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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
		Mar 8	Mar 9	Mar 10	Mar 11	Mar 12	Mar 13	Mar 14	This Season	Last Season	Last Season
<b>WATERMELONS</b>											
Guatemala											
Imports through Galveston (Texas)	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	146	227	271
Imports through Philadelphia-Camden	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	249	862	912
Imports through Port Hueneme (California)	B	-	W/E 2	-	-	-	-	-	50	216	268
Imports through South Florida/Tampa	B	-	W/E 86	-	-	-	-	-	1,242	1,892	2,488
Honduras											
Imports through South Florida/Tampa	B	-	W/E 78	-	-	-	-	-	822	661	1,423
Mexico											
Imports through Panama City (Florida)	B	-	W/E 22	-	-	-	-	-	82	161	355
Imports through South Florida/Tampa	B	-	W/E 12	-	-	-	-	-	66	54	135
Mexico Crossings through Otay Mesa	T	-	2	3	1	5	1	-	138	153	379
Mexico Crossings through Pharr, TX	T	6	1	-	7	4	4	-	201	176	444
Mexico Crossings through Progreso, TX	T	46	42	-	96	71	74	-	4,198	4,262	6,833
Mexico Crossings through Rio Grande City, TX	T	5	-	-	6	-	-	-	517	568	1,198
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>57</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,711</b>	<b>9,232</b>	<b>14,706</b>
<b>WATERMELONS, SEEDED</b>											
Mexico											
Mexico Crossings through Nogales, AZ	T	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	163	25	234
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>234</b>
<b>WATERMELONS, SEEDLESS</b>											
Mexico											
Mexico Crossings through Nogales, AZ	T	32	36	-	39	45	28	28	6,306	7,884	24,688
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>32</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>6,394</b>	<b>7,906</b>	<b>24,850</b>
<b>WATERMELONS, MINIATURE SEEDLESS</b>											
Mexico											
Mexico Crossings through Nogales, AZ	T	2	1	-	4	8	1	6	634	779	1,206
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>674</b>	<b>779</b>	<b>1,206</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>91</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>16,463</b>	<b>23,416</b>	<b>26,290</b>

Imports through Los Angeles-Long Beach watermelon removed from season to date total on 3/12/19.

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<b>CANTALOUPE</b>											
Costa Rica											
Imports through Philadelphia-Camden	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	602	641	1,265
Imports through Port Hueneme (California)	B	-	W/E 12	-	-	-	-	-	131	235	401
Imports through South Florida/Tampa	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	123	304	424
Guatemala											
Imports through Galveston (Texas)	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	90	110
Imports through Los Angeles-Long Beach	B	-	W/E 127	-	-	-	-	-	681	1,316	2,243
Imports through Philadelphia-Camden	B	-	W/E 233	-	-	-	-	-	1,477	1,929	2,935
Imports through Port Hueneme (California)	B	-	W/E 42	-	-	-	-	-	435	636	1,101
Imports through South Florida/Tampa	B	-	W/E 286	-	-	-	-	-	2,271	3,082	4,775
Imports through Wilmington (Delaware)	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	79	81	147
Honduras											
Imports through Freeport (Texas)	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	39	133	200
Imports through Los Angeles-Long Beach	B	-	W/E 10	-	-	-	-	-	778	599	971
Imports through South Florida/Tampa	B	-	W/E 15	-	-	-	-	-	1,101	1,414	2,625
Imports through Wilmington (Delaware)	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	62	120	146
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,757</b>	<b>10,460</b>	<b>17,197</b>
<b>HONEYDEWS</b>											
Costa Rica											
Imports through Philadelphia-Camden	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	160	212
Guatemala											
Imports through Los Angeles-Long Beach	B	-	W/E 21	-	-	-	-	-	163	305	551
Imports through Philadelphia-Camden	B	-	W/E 59	-	-	-	-	-	415	480	756
Imports through Port Hueneme (California)	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	60	72	133
Imports through South Florida/Tampa	B	-	W/E 70	-	-	-	-	-	709	932	1,624
Honduras											
Imports through Los Angeles-Long Beach	B	-	W/E 9	-	-	-	-	-	84	186	260
Imports through South Florida/Tampa	B	-	W/E 26	-	-	-	-	-	560	550	1,047
Mexico											
Mexico Crossings through Nogales, AZ	T	9	5	-	6	12	10	8	2,108	2,427	4,060
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4,147</b>	<b>5,112</b>	<b>8,643</b>

Mexico crossings through Nogales, AZ organic honeydew removed from season to date on 3/12/19.

