



**STARKE
AYRES®**

**DELIGHTFUL
MELON**



**EARLY, MID AND LATE SEASON
CANTALOUPE WITH EXTENDED SHELF LIFE**

- Medium developed net with slight ribbing, and extended shelf life
- Bright orange, firm flesh - attractive when used for fresh-cut and fresh market
- High brix and excellent flavour - excellent eating quality
- Ideal for early, mid and late season production
- Large fruit size of 2.2 – 2.8 kg

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| Type | A hybrid cantaloupe melon. Eastern Shipper external appearance and Western Shipper internal qualities, referred to as extended shelf life. |
| Maturity | Main season 80 - 86 days. |
| Plant Characteristics | A very vigorous plant with a healthy leaf cover that protects the fruits well. |
| Fruit Characteristics | Harvest indicators include net development, the change of the rind colour from lime green to light yellow, and cracking around the peduncle. Large sized fruit with weight of 2.2 – 2.8 kg. The shape is round to oval with a medium, open developed net. DELIGHTFUL has bright orange flesh colour, firm flesh texture with a medium seed cavity. |
| Disease Resistance | High Resistance: Fusarium (Fom) 0, 1, 2. High Resistance: Powdery Mildew (Px) 1, 2. |
| Climate | Optimum germination temperature: 25°C to 28°C, night temperature not lower than 18°C. Optimum growth temperatures at night are 18 - 20°C, and day 24 - 30°C, and for ripening 15 - 25°C. |
| Plant spacing | 8,000 to 16,000 plants per ha. |
| Adaptation | DELIGHTFUL is very adaptable and performs well in early, summer and late plantings. |
| Yield Potential | High yield potential. |
| Features and Benefits | DELIGHTFUL is very adaptable and high yielding, with large fruit size and excellent fruit quality. The fruit has a bright orange flesh colour with firm texture, suitable for fresh cut and fresh market. |

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