



**STARKE  
AYRES®**

# **STAR 8818 MELON**



## **A SUTURED CANTALOUPE MELON, WITH LONG SHELF-LIFE**

- Ideal for main season fresh-cut and whole fruit markets
- Large, oval, netted fruit with sutures
- Firm, orange flesh with long shelf life
- Early brix development and good flavour
- Strong disease resistance package

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**SEEDS OF SUCCESS**

# \*STAR 8818

## MELON

Type	A hybrid, sutured cantaloupe melon with long shelf life.
Maturity	Main season 83 - 88 days.
Plant Characteristics	A vigorous plant with a healthy leaf cover that protects the fruit against sunburn. Flowers and sets fruit evenly to give high yield.
Fruit Characteristics	Harvest indicators include; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Change of the rind colour from green to lime green.</li> <li>- Development of a coarse net and prominent sutures.</li> <li>- Cracking around the peduncle.</li> </ul> Large sized fruit with weight of 1.8 – 2.7kg. The fruit shape is oval with a coarse, medium developed net and prominent sutures. STAR 8818 fruit has an orange flesh colour, firm texture, high brix and good flavour. The fruit has a long shelf life and a small seed cavity.
Disease Resistance	Intermediate resistance to Fusarium (Fom) 0,1,2 and 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	STAR 8818 is recommended for main season production.
Yield Potential	Very high yield potential.
Features and Benefits	STAR 8818 has large, oval, netted fruit with sutures. The fruit has an orange flesh colour, firm texture, high brix and good flavour. The fruit has a long shelf life, small seed cavity.

\* Submitted for registration on the national variety list.

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