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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
		Feb 15	Feb 16	Feb 17	Feb 18	Feb 19	Feb 20	Feb 21	This Season	Last Season	Last Season
<b>WATERMELONS</b>											
Guatemala											
Imports through Galveston (Texas)	B	-	W/E 23	-	-	-	-	-	106	189	271
Imports through Los Angeles-Long Beach	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	152	260
Imports through Philadelphia-Camden	B	-	W/E 45	-	-	-	-	-	206	806	912
Imports through Port Hueneme (California)	B	-	W/E 10	-	-	-	-	-	40	163	268
Imports through South Florida/Tampa	B	-	W/E 147	-	-	-	-	-	958	1,547	2,488
Honduras											
Imports through South Florida/Tampa	B	-	W/E 157	-	-	-	-	-	519	529	1,423
Mexico											
Imports through Panama City (Florida)	B	-	W/E 19	-	-	-	-	-	29	43	355
Mexico Crossings through Otay Mesa	T	-	-	-	3	2	1	-	96	122	379
Mexico Crossings through Pharr, TX	T	7	1	1	9	-	6	-	138	121	444
Mexico Crossings through Progreso, TX	T	43	20	-	102	36	30	-	3,240	3,477	6,833
Mexico Crossings through Rio Grande City, TX	T	5	-	-	5	4	-	-	453	506	1,198
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>55</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,803</b>	<b>7,655</b>	<b>14,831</b>
<b>WATERMELONS, SEEDED</b>											
Mexico											
Mexico Crossings through Nogales, AZ	T	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	150	25	234
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>234</b>
<b>WATERMELONS, SEEDLESS</b>											
Mexico											
Mexico Crossings through Nogales, AZ	T	26	34	-	40	27	22	25	5,745	7,312	24,688
<b>WATERMELONS, SEEDLESS - ORGANIC</b>											
Mexico											
Mexico Crossings through Nogales, AZ	T	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	88	22	162
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>26</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>5,833</b>	<b>7,334</b>	<b>24,850</b>
<b>WATERMELONS, MINIATURE SEEDLESS</b>											
Mexico											
Mexico Crossings through Nogales, AZ	T	6	6	-	4	2	2	4	586	688	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>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>688</b>	<b>1,206</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>87</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>14,264</b>	<b>22,878</b>	<b>26,290</b>

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<b>CANTALOUPE</b>											
Costa Rica											
Imports through Philadelphia-Camden	B	-	W/E 7	-	-	-	-	-	528	419	1,265
Imports through Port Hueneme (California)	B	-	W/E 24	-	-	-	-	-	81	137	401
Imports through South Florida/Tampa	B	-	W/E 24	-	-	-	-	-	72	291	424
Guatemala											
Imports through Galveston (Texas)	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	65	110
Imports through Los Angeles-Long Beach	B	-	W/E 15	-	-	-	-	-	506	1,092	2,243
Imports through Philadelphia-Camden	B	-	W/E 32	-	-	-	-	-	1,030	1,470	2,935
Imports through Port Hueneme (California)	B	-	W/E 28	-	-	-	-	-	319	428	1,101
Imports through South Florida/Tampa	B	-	W/E 46	-	-	-	-	-	1,779	2,881	4,775
Imports through Wilmington (Delaware)	B	-	W/E 5	-	-	-	-	-	74	42	147
Honduras											
Imports through Freeport (Texas)	B	-	W/E 17	-	-	-	-	-	39	85	200
Imports through Los Angeles-Long Beach	B	-	W/E 6	-	-	-	-	-	592	414	971
Imports through South Florida/Tampa	B	-	W/E 128	-	-	-	-	-	1,012	1,211	2,625
Imports through Wilmington (Delaware)	B	-	W/E 10	-	-	-	-	-	59	106	146
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,072</b>	<b>8,535</b>	<b>17,197</b>
<b>HONEYDEWS</b>											
Costa Rica											
Imports through Philadelphia-Camden	B	-	W/E 2	-	-	-	-	-	36	21	212
Guatemala											
Imports through Los Angeles-Long Beach	B	-	W/E 4	-	-	-	-	-	131	261	551
Imports through Philadelphia-Camden	B	-	W/E 5	-	-	-	-	-	321	413	756
Imports through Port Hueneme (California)	B	-	W/E 4	-	-	-	-	-	55	53	133
Imports through South Florida/Tampa	B	-	W/E 5	-	-	-	-	-	497	809	1,624
Honduras											
Imports through South Florida/Tampa	B	-	W/E 79	-	-	-	-	-	420	400	1,047
Mexico											
Mexico Crossings through Nogales, AZ	T	2	2	-	16	3	9	9	1,988	2,330	4,060
<b>HONEYDEWS - ORGANIC</b>											
Mexico											
Mexico Crossings through Nogales, AZ	T	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	3	14
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3,460</b>	<b>4,290</b>	<b>8,397</b>

**SHIPPING POINT INFORMATION**

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis for **Friday, February 22, 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.

**MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH NOGALES, ARIZONA**

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

**HONEYDEWS: SUPPLY LIGHT.**

DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. Extra services included. Wide range in quality and appearance. 2/3 cartons 5s 14.35-16.35 mostly 14.35-15.35 few 12.35 occasional higher 6s 14.35-16.35 mostly 14.35-15.35 few 12.35 occasional higher 8s 12.35-15.35 mostly 13.35-14.00 few 10.35 occasional higher

**WATERMELONS: DEMAND**

MINIATURE FAIRLY GOOD, OTHERS FAIRLY LIGHT. MARKET MINIATURE ABOUT STEADY, OTHERS SLIGHTLY

**LOWER.** Wide range in quality and condition. cartons Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 12.00-14.95 mostly 12.50 occasional higher 8s 12.95-15.95 mostly 13.00-13.50 occasional higher 9s 12.95-15.95 mostly 13.00-13.50 occasional higher 11s 10.50-11.95 mostly 10.95-11.95 occasional lower per lb Red Flesh Seedless Type 4s .26-.30 mostly .26-.28 few .32 occasional higher 5s .26-.30 mostly .26-.28 few .32 occasional higher 6s .24-.28 mostly .24-.26 occasional higher and lower 24 inch bins per lb Red Flesh Seedless Type approx 35 count .24-.28 mostly .24-.26 occasional higher and lower approx 45 count .24-.28 mostly .24-.26 occasional higher and lower

**MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH TEXAS**

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

**WATERMELONS: SUPPLY LIGHT.**

DEMAND FAIRLY GOOD. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. Wide range in quality. Supplies held in few hands. cartons per lb Red Flesh Seedless Type 4s .32-.36 mostly .32-.34 5s .32-.36 mostly .32-.34 6s .32-.36 mostly .32-.34 few .28 24 inch bins per lb Red Flesh Seedless Type approx 35 count .30-.34 mostly .30-.32 few .26 approx 45 count .30-.34 mostly .30-.32 few .26 approx 60 count .30-.34 mostly .30-.32 few .26

**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

SLIGHTLY **LOWER.** GUATEMALA, HONDURAS, COSTA RICA 1/2 cartons 9s 9.00-11.00 mostly 10.00-11.00 occas lower 12s 9.00-11.00 mostly 9.00-10.00 occas lower 15s supply in too few hands to quote oversized 1/2 cartons 6s (5 size) 8.00-9.00 9s (6 size) 10.00-11.00 mostly 11.00

**HONEYDEWS: SUPPLY MODERATE.**

DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET SLIGHTLY **LOWER.** GUATEMALA, HONDURAS, COSTA RICA 2/3 cartons 5s 16.95-17.95 6s 16.95-17.95 occas higher 8s 12.95-14.95 occas higher oversized 2/3 cartons 5s (4 size) 16.95-17.95

**WATERMELONS: SUPPLY MODERATE.** DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET **LOWER.** GUATEMALA, HONDURAS, Costa Rica cartons Red Flesh Seedless Type 3s 16.00-18.00 4s 23.00-24.95 5s 23.00-24.95 6s 18.00-20.95 flat cartons Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 11.00 8s supply in too few hands to quote 9s supply in too few hands to quote 24 inch bins Red Flesh Seedless Type 45s 250.00-270.00 60s 225.00-280.00 mostly 225.00-275.00

**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 ABOUT STEADY. GUATEMALA, HONDURAS, COSTA RICA 1/2 cartons 9s 9.00-12.95 mostly 10.95-11.95 12s 9.00-12.95 mostly 10.95-11.95 15s 9.00-10.00 oversized 1/2 cartons 6s (5 size) supply in too few hands to quote 9s (6 size) 9.95-12.95 mostly 10.95-11.95

**HONEYDEWS: SUPPLY MODERATE.** DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. GUATEMALA, HONDURAS, COSTA RICA. 2/3 cartons 5s 17.95-20.50 6s 15.95-18.95 occas higher 8s 13.95-15.95 oversized 2/3 cartons 5s (4 size) 17.95-20.50

