Carolina Cross Watermelon

Citrullus lanatus 'Carolina Cross'



Carolina Cross Watermelon fruit and flesh
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 10 feet

Spacing: 3 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Description:

A vigorous heirloom variety that produces huge, oblong watermelons that can reach up to 200lbs; dark green rind with light green striping gives way to sweet and crisp bright red flesh; sprawling vines reach up to 10 feet; open pollinated

Edible Qualities

Carolina Cross Watermelon is an annual vegetable plant that is commonly grown for its edible qualities. It produces gigantic dark green oblong fruit with light green stripes and red flesh which are typically harvested when mature. The fruits have a sweet taste and a juicy texture.

The fruit are most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating
- Eating When Cooked/Prepared
- Juice-Making
- Freezing

Planting & Growing

Carolina Cross Watermelon will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 feet. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 3 feet apart. Because of its vigorous growth habit, it may require staking or supplemental support. This vegetable plant is an annual, which means that it will grow for one season in your garden and then die after producing a crop. This is a self-pollinating variety, so it doesn't require a second plant nearby to set fruit.

This plant is typically grown in a designated vegetable garden. It should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. This plant is a heavy feeder that requires frequent fertilizing throughout the growing season to perform at its best. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America, and it is considered by many to be an heirloom variety.