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No reports will be issued on Monday, January 21, 2019 in observance of the **Birthdays of Martin Luther King, Jr.** holiday. The next report will be issued Tuesday, January 22, 2019.

## DAILY SHIPMENTS AND CROSSINGS

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40,000 lb units	MODE	Fri Jan 11	Sat Jan 12	Sun Jan 13	Mon Jan 14	Tue Jan 15	Wed Jan 16	Thu Jan 17	TOTAL TO DATE SEASON This Season	LAST SEASON	FINAL SEASON Last Season
<b>WATERMELONS</b>											
Guatemala											
Imports through Philadelphia-Camden	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	46	548	912
Imports through South Florida/Tampa	B	-	W/E 74	-	-	-	-	-	206	776	2,488
Honduras											
Imports through South Florida/Tampa	B	-	W/E 49	-	-	-	-	-	100	84	1,423
Mexico											
Mexico Crossings through Otay Mesa	T	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	66	67	379
Mexico Crossings through Pharr, TX	T	1	-	-	1	3	1	-	30	44	444
Mexico Crossings through Progreso, TX	T	16	22	-	33	11	28	-	2,252	2,408	6,859
Mexico Crossings through Rio Grande City, TX	T	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	390	392	1,198
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>18</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,090</b>	<b>4,319</b>	<b>13,703</b>
<b>WATERMELONS, SEEDED</b>											
Mexico											
Mexico Crossings through Nogales, AZ	T	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	127	21	234
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>234</b>
<b>WATERMELONS, SEEDLESS</b>											
Mexico											
Mexico Crossings through Nogales, AZ	T	17	4	-	26	14	12	18	4,874	6,575	24,688
<b>WATERMELONS, SEEDLESS - ORGANIC</b>											
Mexico											
Mexico Crossings through Nogales, AZ	T	1	-	-	2	-	-	1	76	22	162
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>18</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>4,950</b>	<b>6,597</b>	<b>24,850</b>
<b>WATERMELONS, MINIATURE SEEDLESS</b>											
Mexico											
Mexico Crossings through Nogales, AZ	T	6	6	-	4	4	2	8	412	493	1,206
<b>WATERMELONS, MINIATURE SEEDLESS - ORGANIC</b>											
Mexico											
Mexico Crossings through Nogales, AZ	T	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>1,206</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>42</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>9,848</b>	<b>20,814</b>	<b>26,290</b>

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<b>CANTALOUPE</b>											
Costa Rica											
Imports through Philadelphia-Camden	B	-	W/E 84	-	-	-	-	-	84	-	1,265
Imports through South Florida/Tampa	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	45	424
Guatemala											
Imports through Galveston (Texas)	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34	65	110
Imports through Los Angeles-Long Beach	B	-	W/E 26	-	-	-	-	-	346	905	2,243
Imports through Philadelphia-Camden	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	774	1,080	2,935
Imports through Port Hueneme (California)	B	-	W/E 33	-	-	-	-	-	156	271	1,101
Imports through South Florida/Tampa	B	-	W/E 59	-	-	-	-	-	1,597	2,167	4,775
Imports through Wilmington (Delaware)	B	-	W/E 8	-	-	-	-	-	53	-	147
Honduras											
Imports through Los Angeles-Long Beach	B	-	W/E 9	-	-	-	-	-	18	67	971
Imports through South Florida/Tampa	B	-	W/E 212	-	-	-	-	-	263	254	2,625
Imports through Wilmington (Delaware)	B	-	W/E 11	-	-	-	-	-	27	28	146
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,363</b>	<b>4,882</b>	<b>16,742</b>
<b>HONEYDEWS</b>											
Guatemala											
Imports through Los Angeles-Long Beach	B	-	W/E 6	-	-	-	-	-	107	206	551
Imports through Philadelphia-Camden	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	280	287	756
Imports through Port Hueneme (California)	B	-	W/E 6	-	-	-	-	-	27	40	133
Imports through South Florida/Tampa	B	-	W/E 26	-	-	-	-	-	455	487	1,624
Honduras											
Imports through South Florida/Tampa	B	-	W/E 74	-	-	-	-	-	93	68	1,047
Mexico											
Mexico Crossings through Nogales, AZ	T	2	3	-	10	8	5	6	1,830	2,114	4,060
<b>HONEYDEWS - ORGANIC</b>											
Mexico											
Mexico Crossings through Nogales, AZ	T	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	3	14
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2,804</b>	<b>3,205</b>	<b>8,185</b>

**SHIPPING POINT INFORMATION**

Sales F.O.B Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis for **Friday, January 18, 2019**. 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 ABOUT STEADY. GUATEMALA, HONDURAS, COSTA RICA 1/2 cartons 9s 10.95-13.95 mostly 12.95-13.95 12s 10.95-12.95 mostly 11.95-12.95 15s 10.95-11.95 oversized 1/2 cartons 6s (5 size) supply in too few hands to quote 9s (6 size) 12.95-13.95 occas higher

