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DAILY SHIPMENTS AND CROSSINGS												
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40,000 lb units	MODE	Fri Mar 15	Sat Mar 16	Sun Mar 17	Mon Mar 18	Tue Mar 19	Wed Mar 20	Thu Mar 21	TOTAL TO DATE SEASON This Season	Last Season	FINAL SEASON Last Season	
<b>WATERMELONS</b>												
Guatemala												
Imports through Galveston (Texas)	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	146	243	271	
Imports through Philadelphia-Camden	B	-	W/E 11	-	-	-	-	-	270	907	912	
Imports through Port Hueneme (California)	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50	221	268	
Imports through South Florida/Tampa	B	-	W/E 42	-	-	-	-	-	1,317	2,045	2,488	
Honduras												
Imports through South Florida/Tampa	B	-	V/E 151	-	-	-	-	-	1,108	737	1,423	
Mexico												
Imports through Panama City (Florida)	B	-	W/E 43	-	-	-	-	-	148	209	355	
Imports through South Florida/Tampa	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	66	54	135	
Mexico Crossings through Otay Mesa	T	3	-	2	2	1	1	-	151	162	379	
Mexico Crossings through Pharr, TX	T	2	-	-	4	13	6	-	227	195	444	
Mexico Crossings through Progreso, TX	T	57	22	-	78	94	56	-	4,573	4,600	6,833	
Mexico Crossings through Rio Grande City, TX	T	-	2	7	9	19	4	-	559	610	1,198	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>62</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,615</b>	<b>9,983</b>	<b>14,706</b>	
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<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>	
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<b>WATERMELONS, SEEDLESS</b>												
Mexico												
Mexico Crossings through Nogales, AZ	T	26	13	-	24	24	19	29	6,440	8,224	24,688	
<b>WATERMELONS, SEEDLESS - ORGANIC</b>	T	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Mexico												
Mexico Crossings through Nogales, AZ	T	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	88	22	162	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>26</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>6,528</b>	<b>8,246</b>	<b>24,850</b>	
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<b>WATERMELONS, MINIATURE SEEDLESS</b>												
Mexico												
Mexico Crossings through Nogales, AZ	T	5	11	-	12	7	9	10	687	833	1,206	
<b>WATERMELONS, MINIATURE SEEDLESS - ORGANIC</b>	T	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Mexico												
Mexico Crossings through Nogales, AZ	T	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	-	-	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>727</b>	<b>833</b>	<b>1,206</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>93</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>17,401</b>	<b>23,810</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	-	W/E 16	-	-	-	-	-	626	641	1,265	
Imports through Port Hueneme (California)	B	-	W/E 37	-	-	-	-	-	176	259	401	
Imports through South Florida/Tampa	B	-	W/E 8	-	-	-	-	-	130	304	424	
Guatemala												
Imports through Galveston (Texas)	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	90	110	
Imports through Los Angeles-Long Beach	B	-	W/E 98	-	-	-	-	-	782	1,480	2,243	
Imports through Philadelphia-Camden	B	-	W/E 7	-	-	-	-	-	1,573	2,149	2,935	
Imports through Port Hueneme (California)	B	-	W/E 10	-	-	-	-	-	446	731	1,101	
Imports through South Florida/Tampa	B	-	V/E 160	-	-	-	-	-	2,442	3,334	4,775	
Imports through Wilmington (Delaware)	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	79	95	147	
Honduras												
Imports through Freeport (Texas)	B	-	W/E 11	-	-	-	-	-	50	133	200	
Imports through Los Angeles-Long Beach	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	819	602	971	
Imports through South Florida/Tampa	B	-	V/E 194	-	-	-	-	-	1,308	1,437	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>8,471</b>	<b>11,255</b>	<b>17,197</b>	
<b>HONEYDEWS</b>												
Costa Rica												
Imports through Philadelphia-Camden	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	65	195	212	
Guatemala												
Imports through Los Angeles-Long Beach	B	-	W/E 29	-	-	-	-	-	196	336	551	
Imports through Philadelphia-Camden	B	-	W/E 20	-	-	-	-	-	460	503	756	
Imports through Port Hueneme (California)	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	60	73	133	
Imports through South Florida/Tampa	B	-	W/E 9	-	-	-	-	-	729	1,047	1,624	
Honduras												
Imports through Los Angeles-Long Beach	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	114	188	260	
Imports through South Florida/Tampa	B	-	W/E 20	-	-	-	-	-	580	563	1,047	
Mexico												
Mexico Crossings through Nogales, AZ	T	8	4	-	9	11	4	8	2,152	2,440	4,060	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4,356</b>	<b>5,345</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 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.

