	B	-	-	85	-	-	-	-	1,534	1,806	2,087
Honduras - Freeport (Texas)	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	16	32
Honduras - Los Angeles-Long Beach	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	38	70
Honduras - South Florida/Tampa	B	-	-	14	-	-	-	-	615	1,137	1,665
Mexico - Panama City (Florida)	B	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	154	87	132
Mexico - South Florida/Tampa	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	39	120	303
Mexico - Eagle Pass (Texas)	T	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	113	-	546
Mexico - Otay Mesa	T	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	151	288	546
Mexico - Pharr (Texas)	T	9	2	1	-	3	6	-	189	446	709
Mexico - Progreso (Texas)	T	56	58	32	-	37	91	-	4,411	4,323	5,633
Mexico - Rio Grande City	T	-	2	-	-	-	8	-	578	1,133	1,472
Mexico - New Mexico	T	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	68	68
TOTAL		66	63	250	1	40	105	-	9,603	11,231	15,806
WATERMELONS, SEEDED											
Mexico - Nogales (Arizona)	T	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	32	104
TOTAL		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	32	104
WATERMELONS, SEEDLESS											
Mexico - Nogales (Arizona)	T	47	63	57	17	44	57	57	8,224	8,693	24,324
WATERMELONS, SEEDLESS - ORGANIC											
Mexico - Nogales (Arizona)	T	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	-	-
TOTAL		47	63	57	17	44	57	57	8,246	8,693	24,324
40,000 lb units											
WATERMELONS, MINIATURE SEEDLESS											
Mexico - Nogales (Arizona)	T	7	9	10	4	13	6	7	836	642	1,002
TOTAL		7	9	10	4	13	6	7	836	642	1,002
GRAND TOTAL		120	135	317	22	97	168	64	18,710	20,598	41,236
CANTALOUPE											
Costa Rica - Los Angeles-Long Beach	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	31
Costa Rica - Philadelphia-Camden	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	641	764	1,653
Costa Rica - Port Hueneme (Calif)	B	-	-	13	-	-	-	-	249	163	328
Costa Rica - South Florida/Tampa	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	300	82	286
Guatemala - Freeport (Texas)	B	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	17	21	35
Guatemala - Galveston (Texas)	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	81	636	1,067
Guatemala - Gulfport (Mississippi)	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	18	18
Guatemala - Houston	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21	50	66
Guatemala - Los Angeles-Long Beach	B	-	-	159	-	-	-	-	1,472	1,454	2,291
Guatemala - Philadelphia-Camden	B	-	-	212	-	-	-	-	1,701	4,993	6,495
Guatemala - Port Hueneme (Calif)	B	-	-	95	-	-	-	-	726	479	805
Guatemala - Pt Canaveral (Florida)	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	227	510	783
Guatemala - South Florida/Tampa	B	-	-	177	-	-	-	-	3,081	4,254	6,233
Guatemala - Wilmington (Delaware)	B	-	-	14	-	-	-	-	95	121	198
Honduras - Freeport (Texas)	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	133	219	332
Honduras - Los Angeles-Long Beach	B	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	588	785	1,148
Honduras - Philadelphia-Camden	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	225	188	603
Honduras - Port Hueneme (Calif)	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	213	-	-
Honduras - South Florida/Tampa	B	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	1,229	1,340	2,353
Honduras - Wilmington (Delaware)	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	120	69	219
TOTAL		-	-	682	-	-	-	-	11,141	16,150	24,944

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HONEYDEWS											
Costa Rica - Los Angeles/Long Beach	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	160	83	116
Costa Rica - Port Hueneme (Calif)	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28	20	29
Costa Rica - South Florida/Tampa	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33	46	88
Costa Rica - Wilmington (Delaware)	B	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	37	11	24
Guatemala - Galveston (Texas)	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	135	217
Guatemala - Houston	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	1	1
Guatemala - Los Angeles-Long Beach	B	-	-	30	-	-	-	-	335	312	484
Guatemala - Philadelphia-Camden	B	-	-	21	-	-	-	-	396	1,013	1,356
Guatemala - Port Hueneme (Calif)	B	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	73	110	143
Guatemala - Pt Canaveral (Florida)	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	72	84
Guatemala - South Florida/Tampa	B	-	-	107	-	-	-	-	941	1,524	2,138
Honduras - Freeport (Texas)	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	20	37
Honduras - Houston	B	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	24	16	35
Honduras - Los Angeles-Long Beach	B	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	184	218	311
Honduras - Philadelphia-Camden	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	58	75	159
Honduras - Pt Canaveral (Florida)	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	84	96
Honduras - South Florida/Tampa	B	-	-	13	-	-	-	-	467	887	1,427
Honduras - Wilmington (Delaware)	B	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	39	59	141
Mexico - South Florida/Tampa	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	61	37	101
Mexico - Pharr (Texas)	T	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	50	29	38
Mexico - Nogales (Arizona)	T	3	-	2	-	3	3	4	2,440	2,489	3,854
HONEYDEWS - ORGANIC											
Mexico - Nogales (Arizona)	T	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
TOTAL		4	-	180	-	3	4	4	5,410	7,241	10,879

SHIPPING POINT INFORMATION

Sales F.O.B Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis for **Thursday, March 22, 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.

