



July
 Last Quarter 7
 New Moon 14
 First Quarter 21
 Full Moon 29
 Day's Length
 14h 17m-13h 46m

Wonderful Watermelon

Melons need three things: plenty of sun, rich soil, and consistent moisture. Cold-climate gardeners can take advantage of season-extending devices like plastic mulches, mini hoops tunnels, and cloches to protect young plants and help capture additional early-summer heat. Here are some other tips for success:

- Start seeds indoors 4 to 5 weeks before frost.
- Warm and enrich soil before planting seedlings.
- Protect young seedlings in mini hoop tunnels or cloches.
- Provide an inch of water per week if rain is scarce.
- Allow melons to mature fully on the vines. Once picked, they will NOT continue to ripen.

There are many tricks to determine whether a watermelon is ripe, but a good sign is when the tendril closest to the fruit has withered and dried. Also, the color of the underside should be yellow, not pale green.



If you're growing seedless watermelons, you'll also need to plant a seeded variety for pollination to occur. Most seed packets of seedless watermelons include seeds for the pollinating vine.

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