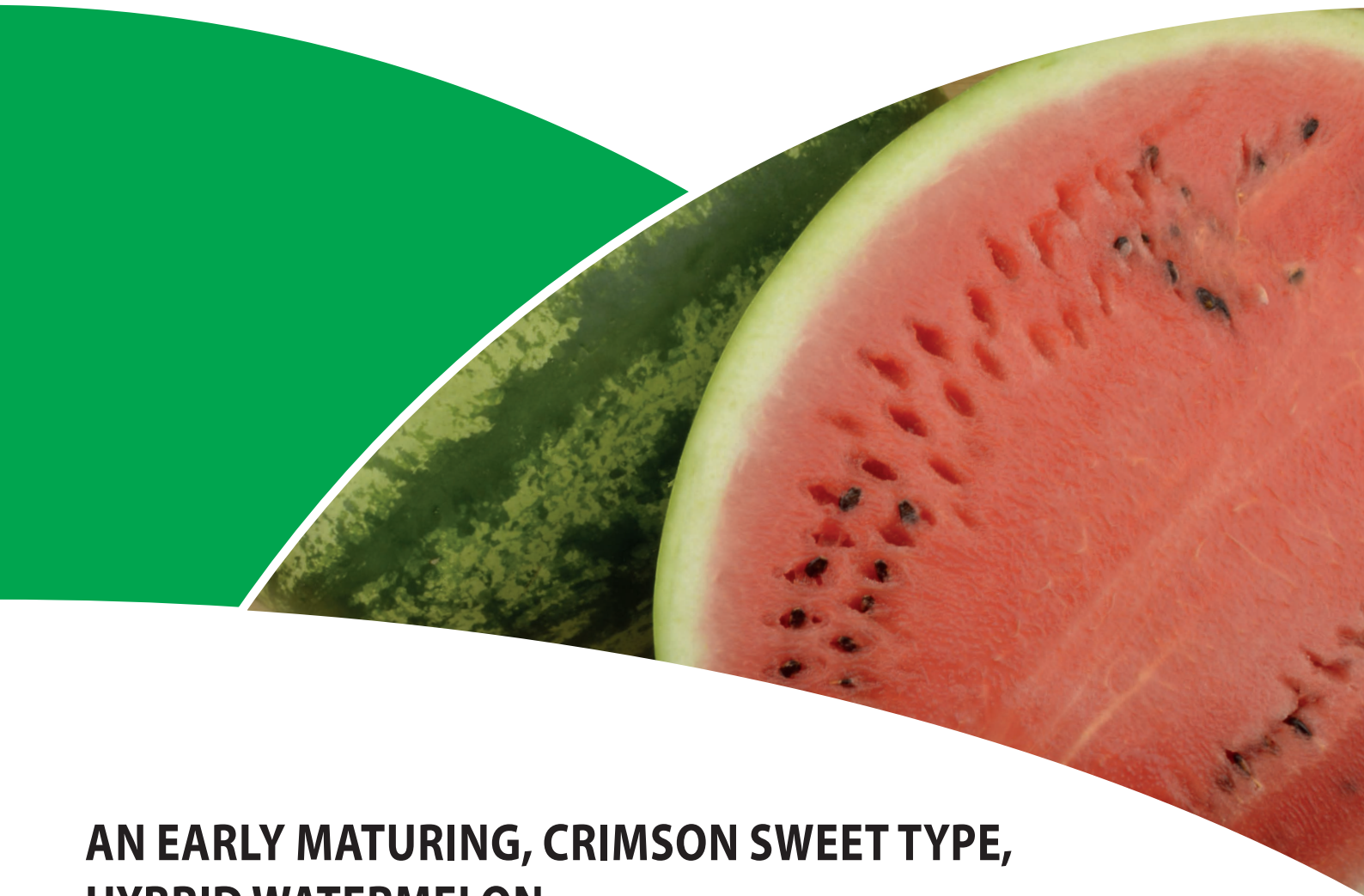




**STARKE
AYRES®**

AUDRY WATERMELON



AN EARLY MATURING, CRIMSON SWEET TYPE, HYBRID WATERMELON

- Ideal for early maturity - first on the market
- High yielding
- Large round-oval, uniform fruit
- Deep red flesh colour
- Good flavour and brix

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WATERMELON



Type	A hybrid Crimson Sweet type watermelon.
Maturity	Main season 83 - 85 days.
Plant Characteristics	A vigorous plant with high, uniform yield.
Fruit Characteristics	Large, uniform oval-round fruit with weight of 10 - 13kg. The rind has a medium green colour with light green stripes. The flesh has a deep red colour, with good flavour and brix.
Climate	Optimum germination temperature: 27°C to 32°C, with night temperature not lower than 24°C. Optimum growth temperatures at night are 18 - 20°C, and day 24 - 30°C, and for ripening 15 - 25°C. Do not sow or transplant into the open field until the temperatures are warm enough, unless plastic mulches are used.
Soil	Best performance is obtained on newly prepared, sandy-loam soils, which are rich in humus and fertilizer, well-drained, with pH (H ₂ O) = 5.6 – 6.8. Heavy soils should be avoided.
Plant spacing	3,000 to 4,000 plants per ha for dry land plantings. 6,000 to 8,000 plants per ha for irrigated plantings.
Fertilisation	Approximate nutrient requirements depending on soil type, soil analyses, and crop load; N: 90-170 kg/ha: 30% pre-plant and the balance as two side dressings. P: 15-180 kg/ha: Apply pre-plant and work down to root depth. K: 40-250 kg/ha: 30% pre-plant and the balance as two side dressings, simultaneously with the N-application (eg. KNO ₃).
Adaptation	AUDRY is recommended for early and main season production.
Pollination	Approximately 7 male flowers develop for every female flower. When flowers appear, 2 to 4 bee hives should be placed per ha.
Features and Benefits	AUDRY is very early maturing and high yielding. The fruit is large oval, with uniform shape and size. The flesh has a deep red colour, with good flavour and brix.

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