CENTRAL AMERICA IMPORTS - PORTS OF ENTRY SOUTH FLORIDA

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

CANTALOUPS: SUPPLY MODERATE.

DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET

HIGHER. GUATEMALA, HONDURAS,

COSTA RICA 1/2 cartons 9s 9.95-11.95

mostly 10.95-11.95 occas lower 12s 10.95-

13.95 mostly 12.95 15s 11.95-13.95 mostly

12.95 oversized 1/2 cartons 6s (5 size) 7.95-

8.95 occas lower 9s (6 size) 10.95-12.95

mostly 10.95-11.95 Eurobox 12.95

HONEYDEWS: SUPPLY MODERATE.

DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET 6S

HIGHER; 5S **LOWER.** GUATEMALA,

HONDURAS, COSTA RICA 2/3 cartons 5s

7.95-10.95 mostly 8.95-9.95 occas higher 6s

10.00-10.95 occas higher 8s 10.00-10.95

oversized 2/3 cartons 5s (4 size) 7.95-10.95

mostly 8.95-9.95 occas higher

WATERMELONS: SUPPLY MODERATE.

DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET 4S & 5S

& 6S **HIGHER;** OTHERS **LOWER.**

GUATEMALA, HONDURAS, COSTA

RICA cartons Red Flesh Seedless Type 4s

26.00 5s 26.00 6s supply in too few hands to

quote flat cartons Red Flesh Seedless

Miniature 6s 12.95-14.95 mostly 12.95-13.95

occas higher 8s 13.95-15.95 mostly 14.00 9s

11.00-12.00 24 inch bins Red Flesh Seedless
Type 45s 240.00-280.00 mostly 270.00-
280.00 60s 230.00-252.00

CENTRAL AMERICA IMPORTS - PORTS OF ENTRY SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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

CANTALOUPS: SUPPLY MODERATE.

DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET 12S

ABOUT STEADY; OTHERS SLIGHTLY

LOWER. GUATEMALA, HONDURAS,

COSTA RICA 1/2 cartons 9s 9.95-11.95

occas lower 12s 9.95-10.95 occas lower

oversized 1/2 cartons 6s (5 size) 8.95-10.50

occas lower 9s (6 size) 10.95-12.75 mostly

10.95-11.95 occas lower

HONEYDEWS: SUPPLY MODERATE.

DEMAND MODERATE. GUATEMALA,

HONDURAS, COSTA RICA 2/3 cartons 5s

10.95-11.95 6s 10.00-11.00 oversized 2/3

cartons 5s (4 size) 10.95-11.95

MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH NOGALES, ARIZONA

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

HONEYDEWS: SUPPLY VERY LIGHT.

DEMAND 5-6S FAIRLY GOOD, 8S

MODERATE. MARKET ABOUT STEADY.

Extra services included. 2/3 cartons 5s 8.35-

9.35 few 10.35 6s 8.35-9.35 8s 7.00-8.35

mostly 7.00-7.35 occasional lower

WATERMELONS: SUPPLY AVAILABLE

LIGHT. DEMAND GOOD. MARKET

ABOUT STEADY. Wide range in price,

quality and condition. Many present

shipments from prior bookings and/or

previous commitments cartons Red Flesh

Seedless Miniature 6s 12.00-15.35 mostly

14.95 8s 13.00-15.95 mostly 15.95 occasional
higher 9s 13.00-16.95 mostly 14.95-15.95
occasional higher 11s 10.00-13.95 mostly
11.95-12.95 24 inch bins per lb Red Flesh
Seedless Type approx 35 count .32-.36 mostly
.32-.34 few .38 previous commitments lower
approx 45 count .32-.36 mostly .32-.34 few
.38 previous commitments lower

MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH TEXAS

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

WATERMELONS: DEMAND FAIRLY

GOOD. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. Wide

range in price. cartons per lb Red Flesh

Seedless Type 4s .28-.33 mostly .30-.32

occasional lower 5s .28-.33 mostly .30-.32

occasional lower 24 inch bins per lb Red

Flesh Seedless Type approx 35 count .26-.32

mostly .28-.30 few .36 occasional lower

approx 45 count .26-.32 mostly .28-.30 few

.36 occasional lower approx 60 count .26-.32

mostly .27-.29 few .34 occasional higher and

lower

WHOLESALE TERMINAL MARKET PRICES AS OF Thursday, March 22, 2018

This is only a sample of wholesale terminal market reports. For a complete and current listing

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ATLANTA

CANTALOUPS: OFFERINGS LIGHT.

MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 1/2 cartons

GU 9s 13.25-14.75 mostly 14.50-14.75 12s

14.00-14.75 few 15.75, occas lower HD 9s

13.25-14.75 mostly 14.50-14.75 12s 13.25-

14.75 mostly 14.75 few 15.75, occas 11.50

HONEYDEWS: MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 2/3 cartons GU 6s 12.25-14.00 mostly 12.25-12.75 few 10.00 8s 11.00-13.00 few 10.00, occas 14.00 MX 5s 13.00-13.75 mostly 13.50-13.75 few 10.00-11.25 6s 13.00-13.75 mostly 13.50-13.75 few 11.25-12.75

WATERMELONS: OFFERINGS VERY LIGHT. cartons GU Red Flesh Seedless Type 5s 30.00 6s 20.00-24.00 Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 14.50-16.50

BOSTON

CANTALOUPS: MARKET GUATAMALA 12S AND COSTA RICA HIGHER; OTHERS ABOUT STEADY. 1/2 cartons CR 12s 10.00-12.00 mostly 12.00 GU 9s 10.00-12.00 mostly 11.00-12.00 occas high as 14.00 12s 10.00-12.00 mostly 11.00 occas high as 14.00 15s 10.00-12.00 mostly 10.00 HD 9s 11.00-12.00 12s 11.00-12.00 oversized 1/2 cartons HD 9s (6 size) 11.00-12.00 mostly 12.00

HONEYDEWS: MARKET STEADY. 2/3 cartons CR 6s 12.00-14.00 mostly 12.00 GU 5s 8.00-10.00 mostly 9.00-10.00 6s 10.00-12.00 mostly 10.00-11.00 occas high as 14.00 and low as 8.00 HD 5s 11.00-12.00 6s 11.00-12.00 MX 5s 8.00-10.00 mostly 8.00-9.00 6s 8.00-10.00 mostly 8.00-9.00 8s 5.00-6.00 mostly 6.00 ord cond 2.00

WATERMELONS: MARKET MEXICO 4S AND 5S HIGHER; OTHERS STEADY. cartons GU Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 5s 36.00 MX Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 4s 40.00 5s 36.00-38.00 mostly 37.00-38.00 Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 15.00 24 inch bins per melon MX Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 20-24 lb avg 10.00

CHICAGO

CANTALOUPS: MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 1/2 cartons GU 9s 9.00-10.00 12s holdovers 6.00 15s 9.00 oversized 1/2 cartons GU 6s (5 size) 11.00 9s (6 size) 9.00-11.50 mostly 10.00-11.00

HONEYDEWS: MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 2/3 cartons GU 5s 13.00-14.00 6s 12.00-14.00 8s 11.00-12.00 occas lower yellow 8s 12.00 MX 5s 12.00 oversized 2/3 cartons GU 5s (4 size) 15.00

WATERMELONS: OFFERINGS LIGHT. cartons per carton GU Red Flesh Seedless Type 5s 26.00 MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 4s 32.00-36.00 mostly 34.00-35.00 5s 35.50-36.00 6s 36.00 Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 18.00 11s 14.50 24 inch bins per lb MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 36s .56

ORGANIC-WATERMELONS: cartons per carton MX Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 9s 24.50

LOS ANGELES

CANTALOUPS: OFFERINGS HONDURAS LIGHT. MARKET STEADY. 1/2 cartons CR BOAT 9s 12.00-14.00 12s 9.00-12.00 mostly 10.00-11.00 few 13.00 GU BOAT 9s 9.00-12.00 mostly 10.00-11.00 few 13.00 12s 10.00-13.00 mostly 11.00-12.00 occas higher/lower 15s 10.00-11.00 few 12.00 oversized 1/2 cartons GU BOAT 9s (6 size)

12.00-16.00 mostly 13.00-15.00 HD BOAT 9s (6 size) 12.00-16.00 mostly 13.00-15.00
HONEYDEWS: MARKET STEADY. 2/3 cartons CR BOAT 5s 11.00-13.00 mostly 12.00 MX 5s 10.00-12.00 mostly 10.00-11.00 occas higher 6s 8.00-11.00 mostly 9.00-10.00 few 12.00 8s 8.00-11.00 mostly 9.00-10.00 oversized 2/3 cartons MX 5s (4 size) 11.00-13.00 mostly 11.00-12.00 one label 14.00

