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## DAILY SHIPMENTS AND CROSSINGS

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40,000 lb units	MODE	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	TOTAL TO DATE SEASON		FINAL SEASON
		Sep 7	Sep 8	Sep 9	Sep 10	Sep 11	Sep 12	Sep 13	This Season	Last Season	Last Season
<b>WATERMELONS</b>											
Mexico											
Mexico Crossings through Progreso, TX	T	19	3	-	20	16	38	-	253	132	6,833
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>19</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>6,833</b>
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<b>WATERMELONS, SEEDED</b>											
California Central - San Joaquin Valley District	T	5	-	-	3	3	3	2	391	319	327
Indiana - Indiana District	T	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	557	740	743
Michigan - Michigan District	T	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	108	113	116
Texas - All Texas Districts	T	9	3	1	3	3	3	2	369	606	609
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>18</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1,425</b>	<b>1,778</b>	<b>1,795</b>
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<b>WATERMELONS, SEEDLESS</b>											
California Central - San Joaquin Valley District	T	109	93	35	99	102	102	44	8,167	8,367	9,449
California Central - San Joaquin Valley District	P	-	-	-	-	2	2	2	66	56	61
Delaware - Delaware District	T	32	9	6	20	17	18	14	2,320	2,561	2,680
Indiana - Indiana District	T	69	45	25	45	54	54	48	9,096	9,361	9,960
Maryland - Maryland District	T	21	6	1	17	14	20	12	1,440	1,589	1,683
Michigan - Michigan District	T	60	53	38	40	55	51	46	1,923	2,026	2,228
North Carolina - North Carolina District	T	19	17	14	27	12	19	10	4,169	3,643	3,720
Oklahoma-Oklahoma District	T	2	2	2	-	-	5	3	217	154	154
Texas - All Texas Districts	T	64	58	39	28	34	34	27	4,914	4,361	4,655
Virginia-Virginia District	T	6	5	7	-	4	3	3	326	266	294
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>382</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>32,638</b>	<b>32,384</b>	<b>34,884</b>
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<b>WATERMELONS, MINIATURE SEEDLESS</b>											
California Central - San Joaquin Valley District	T	70	55	38	55	51	51	58	4,181	457	502
<b>WATERMELONS, MINIATURE SEEDLESS - ORGANIC</b>											
California Central - San Joaquin Valley District	T	9	-	-	9	2	1	4	802	212	222
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>79</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>4,983</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>724</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>479</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>39,046</b>	<b>34,831</b>	<b>37,403</b>
<b>Missouri - Southeast Missouri seedless and mini seedless deleted from total to date on 9/10/18.</b>											
<b>Delaware - Delaware District seeded deleted from total to date on 9/10/18.</b>											
<b>Indiana - Indiana District mini seedless deleted from total to date on 9/13/18.</b>											

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<b>CANTALOUPE</b>											
California Central - San Joaquin Valley District	T	204	166	90	200	191	189	208	12,817	11,208	14,184
California Central - San Joaquin Valley District	P	3	1	-	4	1	3	6	215	201	300
California Central - San Joaquin Valley District	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	69	278	336
Indiana - Indiana District	T	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,227	896	896
<b>CANTALOUPE - ORGANIC</b>											
California Central - San Joaquin Valley District	T	6	-	-	6	4	5	7	433	345	406
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>213</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>14,761</b>	<b>12,928</b>	<b>16,122</b>
<b>HONEYDEWS</b>											
California Central - San Joaquin Valley District	T	69	57	37	70	65	62	93	4,286	3,853	4,590
California Central - San Joaquin Valley District	P	3	-	-	6	2	2	3	133	113	158
California Central - San Joaquin Valley District	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	64	149	192
<b>HONEYDEWS - ORGANIC</b>											
California Central - San Joaquin Valley District	T	4	-	-	3	3	2	3	180	71	71
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>76</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>4,663</b>	<b>4,186</b>	<b>5,011</b>

**SHIPPING POINT INFORMATION**

Sales F.O.B Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis for **Friday, September 14, 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.

**SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CALIFORNIA**

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

**CANTALOUPS: DEMAND LIGHT.**

MARKET ABOUT STEADY. Extra services included. 1/2 cartons 9s 4.50-6.00 mostly 4.50-5.00 12s 4.50-6.00 mostly 4.50-5.00 oversized 1/2 cartons 9s (6 size) 4.00-6.00 mostly 4.50-5.00 **ORGANIC** 1/2 cartons 9s 10.95 12s 10.95-14.95

**HONEYDEWS: DEMAND LIGHT.**

MARKET ABOUT STEADY. Extra services included. 2/3 cartons 5s 4.00-6.00 mostly 5.00 6s 5.00-6.50 mostly 5.50-6.00 **ORGANIC** 2/3 cartons 5s 7.95-9.95 6s 7.95-9.95

**WATERMELONS: DEMAND**

MINIATURE MODERATE, SEEDLESS GOOD. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. Extra services included. cartons Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 9.95-10.95 8s 9.95-10.95 24 inch bins per lb Red Flesh Seedless Type approx 35 count .17-.20 mostly .18-.19 occasional lower approx 45 count .17-.20 mostly .18-.19 approx 60 count .17-.20 mostly .18-.19

**ORGANIC** cartons Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 12.95-14.95 8s 14.95 9s 14.95

**TEXAS & OKLAHOMA**

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

**WATERMELONS: DEMAND FAIRLY**

GOOD. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. Prices represent mostly Central, West Texas and Oklahoma. Most present shipments from prior bookings and/or previous commitments. bins per lb Red Flesh Seedless Type approx 35 count .18-.22 mostly .18-.20 few .24 approx 45 count .18-.22 mostly .18-.20 few .24 approx 60 count .15-.20 mostly .16-.18

**DELAWARE, MARYLAND AND EASTERN SHORE VIRGINIA**

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

**WATERMELONS: SUPPLY LIGHT.**

DEMAND FAIRLY LIGHT. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 24 inch bins per lb Red Flesh Seedless Type 36s .22 few higher 45s .22 occas higher and lower 60s .20 occas lower

**MICHIGAN**

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

**WATERMELONS: SUPPLY LIGHT.**

DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET ABOUT

STEADY. 24 inch bins per lb Red Flesh Seedless Type 45s .21-.22 occas lower 60s .20-.21 occas lower

**SOUTHWEST INDIANA AND SOUTHEAST ILLINOIS**

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

**WATERMELONS: SUPPLY LIGHT.** DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 24 inch bins per lb Red Flesh Seedless Type 45s .21-.22 occas lower 60s .20-.21 occas lower

**WHOLESALE TERMINAL MARKET PRICES AS OF Friday, September 14, 2018**

This is only a sample of wholesale terminal market reports. For a complete and current listing <http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/mncs/fvdaily.htm>

**ATLANTA****CANTALOUPS: OFFERINGS LIGHT.**

MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 1/2 cartons CA 9s 14.00-17.50 mostly 15.50-16.50 occas 11.75-13.75 12s 14.00-16.50 mostly 14.00 few 17.00, occas 13.75

**HONEYDEWS: OFFERINGS LIGHT.**

MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 2/3 cartons CA 5s 12.50-14.50 mostly 13.50-14.00 few 17.50-18.50 6s 12.50-14.50 mostly 14.00 few 16.50-17.50 8s 13.00-14.50 mostly 13.25-14.00 9s 13.50-14.00 mostly 13.75-14.00

**WATERMELONS: OFFERINGS LIGHT.** MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 24 inch bins MD Red Flesh Seeded Type 35s 170.00-195.00 occas higher NC Red Flesh Seedless Type 45s 210.00-265.50 60s 199.00-245.50

**BOSTON****CANTALOUPS: MARKET ABOUT**

STEADY. 1/2 cartons CA 9s 14.00-18.00 mostly 15.00-16.00 occas low as 12.00 ord cond 5.00 12s 14.00-18.00 mostly 16.00-17.00 occas low as 12.00 ord cond 5.00 15s 14.00-15.00 mostly 15.00

