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40,000 lb units	MODE	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	TOTAL TO DATE SEASON		FINAL SEASON
		Jan 16	Jan 17	Jan 18	Jan 19	Jan 20	Jan 21	Jan 22	This Season	Last Season	Last Season
<b>WATERMELONS</b>											
Guatemala											
Imports through Galveston (Texas)	B	-	-	W/E 18	-	-	-	-	20	130	271
Imports through Philadelphia-Camden	B	-	-	W/E 53	-	-	-	-	99	585	912
Imports through South Florida/Tampa	B	-	-	W/E 28	-	-	-	-	234	872	2,488
Honduras											
Imports through South Florida/Tampa	B	-	-	W/E 39	-	-	-	-	138	275	1,423
Mexico											
Mexico Crossings through Otay Mesa	T	1	1	-	-	2	-	-	72	70	379
Mexico Crossings through Pharr, TX	T	1	1	-	3	1	2	-	38	51	444
Mexico Crossings through Progreso, TX	T	28	34	25	34	-	45	-	2,389	2,508	6,833
Mexico Crossings through Rio Grande City, TX	T	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	392	392	1,198
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>30</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,382</b>	<b>4,883</b>	<b>13,948</b>
<b>WATERMELONS, SEEDED</b>											
Mexico											
Mexico Crossings through Nogales, AZ	T	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	127	21	234
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</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	12	18	29	18	-	25	24	4,970	6,667	24,688
<b>WATERMELONS, SEEDLESS - ORGANIC</b>											
Mexico											
Mexico Crossings through Nogales, AZ	T	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	78	22	162
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>5,048</b>	<b>6,689</b>	<b>24,850</b>
<b>WATERMELONS, MINIATURE SEEDLESS</b>											
Mexico											
Mexico Crossings through Nogales, AZ	T	2	8	8	3	-	8	3	434	508	1,206
<b>WATERMELONS, MINIATURE SEEDLESS - ORGANIC</b>											
Mexico											
Mexico Crossings through Nogales, AZ	T	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>1,206</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>44</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>10,532</b>	<b>21,166</b>	<b>26,290</b>

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<b>CANTALOUPE</b>											
Costa Rica											
Imports through Philadelphia-Camden	B	-	-	-	W/E 124	-	-	-	208	-	1,265
Imports through South Florida/Tampa	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	137	424
Guatemala											
Imports through Galveston (Texas)	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34	65	110
Imports through Los Angeles-Long Beach	B	-	-	-	W/E 21	-	-	-	367	948	2,243
Imports through Philadelphia-Camden	B	-	-	-	W/E 93	-	-	-	867	1,096	2,935
Imports through Port Hueneme (California)	B	-	-	-	W/E 17	-	-	-	173	307	1,101
Imports through South Florida/Tampa	B	-	-	-	W/E 47	-	-	-	1,644	2,256	4,775
Imports through Wilmington (Delaware)	B	-	-	-	W/E 7	-	-	-	59	3	147
Honduras											
Imports through Los Angeles-Long Beach	B	-	-	-	W/E 107	-	-	-	125	151	971
Imports through South Florida/Tampa	B	-	-	-	W/E 121	-	-	-	384	499	2,625
Imports through Wilmington (Delaware)	B	-	-	-	W/E 4	-	-	-	31	38	146
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,903</b>	<b>5,500</b>	<b>16,742</b>
<b>HONEYDEWS</b>											
Costa Rica											
Imports through Philadelphia-Camden	B	-	-	-	W/E 10	-	-	-	14	-	212
Guatemala											
Imports through Los Angeles-Long Beach	B	-	-	-	W/E 2	-	-	-	109	226	551
Imports through Philadelphia-Camden	B	-	-	-	W/E 2	-	-	-	282	291	756
Imports through Port Hueneme (California)	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27	50	133
Imports through South Florida/Tampa	B	-	-	-	W/E 9	-	-	-	464	516	-
Honduras											
Imports through South Florida/Tampa	B	-	-	-	W/E 26	-	-	-	118	105	1,047
Mexico											
Mexico Crossings through Nogales, AZ	T	5	6	8	3	-	8	3	1,857	2,134	4,060
<b>HONEYDEWS - ORGANIC</b>											
Mexico											
Mexico Crossings through Nogales, AZ	T	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	3	14
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2,883</b>	<b>3,325</b>	<b>6,773</b>