**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 13.00-13.95 mostly 13.95 occas lower 12s 11.95-13.95 mostly 12.95 occas higher 15s 11.95-13.95 mostly 12.95 occas higher oversized 1/2 cartons 6s (5 size) 10.00-10.95 9s (6 size) 13.00-13.95 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 6s 9.00-11.50 mostly 9.95-11.00 fr qual 6.00 8s 9.95-10.95 oversized 2/3 cartons 4s (3 size) supply in too few hands to quote 5s (4 size) 9.95-11.50 mostly 9.95-11.00

**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 10.95-11.95 occas higher 12s 11.95-12.95 15s supply in too few hands to quote oversized 1/2 cartons 6s (5 size) 10.00-10.95 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 10.00-11.00 6s 9.00-10.50 occas higher 8s supply in too few hands to quote oversized 2/3 cartons 5s (4 size) 10.00-11.00

**MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH  
NOGALES, ARIZONA**

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

**HONEYDEWS:** DEMAND FAIRLY LIGHT. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. Extra services included. Wide range in quality and appearance. 2/3 cartons 4s 8.35-10.35 mostly 8.35-9.35 occasional higher 5s 7.35-10.35 mostly 8.35-9.35 occasional higher and lower 6s 7.35-10.35 mostly 8.35-9.35 occasional

higher and lower 8s 7.35-10.35 mostly 8.35-9.35 occasional higher

**WATERMELONS:** SUPPLY MINIATURE LIGHT. DEMAND GOOD. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. Wide range in quality and condition. cartons Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 12.95-14.95 mostly 12.95 8s 12.95-15.95 mostly 13.95-14.95 occasional higher 9s 12.95-15.95 mostly 13.95-14.95 occasional higher 11s 10.95-12.95 mostly 10.95-11.95 per lb Red Flesh Seedless Type 4s .28-.32 mostly .30-.32 5s .28-.32 mostly .30-.32 6s .26-.30 mostly .28-.30 24 inch bins per lb Red Flesh Seedless Type approx 35 count .26-.30 mostly .28-.30 approx 45 count .26-.30 mostly .28-.30

**MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH  
TEXAS**

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

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

**WHOLESALE TERMINAL MARKET  
PRICES AS OF  
Friday, March 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 9s 16.00-17.00 mostly 16.00 12s 14.00-16.50 mostly 15.00-16.50 HD 9s 15.00-17.00 mostly 15.00 few 19.50-19.75 12s 15.00-16.50 mostly 16.50 few 19.00-19.75

**HONEYDEWS:** OFFERINGS LIGHT. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 2/3 cartons GU 5s 18.00-19.00 mostly 18.00-18.50 few 15.00 6s 14.50-17.00 few 11.50-12.50 13.00-14.00 few 11.50-12.50

**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 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 13.00-15.00 mostly 14.00 occas high as 18.00 12s 13.00-16.00 mostly 14.00 15s 10.00-14.00 mostly 11.00-12.00 HD 9s 13.00-15.00 mostly 14.00 occas high as 18.00 12s 13.00-16.00 mostly 14.00 15s 13.00-15.00 mostly 14.00 oversized 1/2 cartons CR 9s (6 size) 14.00-16.00 mostly 15.00 GU 9s (6 size) 13.00-15.00 mostly

14.00 HD 9s (6 size) 14.00-16.00 mostly 15.00

**HONEYDEWS:** MARKET STEADY. 2/3 cartons GU 5s 8.00-12.00 mostly 10.00-11.00 occas high as 14.00 ord cond 3.00-5.00 mostly 4.00 6s 8.00-11.00 mostly 10.00-11.00 ord cond 3.00-5.00 mostly 4.00 8s 8.00-11.00 mostly 10.00-11.00 ord cond 3.00-5.00 mostly 4.00 HD 5s 11.00-12.00 mostly 11.00 occas high as 14.00 6s 11.00-16.00 mostly 13.00-14.00 8s 11.00-12.00 mostly 11.00

**WATERMELONS:** MARKET ABOUT STEADY. cartons GU Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 10.00-15.00 mostly 12.00-13.00 HD Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 5s offering insufficient to quote MX Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 4s 34.00 5s 25.00-28.00 mostly 26.00-27.00 6s 15.00-20.00 mostly 17.00 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**

**MARKET TONES OMITTED DUE TO ABSENCE OF REPORTER ON THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2019.**

**CANTALOUPS:** 1/2 cartons GU 9s 17.00-19.00 few low as 13.50 fr cond 13.50 12s 14.00-18.00 mostly 15.00-17.00 15s 17.00-18.00 oversized 1/2 cartons GU 6s (5 size) 10.00-12.00 9s (6 size) 16.00-19.00 mostly 17.00-18.00

**HONEYDEWS:** 2/3 cartons GU 5s 13.00 6s 13.00-15.00 HD 5s 13.00 fr cond 9.00-10.00 6s fr cond 9.00-10.00 yellow 8s 12.00 MX 5s 12.00 6s 12.00