**SHIPPING POINT INFORMATION**

Sales F.O.B Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis for **Friday, March 15, 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 12.00-13.95 mostly 13.95 occas lower 12s 12.00-12.95 occas lower 15s 12.00-12.95 oversized 1/2 cartons 6s (5 size) 10.95 9s (6 size) 12.00-13.95 mostly 13.95

**HONEYDEWS:** SUPPLY MODERATE. DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. GUATEMALA, HONDURAS, COSTA RICA 2/3 cartons 5s 9.00-11.50 mostly 9.95-11.00 fr qual 6.00-8.00 6s 9.00-11.50 mostly 9.95-11.00 fr qual 6.00-8.00 8s 9.95-10.95 oversized 2/3 cartons 4s (3 size) 9.95-10.50 occas lower 5s (4 size) 9.95-11.50 mostly 9.95-11.00

**WATERMELONS:** GUATEMALA, HONDURAS, COSTA RICA cartons Red Flesh Seedless Type 3s supply in too few hands to quote 4s supply in too few hands to quote 5s supply in too few hands to quote 6s supply in too few hands to quote flat cartons Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s supply in too few hands to quote 8s supply in too few hands to quote 9s supply in too few hands to quote 24 inch bins Red Flesh Seedless Type 45s supply in too few hands to quote 60s supply in too few hands to quote

**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 10.95-11.95 12s 11.95-12.95 15s supply in too few hands to quote oversized 1/2 cartons 6s (5 size) supply in too few hands to quote 9s (6 size) 11.95-12.95 mostly 12.95

**HONEYDEWS:** SUPPLY FAIRLY LIGHT. DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. GUATEMALA, HONDURAS, COSTA RICA. 2/3 cartons 5s 11.00-12.00 6s 9.00-10.00 occas higher 8s supply in too few hands to quote oversized 2/3 cartons 5s (4 size) 11.00-12.00

**MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH  
NOGALES, ARIZONA**

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

**HONEYDEWS:** DEMAND FAIRLY LIGHT. MARKET 8S ABOUT STEADY, 4S **LOWER**, OTHERS SLIGHTLY **LOWER**. Extra services included. Wide range in quality and appearance. 2/3 cartons 4s 8.35-10.35 mostly 8.35-9.35 5s 8.35-11.35 mostly 8.35-9.35 occasional higher 6s 8.35-11.35 mostly 8.35-9.35 occasional higher 8s 8.35-10.35 occasional higher

**WATERMELONS:** SUPPLY MINIATURE LIGHT. DEMAND GOOD. MARKET MINIATURE 6-9S SLIGHTLY **HIGHER**, OTHERS ABOUT STEADY. Wide range in quality and condition. cartons Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 12.35-14.95 mostly 12.95 occasional higher 8s 12.35-15.95 mostly 13.95 occasional higher 9s 12.35-15.95 mostly 13.95 occasional higher 11s 9.95-12.95 mostly 10.95-11.95 per lb Red Flesh Seedless Type 4s .24-.28 mostly .24-.26 occasional higher 5s .24-.28 mostly .24-.26 occasional higher 6s .20-.24 mostly .22-.24 occasional higher 24 inch bins per lb Red Flesh Seedless Type approx 35 count .22-.26 mostly .22-.24 occasional higher approx 45 count .22-.26 mostly .22-.24 occasional higher

**MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH  
TEXAS**

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

**WATERMELONS:** DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET STEADY. Wide range in quality. 24 inch bins per lb Red Flesh Seedless Type approx 35 count .22-.26 mostly .23-.25 few .28 approx 45 count .22-.26 mostly .23-.25 few .28 approx 60 count .18-.24 mostly .21-.23

**WHOLESALE TERMINAL MARKET  
PRICES AS OF  
Friday, March 15, 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 16.00-17.00 mostly 16.00 12s 14.00-16.50 mostly 16.50 HD 9s 16.00-17.00 mostly 16.00-16.50 12s 16.00-16.50 mostly 16.50 occas 14.00