**SHIPPING POINT INFORMATION**

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis for **Wednesday, January 23, 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 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 MODERATE. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. GUATEMALA, HONDURAS, COSTA RICA 2/3 cartons 5s 18.95-21.95 mostly 20.00-20.95 occas higher 6s 18.96-21.95 mostly 20.00-20.95 occas higher 8s 18.00-18.95 occas higher oversized 2/3 cartons 5s (4 size) 18.00-21.95 mostly 20.00-20.95 occas higher

**WATERMELONS:** SUPPLY VERY LIGHT. DEMAND EXCEEDS SUPPLY. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. GUATEMALA, HONDURAS cartons Red Flesh Seedless Type 4s 39.95-40.95 occas higher & lower 5s 39.95-40.95 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 24.00-24.35 occasional lower 6s 24.00-24.35 occasional lower

**WATERMELONS:** SUPPLY VERY LIGHT. DEMAND EXCEEDS SUPPLY. MARKET 35 AND 45 COUNT SLIGHTLY HIGHER, OTHERS ABOUT STEADY. Wide range in quality and condition. Many presents shipments from prior bookings and/or previous commitments at lower prices. 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 .50-.52 mostly .50 occasional higher 5s .50-.52 mostly .50 occasional higher 6s .50-.52 mostly .50 occasional higher 24 inch bins per lb Red Flesh Seedless Type approx 35 count .48-.50 occasional higher approx 45 count .48-.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 HIGHER. Wide range in quality. cartons per lb Red Flesh Seedless Type 4s .46-.50 mostly .48-.50 5s .46-.50 mostly .48-.50 6s .46-.50 mostly .48-.50 occasional higher

**WHOLESALE TERMINAL MARKET  
PRICES AS OF  
Wednesday, January 23, 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 18.50-21.00 mostly 19.00-19.75 occas 15.00-16.50 12s 16.00-17.75 mostly 16.50-17.00 few 21.00

**HONEYDEWS:** OFFERINGS LIGHT. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 2/3 cartons GU 5s 20.50-23.00 mostly 23.00 few 27.00 6s 25.00-27.50 8s 21.50-23.50 few 17.00 MX 5s 21.50-22.50 mostly 21.50-21.75 few 27.00 6s 25.00-27.50 8s 18.00-19.50 occas 17.5

**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 HONDURAS 12S LOWER; OTHERS STEADY. 1/2 cartons GU 9s 12.00-16.00 mostly 14.00-15.00 occas low as 9.00 and high as 17.00 12s 12.00-16.00 mostly 14.00-15.00 occas low as 9.00 15s 12.00-16.00 mostly 14.00-15.00 occas low as 8.00 HD 9s 18.00-20.00 12s 16.00-20.00 mostly 17.00-18.00 oversized 1/2 cartons GU 9s (6 size) 17.00-20.00 mostly 18.00-19.00 HD 9s (6 size) 20.00

**HONEYDEWS:** MARKET STEADY. 2/3 cartons GU 5s 25.00-28.00 mostly 26.00-27.00 6s 28.00-30.00 mostly 29.00 8s 26.00-28.00 mostly 27.00 oversized 2/3 cartons HD 5s 25.00-28.00 mostly 26.00-27.00 6s 25.00-30.00 mostly 27.00-28.00

**WATERMELONS:** MARKET STEADY. cartons GU Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 5s 55.00 15-19 lb avg 11.00 Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 14.00-16.00

mostly 16.00 HD Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 9s 16.00 MX Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 4s 60.00 5s 60.00 24 inch bins per melon MX Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 10-14 lb avg 7.50 15-19 lb avg 12.00 20-24 lb avg 15.00

**CHICAGO**

**CANTALOUPS:** MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 1/2 cartons GU 9s 18.00-18.50 12s holdovers 14.00 15s holdovers 14.00 HD 9s 17.00 12s 18.00 15s 18.00 oversized 1/2 cartons GU 6s (5 size) holdovers 15.00-16.00 HD 9s (6 size) 18.00-19.00 flat cartons CR 9s (6 size) 15.00

