Mini Piccolo Watermelon

Citrullus lanatus 'Mini Piccolo'



Mini Piccolo Watermelon fruit and flesh
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 18 inches

Spread: 8 feet

Spacing: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Description:

A wonderful vigorous variety for mini, personal sized, seedless watermelons; produces round to oval shaped melons with light green rinds and dark green stripes; deep red flesh is sweet, juicy and crisp, a perfect treat in the hot summer sun

Edible Qualities

Mini Piccolo Watermelon is an annual vegetable plant that is typically grown for its edible qualities. It produces small light green round fruit with dark 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

Mini Piccolo Watermelon will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 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 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.

Mini Piccolo Watermelon is a good choice for the vegetable garden, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing the canvas against which the larger thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.