**WHOLESALE TERMINAL MARKET PRICES AS OF Friday, February 22, 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 6s 14.00 9s 14.00-16.50 few 16.50-18.50 12s 14.00-15.75 mostly 14.00 few 17.25 HD 6s 12.50-14.50 mostly 14.00 9s 12.50-14.50 mostly 14.00-14.50 few 16.25-16.50 12s 12.50-14.50 mostly 14.00 occas 17.00-17.25 **HONEYDEWS: OFFERINGS LIGHT.** MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 2/3 cartons GU 5s 22.50-26.50 mostly 24.00 6s 22.00-26.00 mostly 23.00-24.00 few 22.00 8s 21.50-23.50 mostly 23.00 few 25.00, few 18.00-19.00 MX 5s 22.50-24.00 mostly 23.00 few

25.00 6s 23.00-25.00 mostly 23.00 8s 23.00-23.50 occas 25.00

**WATERMELONS: OFFERINGS VERY LIGHT.** cartons MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 5s 40.50 few 34.50 Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 5s 23.00 6s 18.00

**BOSTON**

**CANTALOUPS: MARKET GUATEMALA 9S HIGHER; OTHERS ABOUT STEADY.** 1/2 cartons GU 9s 12.00-15.00 mostly 13.00-14.00 12s 15.00-16.00 mostly 15.00 HD 9s 12.00-15.00 mostly 13.00-14.00 12s 13.00-16.00 mostly 15.00 15s 15.00 oversized 1/2 cartons HD 9s (6 size) 12.00-14.00 mostly 13.00

**HONEYDEWS: MARKET STEADY.** 2/3 cartons HD 5s 22.00-23.00 mostly 22.00 6s 22.00-23.00 mostly 22.00 occas high as 26.00 8s 22.00-23.00 mostly 22.00

**WATERMELONS: MARKET MEXICO RED FLESH SEEDLESS TYPE 24 INCH BIN 15-19 LB AVG AND 20-24 LB AVG LOWER; OTHERS ABOUT STEADY** cartons GU Red Flesh Seedless Type 4s 30.00 5s 30.00 fr cond 12.00-15.00 Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 18.00 HD Red Flesh Seedless Type 3s 24.00 MX Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 4s 40.00 fr cond 15.00-20.00 mostly 17.00-18.00 5s 40.00 fr cond 15.00-20.00 mostly 17.00-18.00 6s 36.00 24 inch bins per melon HD Red Flesh Seedless Type 15-19 lb avg 8.00-9.00 mostly 8.00 MX Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 10-14 lb avg 8.00 15-19 lb avg 9.00 20-24 lb avg 12.00

**CHICAGO**

**CANTALOUPS: MARKET STEADY.** 1/2 cartons CR 12s 9.00 GU 15s 8.00 HD 9s 13.00-14.00 occas higher 12s 15.00-16.00 mostly 16.00 oversized 1/2 cartons CR 9s (6 size) 12.00 GU 9s (6 size) 14.00 HD 9s (6 size) 13.00-15.00 mostly 14.00-15.00 flat cartons HD 6s (5 size) 11.00-12.00

**HONEYDEWS: MARKET STEADY.** 2/3 cartons HD 5s 21.00-22.00 few 24.00 6s 21.00-22.50 few 25.00 8s 19.00-20.00 occas lower yellow 8s 16.00-17.00 9s 13.00-14.00 MX 5s 21.00 6s 21.00 oversized 2/3 cartons HD 5s (4 size) 28.00

**WATERMELONS: MARKET STEADY.** cartons per carton GU Red Flesh Seedless Type 4s 42.00 5s 42.00 occas 35.50 MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 5s 40.00 Local Repack Red Flesh Seedless Type 5s 30.00-32.00 flat cartons per carton GU Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 18.00 24 inch bins MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 45s 300.00-325.00 60s 300.00

**LOS ANGELES**

**CANTALOUPS: OFFERINGS 1/2 CARTONS 15S VERY LIGHT.** Wide range in appearance. 1/2 cartons CR BOAT 9s 10.00-12.00 mostly 11.00 occas higher 12s 10.00-12.00 mostly 11.00 occas higher GU BOAT 9s 9.00-11.00 mostly 9.00-10.00 occas higher 12s 7.00-9.00 mostly 8.00 occas higher 15s 7.00 occas higher/lower HD BOAT 9s 8.00-11.00 mostly 9.00-10.00 occas higher

12s 7.00-9.00 mostly 8.00 occas higher oversized 1/2 cartons CR BOAT 9s (6 size) 11.00-13.00 mostly 12.00-13.00 occas higher GU BOAT 9s (6 size) 10.00-12.00 mostly 10.00-11.00 occas higher/lower HD BOAT 9s (6 size) 10.00-12.00 mostly 10.00-11.00 occas higher/lower