**HONEYDEWS:** MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 2/3 cartons HD 5s 26.50-28.00 6s 26.50-28.00 8s 28.00 yellow 9s 17.00 MX 5s fineappear 27.00 oversized 2/3 cartons HD 5s (4 size) 28.00

**WATERMELONS:** OFFERINGS VERY LIGHT. cartons per carton HD Red Flesh Seedless Type 5s fr qual 45.00 MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 4s 52.00 5s 52.00

**LOS ANGELES**

**CANTALOUPS:** OFFERINGS HONDURAS VERY LIGHT. MARKET STEADY. Wide range in appearance. 1/2 cartons GU 9s 16.00-19.00 mostly 17.00-18.00 occas higher 12s 14.00-17.00 mostly 15.00-16.00 occas higher HD 9s 16.00-19.00 mostly 17.00-18.00 occas higher 12s 14.00-17.00 mostly 15.00-16.00 occas higher oversized 1/2 cartons GU 9s (6 size) 17.00-20.00 mostly 18.00-19.00 HD 9s (6 size) 17.00-20.00 mostly 18.00-19.00

**HONEYDEWS:** OFFERINGS VERY LIGHT. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 2/3 cartons MX 5s 25.00-27.00 mostly 25.00-26.00 6s 25.00-27.00 mostly 25.00-26.00 8s 25.00-27.00 mostly 25.00-26.00 oversized 2/3 cartons MX 5s (4 size) 26.00-28.00 mostly 27.00

**WATERMELONS:** OFFERINGS VERY LIGHT. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. Wide range in quality and appearance. cartons MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 5s 45.00-48.00 mostly 46.00-47.00

**MIAMI**

**CANTALOUPS:** MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 1/2 cartons GU 9s 15.00-18.00 mostly 15.00-17.00 occas higher and lower 12s 15.00-18.00 mostly 15.00-17.00 occas higher and lower oversized 1/2 cartons CR 9s (6 size) 13.00 occas higher GU 9s (6 size) 15.00-18.00 mostly 15.00-17.00 occas higher and lower

**HONEYDEWS:** MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 2/3 cartons GU 6s 20.00-22.00 occas higher and lower oversized 2/3 cartons GU 4s (3 size) holdovers 17.00-18.00 occas higher and lower 5s (4 size) holdovers 17.00-18.00 occas higher and lower

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

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

LOWER. 1/2 cartons GU 9s 12.00 12s 8.00-12.00 HD 9s 12.00 12s 12.00 oversized 1/2 cartons CR 9s (6 size) 12.00-14.00 occas lower GU 9s (6 size) fineappear 15.00-17.00 occas higher HD 9s (6 size) 14.00 flat cartons CR 9s (6 size) 12.00-17.00

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

cartons HD 5s 34.00-35.00 occas lower 6s 30.00-34.00 occas higher MX 5s 34.00-36.00 fr appear holdovers 18.00 6s 36.00 oversized 2/3 cartons CR 5s (4 size) 34.00-35.00

**WATERMELONS:** OFFERINGS LIGHT.

flat cartons per carton MX Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s offering insufficient to quote cartons 4s per carton CR Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 75-79 lb avg 50.00-52.00 GU Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 75-79 lb avg 46.00 MX Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 75-79 lb avg 50.00-54.00 occas lower cartons 5s per carton MX Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 70-74 lb avg 55.00

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

STEADY. 1/2 cartons CR 9s 14.00 GU 9s 14.00 12s 12.00-14.00 HD 9s 12.00-14.00 some 11.00 12s 14.00 15s ord cond 5.00-8.00 oversized 1/2 cartons CR 9s (6 size) 16.00 HD 9s (6 size) 14.00

**HONEYDEWS:** MARKET STEADY. 2/3

cartons HD 5s 26.00 fr qual fr cond 5.00-8.00 6s 26.00 fr qual fr cond 5.00-8.00 MX 6s 26.00

**WATERMELONS:** cartons per carton MX

Red Flesh Seedless Type 4s 50.00 5s 48.00-50.00