**HONEYDEWS:** SUPPLY FAIRLY LIGHT. DEMAND EXCEEDS SUPPLY. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. GUATEMALA. HONDURAS, COSTA RICA 2/3 cartons 5s 19.95-21.95 mostly 20.95-21.95 occas higher 6s 19.95-21.95 mostly 20.95-21.95 occas higher 8s 18.95-20.00 occas higher oversized 2/3 cartons 5s (4 size) 19.95-21.95 mostly 20.95-21.95 occas higher

**WATERMELONS:** SUPPLY VERY LIGHT. DEMAND EXCEEDS SUPPLY. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. GUATEMALA. HONDURAS cartons Red Flesh Seedless Type 4s 38.00-39.00 occas higher & lower 5s 38.00-39.00 occas higher & lower 24 inch bins Red Flesh Seedless Type 45s 300.00-350.00 mostly 340.00-350.00 occas higher & lower 60s 300.00-350.00 mostly 340.00-350.00 occas higher & lower

**MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH  
NOGALES, ARIZONA**

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

**HONEYDEWS:** SUPPLY VERY LIGHT. DEMAND EXCEEDS SUPPLY. Extra services included. Wide range in quality and appearance. Harvest gap due to seasonal transition to southern growing areas. Crop progress slowed by unseasonably cold temperatures. 2/3 cartons 5s supplies insufficient and in too few hands to establish a market

**WATERMELONS:** SUPPLY VERY LIGHT. DEMAND EXCEEDS SUPPLY. MARKET MINIATURE ABOUT STEADY, OTHERS SLIGHTLY HIGHER. Wide range in quality and condition. cartons Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 12.50-13.95 mostly 12.95 occasional higher 8s 12.95-14.95 mostly 13.00-13.50 occasional higher 9s 12.95-14.95 mostly 13.00-13.50 occasional higher 11s 9.95-11.95 mostly 9.95-10.95 occasional higher per lb Red Flesh Seedless

Type 4s .48-.50 mostly .50 few .52 occasional higher 5s .48-.50 mostly .50 few .52 occasional higher 6s .48-.50 mostly .50 few .52 occasional higher 24 inch bins per lb Red Flesh Seedless Type approx 35 count .46-.48 mostly .48 few .50 occasional higher approx 45 count .46-.48 mostly .48 few .50 occasional higher

**MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH  
TEXAS**

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

**WATERMELONS:** SUPPLY VERY LIGHT. DEMAND EXCEEDS SUPPLY. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. Supplies held in few hands. Wide range in quality. cartons per lb Red Flesh Seedless Type 4s .44-.50 mostly .46-.48 occasional higher 5s .44-.50 mostly .46-.48 occasional higher 6s .44-.50 mostly .46-.48 occasional higher

**WHOLESALE TERMINAL MARKET  
PRICES AS OF  
Friday, January 18, 2019**

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 GU 9s 19.00-21.75 mostly 19.00-19.50 occas 16.50 12s 16.00-21.00 mostly 16.50-17.00 few 21.25

**HONEYDEWS:** OFFERINGS LIGHT. MARKET HIGHER. 2/3 cartons GU 5s 20.50-23.00 mostly 23.00 few 27.00 6s 20.50-23.00 mostly 23.00 few 26.00-27.00 8s 21.50-23.50 MX 5s 20.00-22.50 mostly 21.50-21.75 few 27.00, few 19.00 6s 19.00-21.75 occas 25.00-27.00 8s 18.00-19.50 occas high as 25.75

**WATERMELONS:** OFFERINGS VERY LIGHT. cartons MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 5s 39.00-43.50 24 inch bins FL Red Flesh Seedless Type 35s 225.00 MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 60s 160.00-190.00

**BOSTON**

**CANTALOUPS:** MARKET STEADY. 1/2 cartons GU 9s 15.00-19.00 mostly 17.00-18.00 12s 13.00-17.00 mostly 15.00-16.00 one label low as 9.00 15s 13.00-17.00 mostly 15.00-16.00 one label low as 10.00 oversized 1/2 cartons GU 9s (6 size) 20.00

**HONEYDEWS:** MARKET STEADY. 2/3 cartons GU 5s insufficient to quote 6s 23.00-27.00 mostly 25.00-26.00 occas high as 28.00 8s 23.00-25.00 mostly 24.00 oversized 2/3 cartons HD 5s (4 size) 25.00

**WATERMELONS:** MARKET STEADY. cartons GU Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 4s 45.00 Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 14.00-16.00 mostly 16.00 MX Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 4s 45.00-50.00 mostly 50.00 5s 45.00-50.00 mostly 50.00 6s 38.00-40.00 mostly 40.00 24 inch bins per melon MX Red Flesh Seedless

Type Round Varieties 10-14 lb avg 7.50 15-19 lb avg 9.50 20-24 lb avg 12.00

**CHICAGO**

**CANTALOUPS:** MARKET STEADY. 1/2 cartons GU 9s 18.00-18.50 few 20.00 12s 16.00-18.00 one label 21.00 15s 16.00-18.00 oversized 1/2 cartons GU 9s (6 size) 22.00 HD 9s (6 size) 22.00