**WATERMELONS:** wide range in quality & condition cartons per carton GU Red Flesh Seedless Type 4s 25.00 5s 25.00 Local Repack Red Flesh Seedless Type 4s 24.50 5s 24.50 flat cartons per carton HD Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 17.00 MX Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 18.00-19.00 24 inch bins HD Red Flesh Seedless Type 4s 240.00 60s 240.00 few 225.00 MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 60s 240.00

**LOS ANGELES**

**CANTALOUPS:** OFFERINGS LIGHT. Wide range in appearance. 1/2 cartons CR BOAT 9s 12.00-14.00 mostly 13.00-14.00 12s 12.00-14.00 mostly 13.00-14.00 GU BOAT 9s 12.00-14.00 mostly 13.00-14.00 12s 12.00-14.00 mostly 13.00-14.00 HD BOAT 9s 12.00-14.00 mostly 13.00-14.00 12s 12.00-14.00 mostly 13.00-14.00 oversized 1/2 cartons CR BOAT 9s (6 size) 14.00-16.00 mostly 14.00-15.00 GU BOAT 9s (6 size) 14.00-16.00 mostly 14.00-15.00 HD BOAT 9s (6 size) 14.00-16.00 mostly 14.00-15.00 **HONEYDEWS:** OFFERINGS LIGHT. MARKET STEADY. 2/3 cartons GU BOAT 5s 14.00-16.00 mostly 15.00-16.00 6s 14.00-15.00 MX 5s 13.50-15.00 mostly 14.00-15.00 one label higher 6s 13.50-15.00 mostly 14.00-15.00 one label higher oversized 2/3 cartons GU BOAT 5s (4 size) 13.00-16.00 mostly 14.00-15.00 MX 5s (4 size) 12.00-14.00

**WATERMELONS:** OFFERINGS VERY LIGHT. MARKET MEXICO CARTONS 5S RED FLESH SEEDLESS TYPE HIGHER, OTHERS ABOUT STEADY. Wide range in quality and appearance. cartons MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 5s 27.00-30.00 mostly 28.00-29.00 few high as 32.00 flat cartons MX Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 20.00 occas higher/lower (one label) 8s 22.00 occas higher/lower (one label)

#### 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 4.00-5.00 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 ABOUT STEADY. 1/2 cartons GU 9s 13.00-14.00 12s 12.00-15.00 fineappear 16.00-17.00 15s 9.00-12.00 HD 9s 14.00-15.00 12s 15.00 oversized 1/2 cartons GU 6s (5 size) 12.00 9s (6 size) 14.00-17.00 flat cartons GU 9s (6 size) 18.00-20.00

**HONEYDEWS:** MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 2/3 cartons CR 6s 9.00 GU 5s 10.00-12.00 occas lower 6s 9.00-11.00 HD 5s 11.00-12.00 6s 9.00-10.00 MX 5s 10.00 6s 7.00-8.00 8s 7.00-8.00 oversized 2/3 cartons CR 6s (5 size) 12.00 GU 5s (4 size) 10.00-12.00 occas higher HD 5s (4 size) 12.00

**WATERMELONS:** MARKET ABOUT STEADY. flat cartons per carton MX Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 16.00-20.00 24 inch bins per lb MX Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 45s offering insufficient to quote cartons 4s per carton GU Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 65-69 lb avg offering insufficient to quote MX Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 65-69 lb avg 30.00-34.00 occas lower fr appear fr cond 20.00 70-74 lb avg fineappear 35.00-38.00 cartons 5s per carton CR Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 65-69 lb avg 24.00 GU Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 65-69 lb avg 28.00 MX Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 65-69 lb avg 30.00-32.00

#### PHILADELPHIA

**CANTALOUPS:** MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 1/2 cartons GU 9s 15.00-16.00 12s 15.00-16.00 HD 12s 15.00-16.00 oversized 1/2 cartons GU 9s (6 size) 14.00-15.00

**HONEYDEWS:** MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 2/3 cartons GU 5s 12.00 fr qual 8.00-10.00 6s 10.00-12.00 fr qual 8.00-9.00 8s fr qual 8.00-10.00 HD 5s 8.00-10.00 mostly 9.00 fr cond 5.00-6.00 6s fr qual 8.00-10.00 mostly 9.00 8s 8.00-9.00 MX 4s 10.00 5s 10.00 6s fr qual 6.00-8.00 oversized 2/3 cartons HD 5s (4 size) 12.00

**WATERMELONS:** MARKET STEADY. cartons per carton CR Red Flesh Seedless Type 5s 25.00 MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 4s 32.00 5s 30.00 24 inch bins MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 36s 300.00 45s 260.00-300.00