Ball 2076 Cantaloupe

Cucumis melo var. cantalupensis 'Ball 2076'



Ball 2076 Cantaloupe fruit
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 15 inches

Spread: 6 feet

Spacing: 3 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Description:

A lovely variety with wonderful, well rounded performance; produces ribbed, oval fruit with heavy netting, slight suturing and salmon orange flesh; sweet and firm, great for snacking, desserts, breakfasts and even wrapped in prosciutto

Edible Qualities

Ball 2076 Cantaloupe is an annual vegetable plant that is commonly grown for its edible qualities. It produces large tan oval melons (which are technically 'berries') with salmon flesh which are typically harvested when mature. The melons have a sweet taste with a firm texture and a distinctive fragrance.

The melons are most often used in the following ways:

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

Planting & Growing

Ball 2076 Cantaloupe will grow to be about 15 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 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 type or pH. 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.