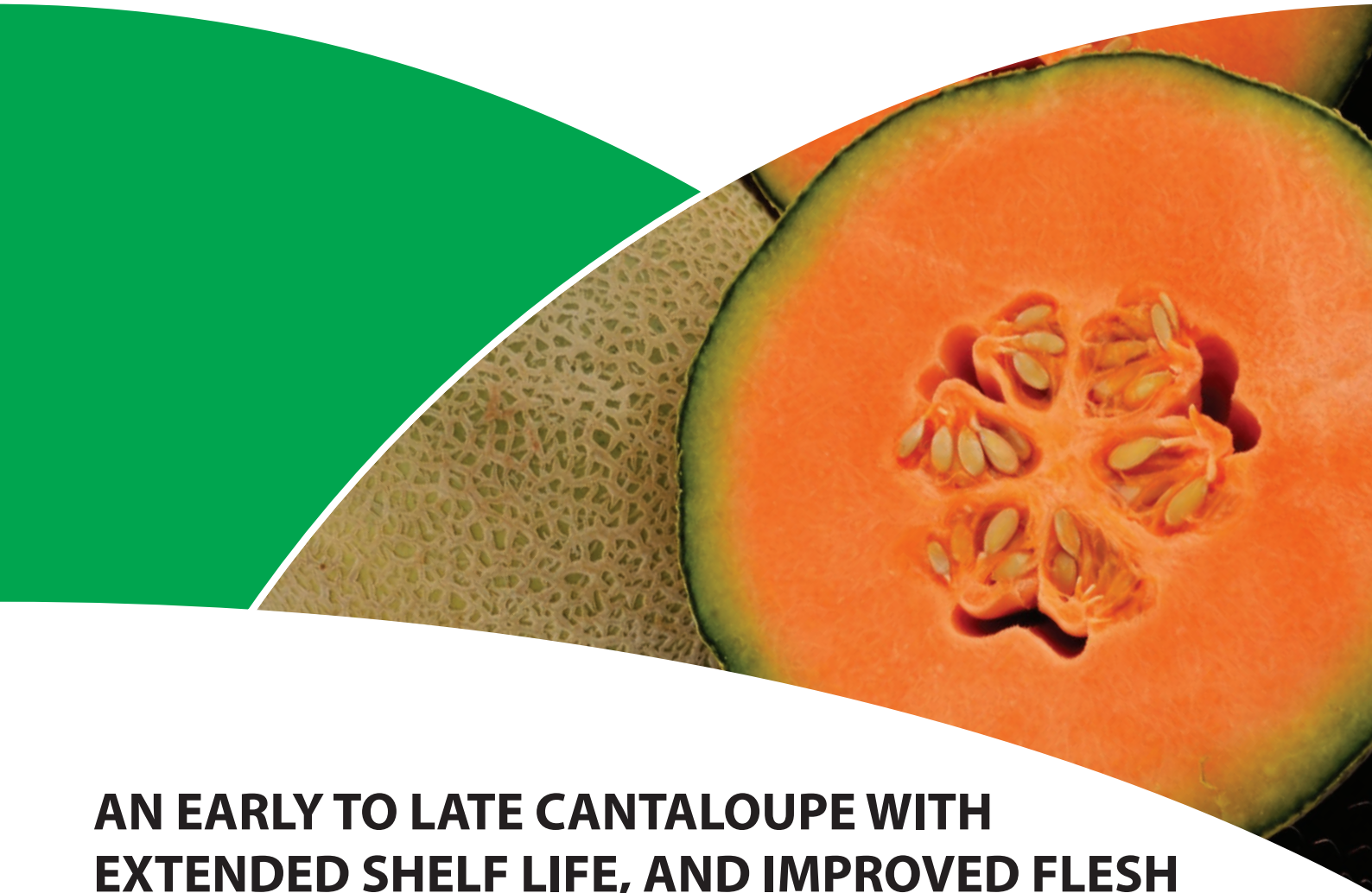




**STARKE  
AYRES®**

**GATSBY  
MELON**



**AN EARLY TO LATE CANTALOUPE WITH  
EXTENDED SHELF LIFE, AND IMPROVED FLESH  
COLOUR & TASTE**

- Attractive round fruit with a well-developed net
- Extended shelf life
- Firm Salmon-orange flesh, attractive when used for fresh-cut
- High brix, excellent flavour and eating quality
- Large fruit size of 1.8 – 3.0 kg

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# \*GATSBY MELON



Type	A hybrid cantaloupe melon. Eastern Shipper external appearance and Western Shipper internal qualities, referred to as extended shelf life.
Maturity	Main season 90 - 95 days
Plant Characteristics	A vigorous plant with a healthy leaf cover that protects maturing fruits well against sunburn. Flowers and sets fruit over a prolonged period to give high yield.
Fruit Characteristics	Harvest indicators include net development, the change of the rind colour from olive green to beige, and cracking around the peduncle. Large sized fruit with weight of 1.8 – 3.0 kg. The shape is round to slightly oval with a medium to dense net. GATSBY has salmon-orange flesh colour, firm flesh texture with a medium seed cavity and a thin green rind, ensuring a high recovery rate.
Disease Resistance	High Resistance: Fusarium (Fom) 0, 2 Intermediate 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	GATSBY is a widely adaptable and performs well in spring and summer plantings. It can also perform well during the winter in warm climates.
Yield Potential	Very high yield potential.
Features and Benefits	Very high yielding, with very uniform fruit shape and large fruit size. Attractive salmon-orange flesh colour with firm flesh, improved shelf life and high brix.

\* Submitted for registration on the national variety list.

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