**HONEYDEWS: MARKET 8S LOWER; OTHERS ABOUT STEADY.** 2/3 cartons CA 5s 13.00-16.00 mostly 14.00-15.00 ord cond 5.00 6s 13.00-17.00 mostly 14.00-15.00 8s 13.00-15.00 mostly 14.00

**WATERMELONS: MARKET MEXICO 10-14 LB LOWER; OTHERS ABOUT STEADY.** cartons Local Repack Red Flesh Seedless Type 4s 40.00 5s 38.00 flat cartons NC Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s poor cond 3.00-5.00 mostly 3.00-4.00 TX Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 20.00 24 inch bins per melon DE Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 15-19 lb avg 5.75-6.00 20-24 lb avg 4.75 IN Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 10-14 lb avg 4.00 15-19 lb avg 5.00 20-24 lb avg 6.00 MO Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 15-19 lb avg 6.50 MX Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 10-14 lb avg 4.50 15-19 lb avg 6.50-7.00 mostly 7.00 20-24 lb avg 8.00-9.00 mostly 9.00 SC Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 15-19 lb avg 6.00

**CHICAGO**

**CANTALOUPS: MARKET STEADY.** 1/2 cartons CA 9s 13.00-14.00 12s 13.00-15.00 mostly 14.00-15.00 15s 14.00-15.00 oversized 1/2 cartons CA 9s (6 size) 13.00-15.00

**HONEYDEWS: MARKET ABOUT STEADY.** 2/3 cartons CA 6s 14.00-15.00 mostly 15.00 8s 13.00-15.00 mostly 13.00-14.00 golden 6s 10.00 orange flesh 5s 16.00-18.00 oversized 2/3 cartons CA 5s (4 size) 15.00

**WATERMELONS: MARKET ABOUT STEADY.** cartons per carton IN Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 18.00 8s 16.00 MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 4s 32.00 Local Repack Red Flesh Seedless Type 4s 28.00 5s 28.00 24 inch bins per lb MI Red Flesh Seeded Type 35s .23-.24 Red Flesh Seedless Type 36s .22-.24 mostly .23-.24 45s .22-.24 mostly .23-.24 60s .22-.24 mostly .23-.24

**ORGANIC-CANTALOUPS: 1/2 cartons CA 9s 22.50**

**ORGANIC-HONEYDEWS: 2/3 cartons CA 5s 20.50**

**ORGANIC-WATERMELONS: flat cartons per carton IN Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 30.50**

**LOS ANGELES****CANTALOUPS: MARKET CA- 1/2**

CARTONS 12S STEADY, OTHERS SLIGHTLY LOWER. 1/2 cartons CA Central San Joaquin Valley California 9s 7.00-8.00 mostly 7.00 occas higher 12s 7.00-8.00 occas higher oversized 1/2 cartons CA Central San Joaquin Valley California 9s (6 size) 7.00-8.00 mostly 7.00 occas higher few poorer quality and condition lower

**HONEYDEWS: MARKET SLIGHTLY LOWER.** 2/3 cartons CA San Joaquin Valley California 5s 6.00-8.00 mostly 7.00 occas higher 6s 6.00-8.00 mostly 7.00 occas higher 8s 6.00-8.00 mostly 7.00-8.00 occas lower oversized 2/3 cartons CA San Joaquin Valley California 5s (4 size) 6.00-8.00 mostly 7.00-8.00 occas higher

**WATERMELONS: OFFERINGS NEW CROP MEXICO BINS VERY LIGHT.** MARKET CA FLAT CARTONS 8S RED FLESH SEEDLESS MINIATURE TYPE SLIGHTLY LOWER, OTHERS ABOUT STEADY. cartons CA San Joaquin Valley California Red Flesh Seedless Type 5s 24.00-27.00 mostly 25.00-26.00 few 28.00 flat cartons CA San Joaquin Valley California Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 10.00-12.00 mostly 10.00-11.00 occas higher 8s 10.00-12.00 mostly 10.00-11.00 9s 12.00-14.00 mostly 12.00-13.00 24 inch bins CA San Joaquin Valley California Red Flesh Seedless Type 36s 150.00-160.00 mostly 155.00-160.00 45s 160.00-170.00 mostly 165.00-170.00 occas higher NEW CROP 24 inch bins MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 35s 140.00 occas higher/lower 80s 120.00 occas higher/lower