WATERMELONS: OFFERINGS BINS VERY LIGHT. MARKET MX CARTONS RED FLESH SEEDLESS TYPE 5S SLIGHTLY HIGHER, OTHERS ABOUT STEADY. Wide range in quality and appearance. cartons MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 4s offerings insufficient to quote. 5s 30.00-32.00 mostly 30.00-31.00 occas higher 6s 28.00-32.00 mostly 29.00-30.00 occas higher/lower flat cartons MX Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 18.00-22.00 occas higher 8s 18.00-22.00 occas higher 9s 18.00-22.00

MIAMI

CANTALOUPS: OFFERINGS LIGHT. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 1/2 cartons GU 9s 12.00-15.00 mostly 12.00-14.00 occas higher

HONEYDEWS: OFFERINGS LIGHT. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 2/3 cartons HD 5s (4 size) 12.00-15.00 mostly 12.00-14.00 occas higher and lower 6s 11.00-14.00 mostly 11.00-13.00 occas higher and lower
WATERMELONS: OFFERINGS LIGHT. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. flat cartons GU Red Flesh Seedless Type 5s 22.00-26.00 mostly 22.00-24.00 6s 22.00-26.00 mostly 22.00-24.00 HD Red Flesh Seedless Type 4s 20.00-22.00 6s 22.00-26.00 mostly 22.00-24.00 24 inch bins per melon HD Red Flesh Seedless Type approx 36 count 4.00

NEW YORK

CANTALOUPS: MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 1/2 cartons CR 9s 10.00-11.00 holdovers 8.00-9.00 fr appear 7.50-8.00 fr cond 5.00 12s 11.00-12.00 holdovers 8.00-9.00 GU 9s 10.00-12.00 few 8.00-9.00 occas higher 12s 10.00-11.00 few 8.00-9.00 holdovers 8.00-9.00 HD 9s holdovers 8.00-9.00 12s holdovers 8.00-9.00 oversized 1/2 cartons CR 9s (6 size) 10.00-11.00 GU 9s (6 size) fineappear few 17.00 HD 9s (6 size) 10.00-11.00 flat cartons GU 9s (6 size) offerings insufficient to quote

HONEYDEWS: MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 2/3 cartons CR 5s 10.00-12.00 6s 10.00 GU 5s 11.00-12.00 few 13.00 holdovers 8.00-9.00 6s 10.00-12.00 holdovers 8.00-9.00 HD 5s 11.00-12.00 fr cond 7.00-8.00 6s 9.00-10.00 fr cond 7.00-8.00 MX 5s 10.00 holdovers 8.00 oversized 2/3 cartons CR 4s (3 size) holdovers 9.50-10.00 5s (4 size) 12.00 few 13.00 GU 5s (4 size) 10.00-12.00 few 13.00 10 kg containers CR 5s 10.00 6s 10.00

WATERMELONS: MARKET HIGHER. flat cartons per carton GU Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 22.00 8s 20.00 cartons 4s per carton GU Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 65-69 lb avg 28.00 MX Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 65-69 lb avg

33.00-35.00 70-74 lb avg 35.00-36.00 fineappear 38.00-40.00 mostly 40.00 few 42.00 cartons 5s per carton GU Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 65-69 lb avg 25.00-26.00 MX Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 70-74 lb avg offerings insufficient to quote

PHILADELPHIA

NOTICE: NO REPORT WAS ISSUED ON WEDNESDAY MARCH 21, 2018 DUE TO SNOW STORM. THE PHILADELPHIA WHOLESALE PRODUCE MARKET WAS OPEN, HOWEVER THE SCMN OFFICE WAS CLOSED. MARKET TONE OMITTED.

CANTALOUPS: 1/2 cartons CR 9s 9.00-12.00 mostly 10.00-12.00 12s 9.00-10.00 mostly 10.00 HD 9s 9.00-13.00 mostly 11.00-13.00 oversized 1/2 cartons GU 9s (6 size) 12.00-14.00 mostly 12.00-13.00 fr cond 10.00 HD 9s (6 size) 10.00-11.00

HONEYDEWS: 2/3 cartons CR 5s 10.00-13.00 6s 13.00 HD 5s 10.00-12.00 some 9.00 6s 11.00-12.00 8s 11.00-12.00

WATERMELONS: cartons per carton MX Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 4s 30.00-32.00 mostly 30.00 5s 24.00