**HONEYDEWS: OFFERINGS**

GUATEMALA VERY LIGHT. MARKET STEADY. 2/3 cartons GU BOAT 5s 23.00 occas higher/lower MX 5s 22.00-25.00 mostly 23.00-24.00 occas higher 6s 19.00-22.00 mostly 20.00-21.00 occas lower 8s 20.00-22.00 mostly 20.00-21.00 occas higher oversized 2/3 cartons GU BOAT 5s (4 size) 25.00 occas higher/lower MX 5s (4 size) 23.00-25.00 mostly 24.00-25.00 occas higher

**WATERMELONS: OFFERINGS VERY**

LIGHT. MARKET STEADY. Wide range in quality and appearance. cartons MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 5s 20.00-23.00 mostly 21.00-22.00 few high as 24.00 fr qual 16.50 poorer quality and condition lower flat cartons MX Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 15.00-18.00 mostly 16.00-17.00 occas lower 8s 15.00-18.00 mostly 16.00-17.00 occas lower

**MIAMI****CANTALOUPS: MARKET SLIGHTLY**

LOWER. 1/2 cartons CR 9s 16.00-18.00 mostly 16.00-17.00 occas higher and lower HD 9s 13.00-16.00 mostly 13.00-15.00 occas higher and lower 12s 13.00-16.00 mostly 13.00-15.00 occas higher and lower

**HONEYDEWS: MARKET ABOUT**

STEADY. 2/3 cartons HD 5s 19.00-23.00 mostly 19.00-22.00 occas higher and lower 6s 19.00-23.00 mostly 19.00-22.00 occas higher and lower oversized 2/3 cartons HD 5s (4 size) 19.00-23.00 mostly 19.00-22.00 occas higher and lower

**WATERMELONS: OFFERINGS FAIRLY**

LIGHT. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 24 inch bins per melon GU Red Flesh Seedless Type approx 36 count 7.00-8.00 mostly 7.00-7.50 approx 60 count 3.50-4.00 mostly 3.50 HD Red Flesh Seedless Type approx 45 count 6.00-8.00 mostly 6.00-7.00 approx 60 count 4.00-5.00 mostly 4.00

**NEW YORK****CANTALOUPS: MARKET STEADY. 1/2**

cartons CR 9s 10.00-12.00 HD 9s 11.00-12.00 12s 12.00 oversized 1/2 cartons CR 9s (6 size) 12.00-14.00 occas lower GU 9s (6 size) fineappear 13.00-16.00 occas lower HD 9s (6 size) 11.00-12.00 flat cartons GU 9s (6 size) fineappear 15.00 12s 11.00-13.00 HD 9s 10.00

**HONEYDEWS: MARKET ABOUT**

STEADY. 2/3 cartons CR 6s 18.00-20.00 yellow 6s 25.00 GU 5s 20.00-25.00 occas lower 6s 18.00-20.00 few 16.00 8s 12.00 HD 5s 18.00-20.00 few 16.00 6s 16.00-18.00 MX 5s holdovers 15.00 6s 18.00-20.00 occas higher and lower holdovers 13.00-14.00 oversized 2/3 cartons GU 5s (4 size) 22.00-25.00 MX 5s (4 size) 18.00-20.00

**WATERMELONS: MARKET ABOUT**

STEADY. flat cartons per carton MX Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 25.00 cartons 4s

per carton CR Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 65-69 lb avg 28.00 GU Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 60-64 lb avg fr appear 20.00 65-69 lb avg 30.00-35.00 occas lower MX Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 65-69 lb 30.00-34.00 occas lower 60-64 lb avg fr appear 20.00 70-74 lb avg fineappear 40.00-42.00 cartons 5s per carton CR Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 60-64 lb avg 28.00 GU Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 60-64 lb avg fr appear 20.00 MX Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 70-74 lb avg 38.00

**PHILADELPHIA****CANTALOUPS: MARKET STEADY. 1/2**

cartons CR 9s 11.00-12.00 12s 12.00 HD 9s 12.00-13.50 fr cond 10.00 12s 11.00-13.00 mostly 12.00 oversized 1/2 cartons HD 9s (6 size) 10.00-12.00 fr cond 9.00 flat cartons GU 9s 9.00

**HONEYDEWS: MARKET MX & GU 6S**

LOWER, OTHERS STEADY. 2/3 cartons GU 5s 21.00 6s 18.00 8s 20.00 HD 5s 20.00 6s 20.00-24.00 mostly 20.00-23.00 MX 5s 18.00 6s 20.00

**WATERMELONS: MARKET LOWER.**

cartons per carton GU Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 16.00 MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 4s 25.00 5s 25.00