**MIAMI**

**CANTALOUPS: MARKET ABOUT STEADY.** 1/2 cartons CA 9s 15.00-19.00

mostly 15.00-18.00 occas higher 12s 16.00-20.00 mostly 16.00-19.00 occas higher  
**HONEYDEWS:** MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 2/3 cartons CA 5s 15.00-18.00 mostly 15.00-17.00 occas higher and lower 6s 15.00-18.00 mostly 15.00-17.00 occas higher and lower

**WATERMELONS:** MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 24 inch bins per melon GA Red Flesh Seedless Type approx 45 count 4.00-5.00 occas higher and lower approx 60 count 3.00-4.00 occas higher and lower TX Red Flesh Seedless Type approx 36 count 6.00-7.00 occas higher

**ORGANIC-HONEYDEWS:** 2/3 cartons CA 5s 14.00-15.00 occas higher and lower

#### NEW YORK

**CANTALOUPS:** MARKET STEADY. 1/2 cartons AZ 9s 12.00-13.00 CA 9s 12.00-14.00 few 15.00 fineappear 19.00 12s 14.00-15.00 few 12.00-13.00 fineappear 16.00 oversized 1/2 cartons CA 9s (6 size) 12.00-14.00 fineappear offerings insufficient to quote CD Quebec 9s (6 size) 13.00-14.00 24 inch bins NC 115s 120.00 flat cartons AZ 9s (6 size) offerings insufficient to quote

**HONEYDEWS:** OFFERINGS LIGHT. 2/3 cartons CA 5s 13.00-14.00 mostly 14.00 fr cond 12.00 fineappear 18.00 6s 12.00-13.00 few 10.00-11.00 fr appear holdovers 12.00 ord appear ord qual poor cond 1.00-2.00 oversized 2/3 cartons AZ 6s (5 size) holdovers 12.00-13.00 CA 4s (3 size) 14.00 5s (4 size) 13.50-14.00 fineappear 18.00 6s (5 size) 13.50-14.00

**WATERMELONS:** OFFERINGS LIGHT. cartons per carton DE Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 65-69 lb avg 30.00 MX Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 70-74 lb avg 34.00-35.00 few 33.00 TX Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 70-74 lb avg 36.00-38.00 flat cartons DE Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 8s offerings insufficient to quote MX Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 18.00 24 inch bins DE Red Flesh Seeded Type 28s fr cond .17 50s fr cond .15-.16 PA Red Flesh Seeded Type 35s fr cond .14 45s fr cond .14 Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 75s 140.00-150.00 per lb DE Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 36s .32-.37 45s .31-.37 60s .24-.28 occas higher MX Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 36s .30-.37 45s .33-.37 NC Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 45s .31-.34 few .37 fr cond .17 60s fr cond .11-.14 OK Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 36s offerings insufficient to quote PA Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 45s .28-.31 60s .22-.26 TX Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 36s .44-.46

**ORGANIC-CANTALOUPS:** 1/2 cartons CA 9s 20.00

#### PHILADELPHIA

**CANTALOUPS:** MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 1/2 cartons AZ 9s 12.00 CA 9s 10.00-14.00 mostly 10.00-12.00 few 15.00 12s 10.00-15.00 mostly 10.00-12.00 oversized 1/2 cartons CA 9s (6 size) 16.00 poor cond 1.00 some unsaleable

**HONEYDEWS:** MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 2/3 cartons CA 5s 12.00-16.00 mostly 12.00-14.00 6s 13.00-15.00 mostly 13.00 holdovers 11.00-12.00 8s 14.00 oversized 2/3 cartons CA 5s (4 size) 14.00  
**WATERMELONS:** MARKET LOWER. 24 inch bins DE Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 36s 180.00-200.00 some 150.00 45s 180.00-200.00 some 150.00 MD Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 36s 200.00 45s 150.00-180.00 60s 140.00-180.00 some 120.00 65s 120.00 70s 110.00-120.00 80s fr cond 100.00 MI Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 45s 250.00 TX Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 36s 300.00 45s 290.00