



**STARKE
AYRES®**

STAR 8812 MELON



A HYBRID HONEYDEW MELON WITH EXCEPTIONAL FLAVOUR

- Large to medium, round fruit with smooth, cream-coloured skin
- Pale green flesh colour, suitable for fresh-cut and whole fruit
- Small seed cavity
- Excellent brix development and flavour
- Fusarium resistance

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SEEDS OF SUCCESS

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Type	A hybrid honeydew melon.
Maturity	Main season 80 - 85 days.
Plant Characteristics	A vigorous plant with a healthy leaf cover that protects the fruit against sunburn. Reducing nitrogen after flowering greatly enhances shelf-life. Reducing water at harvest (while maintaining plant health and vigour) will improve fruit quality and shelf-life.
Fruit Characteristics	Harvest maturity is indicated by a rind colour change from light green to cream-coloured, and the absence of visible greening on the ground spot. Large to medium, round fruit of 1.5 – 2.8kg, with uniform fruit size and shape. The skin is cream-coloured with a smooth appearance, and a pale green flesh colour. The fruit have a small seed cavity, with excellent brix development and flavour.
Disease Resistance	High resistance to Fusarium (Fom) 0, 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	STAR 8812 is recommended for year round production in the mild Northern growing areas, and summer production in the Southern growing areas.
Yield Potential	Very high yield potential.
Features and Benefits	STAR 8812 has a very high yield potential, excellent brix development and flavour. The fruit is suitable for both the whole fruit and fresh-cut processor markets.

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