**HONEYDEWS:** OFFERINGS LIGHT. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 2/3 cartons GU 5s 18.00-20.50 mostly 18.00-18.50 few 15.00 6s 17.25-19.00 few 19.50-19.75 8s 13.50-14.00

**WATERMELONS:** OFFERINGS VERY LIGHT. cartons HD Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 5s 21.00-28.50 mostly 21.00 6s 13.00-15.00 MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 5s 26.75-28.50 mostly 27.50

**BOSTON**

**CANTALOUPS:** MARKET GUATEMALA 9S-15S **HIGHER**; OTHERS ABOUT STEADY. 1/2 cartons CR 9s 12.00-16.00 mostly 14.00-15.00 12s 12.00-16.00 mostly 14.00-15.00 15s 12.00-16.00 mostly 14.00-15.00 occas low as 10.00 GU 9s 14.00-18.00 mostly 16.00 occas lower as 12.00 12s 14.00-18.00 mostly 15.00-16.00 occas low as 12.00 15s 12.00-16.00 mostly 14.00-15.00 occas low as 10.00 HD 9s 12.00-15.00 mostly 14.00-15.00 occas low as 10.00 12s 12.00-15.00 mostly 14.00-15.00 occas low as 10.00 15s 12.00-15.00 mostly 14.00-15.00 occas low as 10.00 oversized 1/2 cartons CR 9s (6 size) 14.00-16.00 mostly 15.00 GU 9s (6 size) 14.00-16.00 mostly 15.00 HD 9s (6 size) 14.00-16.00 mostly 15.00

**HONEYDEWS:** MARKET STEADY. 2/3 cartons CR 6s 14.00-16.00 mostly 15.00 GU 5s 14.00-16.00 mostly 15.00 occas low as 10.00 6s 12.00-16.00 mostly 15.00 occas low as 10.00 HD 5s 12.00-16.00 mostly 14.00-15.00 occas low as 8.00 6s 12.00-16.00 mostly 15.00 occas low as 8.00 8s 8.00-11.00 mostly 9.00-10.00

**WATERMELONS:** MARKET STEADY. cartons GU Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 14.00 HD Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 5s 30.00 MX Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 4s 34.00-35.00 mostly 34.00 5s 28.00-32.00 mostly 30.00-32.00 24 inch bins per melon MX Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 10-14 lb avg 5.00 15-19 lb avg 6.50-7.00 mostly 7.00 20-24 lb avg 10.00-12.00 mostly 10.00

**CHICAGO**

**CANTALOUPS:** MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 1/2 cartons GU 12s 15.00-16.00 15s 17.00-18.00 HD 9s 15.00-16.00 12s 15.00-16.00 mostly 16.00 15s 15.00-16.00 oversized 1/2 cartons GU 9s (6 size) 17.00-18.00

**HONEYDEWS:** MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 2/3 cartons GU 8s 14.00 HD 5s 14.00 6s 15.00-16.00 8s 14.00 yellow 8s 12.00 oversized 2/3 cartons HD 5s (4 size) 16.00

**WATERMELONS:** MARKET ABOUT STEADY. cartons per carton GU Red Flesh Seedless Type 4s 30.00 5s 30.00 HD Red Flesh Seedless Type 5s 24.00-26.00 mostly 25.00-26.00 6s 24.00-26.00 mostly 25.00-26.00 MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 4s 24.00-26.00 occas lower 5s 24.00-26.00 occas lower fineappear 35.00-36.00 6s 24.00-26.00 occas lower flat cartons per carton HD Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 16.00 24 inch bins GU Red Flesh Seedless Type 60s 200.00 MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 36s 235.00-240.00 60s 235.00-250.00 mostly 235.00-240.00

**LOS ANGELES**

**CANTALOUPS:** OFFERINGS LIGHT. MARKET STEADY. Wide range in appearance. 1/2 cartons CR BOAT 9s 11.00-13.50 mostly 12.00-13.00 12s 11.00-13.00 mostly 12.00-13.00 GU BOAT 9s 11.00-13.00 mostly 11.00-12.00 12s 11.00-13.00 mostly 11.00-12.00 15s 11.00-12.00 HD

BOAT 9s 11.00-13.00 mostly 11.00-12.00 12s 11.00-13.00 mostly 11.00-12.00 occas higher oversized 1/2 cartons CR BOAT 9s (6 size) 13.00-15.00 mostly 13.00-14.00 occas higher GU BOAT 9s (6 size) 13.00-15.00 mostly 13.00-14.00 occas higher HD BOAT 9s (6 size) 13.00-15.00 mostly 13.00-14.00 occas higher