**HONEYDEWS:** MARKET STEADY. 2/3 cartons GU 5s 20.00-22.00 6s 22.00-26.00 mostly 23.00-25.00 8s 22.00-24.00 MX 5s fineappear 27.00 6s fineappear 27.00 oversized 2/3 cartons GU 5s (4 size) 14.00 **WATERMELONS:** OFFERINGS LIGHT. cartons per carton MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 4s 42.00 5s 40.00-41.50 one label 48.00 6s fineappear 54.00 flat cartons GU Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 16.00

**LOS ANGELES**

**CANTALOUPS:** OFFERINGS HONDURAS VERY LIGHT. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. Wide range in appearance. 1/2 cartons GU 9s 20.00-22.00 mostly 20.00-21.00 occas higher 12s 21.00-23.00 mostly 21.00-22.00 occas higher HD 9s 22.00-24.00 mostly 22.00-23.00 occas higher oversized 1/2 cartons GU 9s (6 size) 22.00-24.00 mostly 22.00-23.00

**HONEYDEWS:** OFFERINGS GUATEMALA VERY LIGHT. MARKET STEADY. 2/3 cartons GU 5s 22.00 occas higher/lower 6s 22.00 occas higher/lower MX 5s 26.00-29.00 mostly 27.00-28.00 occas higher 6s 26.00-29.00 mostly 27.00-28.00 occas higher oversized 2/3 cartons MX 5s (4 size) 26.00-28.00 mostly 27.00

**WATERMELONS:** OFFERINGS VERY LIGHT. Wide range in quality and appearance. cartons MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 5s 41.00-44.00 mostly 42.00-43.00 occas higher fr qual 22.00 poorer quality and condition lower flat cartons MX Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 21.00-24.00 mostly 22.00-23.00 occas lower fr qual 9.00 poorer quality and condition lower 8s 21.00-24.00 mostly 22.00-23.00 occas lower

**MIAMI**

**CANTALOUPS:** MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 1/2 cartons GU 9s 15.00-20.00 mostly 15.00-19.00 occas higher and lower 12s 15.00-20.00 mostly 15.00-19.00 occas higher and lower oversized 1/2 cartons GU 9s (6 size) 15.00-20.00 mostly 15.00-19.00 occas higher and lower

**HONEYDEWS:** MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 2/3 cartons GU 6s 20.00-22.00 occas higher and lower MX 6s holdovers 16.00-19.00 occas higher and lower oversized 2/3 cartons GU 4s (3 size) holdovers 17.00-22.00 mostly 17.00-20.00 occas higher and lower 5s (4 size) holdovers 17.00-22.00 mostly 17.00-20.00 occas higher and lower

**WATERMELONS:** OFFERINGS LIGHT. 24 inch bins per melon FL Red Flesh Seedless Type 80-90s 4.00 HD Red Flesh Seedless Type approx 45 count 9.00-10.00 mostly 10.00 approx 60 count 7.00-8.00 mostly 8.00

**NEW YORK****CANTALOUPS:** MARKET SLIGHTLY

LOWER. 1/2 cartons GU 9s 10.00-12.00 few  
14.00 12s 10.00-12.00 few 14.00 15s 8.00-  
10.00 oversized 1/2 cartons GU 9s (6 size)  
14.00 HD 9s (6 size) 14.00 flat cartons CR 9s  
(6 size) 15.00-18.00 mostly 16.00-17.00

**HONEYDEWS:** OFFERINGS LIGHT. 2/3

cartons HD 5s 35.00 occas lower 6s 32.00  
MX 5s 26.00 oversized 2/3 cartons CR 5s (4  
size) 32.00-35.00 HD 5s (4 size) 26.00-30.00  
MX 5s (4 size) 26.00

**WATERMELONS:** OFFERINGS LIGHT.

flat cartons per carton MX Red Flesh Seedless  
Miniature 6s 28.00 cartons 4s per carton GU  
Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 75-  
79 lb avg fineappear 54.00-56.00 MX Red  
Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 75-79 lb  
avg 48.00 cartons 5s per carton MX Red Flesh  
Seedless Type Round Varieties 70-74 lb avg  
55.00 occas lower

**PHILADELPHIA****CANTALOUPS:** MARKET ABOUT

STEADY. 1/2 cartons CR 9s 9.00-10.00 GU  
12s 14.00 15s 13.00 HD 9s 10.00-12.00 12s  
10.00-12.00 oversized 1/2 cartons CR 9s (6  
size) 15.00-16.00 HD 9s (6 size) 10.00-12.00

**HONEYDEWS:** MARKET ABOUT

STEADY. 2/3 cartons MX 5s 26.00-28.00 6s  
26.00-28.00

**WATERMELONS:** cartons per carton MX

Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 4s  
48.00 5s 46.00-50.00