**HONEYDEWS:** OFFERINGS LIGHT.

MARKET SLIGHTLY LOWER. 2/3 cartons GU BOAT 5s 13.50-15.00 mostly 14.00-15.00 6s 13.50-15.00 mostly 14.00-15.00 MX 5s 13.50-15.00 mostly 14.00-15.00 6s 13.50-15.00 mostly 14.00-15.00 8s offerings insufficient to quote oversized 2/3 cartons GU BOAT 5s (4 size) 12.00-14.00 MX 5s (4 size) 12.00-14.00

**WATERMELONS:** OFFERINGS VERY

LIGHT. MARKET STEADY. Wide range in quality and appearance. cartons MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 5s 21.00-24.00 mostly 22.00-23.00 occas higher fr qual 18.00 poorer quality and condition lower flat cartons MX Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 14.00-17.00 mostly 15.00-16.00 occas higher fr qual 10.00 poorer quality and condition lower 8s 14.00-17.00 mostly 15.00-16.00 occas higher fr qual 10.00 poorer quality and condition lower

**MIAMI****CANTALOUPS:** MARKET ABOUT

STEADY. 1/2 cartons HD 9s 14.00-18.00 mostly 14.00-17.00 occas higher and lower 12s 14.00-18.00 mostly 14.00-17.00 occas higher and lower oversized 1/2 cartons GU 9s (6 size) 17.00-18.00 occas higher and lower

**HONEYDEWS:** MARKET ABOUT

STEADY. 2/3 cartons GU 6s 14.00-18.00 mostly 14.00-17.00 occas higher and lower HD 5s 14.00-18.00 mostly 14.00-17.00 occas higher and lower 6s 14.00-18.00 mostly 14.00-17.00 occas higher and lower oversized 2/3 cartons HD 5s (4 size) 14.00-18.00 mostly 14.00-17.00 occas higher and lower

**WATERMELONS:** OFFERINGS FAIRLY

LIGHT. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 24 inch bins per melon CR Red Flesh Seedless Type approx 45 count 6.00 GU Red Flesh Seedless Type approx 60 count 5.00-6.00 HD Red Flesh Seedless Type approx 36 count 7.00-8.00 mostly 7.00-7.50 approx 45 count 6.00-7.00 approx 60 count 3.00-4.00

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

HIGHER. 1/2 cartons CR 9s 15.00 fr appear fr cond 8.00-10.00 GU 9s 13.00-16.00 few 12.00 12s 14.00-16.00 oversized 1/2 cartons GU 9s (6 size) 16.00-18.00 flat cartons CR 9s (6 size) 16.00

**HONEYDEWS:** MARKET ABOUT

STEADY. 2/3 cartons GU 5s 10.00-12.00 6s 11.00-12.00 holdovers 8.00 HD 5s 10.00-12.00 6s 8.00-10.00 oversized 2/3 cartons GU 5s (4 size) 12.00-16.00 HD 5s (4 size) 10.00-12.00

**WATERMELONS:** MARKET ABOUT

STEADY. flat cartons per carton HD Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 16.00 MX Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 18.00 fineappear 24.00 11s 14.00-16.00 24 inch bins per lb CR

Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 45s .26-.29 MX Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 45s .29-.36 cartons 3s per carton GU Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 60-64 lb avg 24.00 cartons 4s per carton GU Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 65-69 lb avg 26.00-28.00 MX Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 65-69 lb avg 30.00-34.00 holdovers 26.00-28.00 70-74 lb avg fineappear 38.00 cartons 5s per carton CR Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 65-69 lb avg 24.00 MX Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 65-69 lb avg 30.00 cartons 6s per carton CR Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 60-64 lb avg 20.00

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

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

**HONEYDEWS:** MARKET ABOUT

STEADY. 2/3 cartons GU 5s 14.00 6s 13.00-14.00 mostly 14.00 8s 15.00 HD 5s 12.00-14.00 mostly 12.00 6s 12.00-13.00 mostly 12.00 MX 5s 12.00 (FEW SALES) 6s 12.00 (FEW SALES)

**WATERMELONS:** MARKET ABOUT

STEADY. cartons per carton MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 4s 30.00-32.00 5s 30.00