

STAR 9906

WATERMELON



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A large, curved image of a watermelon. The top part shows the dark green, mottled rind. The bottom part shows a slice of the watermelon with bright red flesh and black seeds. A solid green curved shape is on the left side of the image.

A LARGE FRUITED, ALL-SWEET TYPE, HYBRID WATERMELON

- Large uniform fruit
- Brilliant red flesh colour and high brix
- Suitable for dry land and irrigated production
- High yielding and excellent heat tolerance
- Resistant to Fusarium (Fon) 1, and anthracnose (Co) 1

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Type	A hybrid All-Sweet type watermelon.
Maturity	Main season 86 - 88 days.
Plant Characteristics	A very vigorous plant with high, uniform yield. Healthy leaf cover that protects the fruit against sunburn, and high heat tolerance.
Fruit Characteristics	Large, uniform, cylindrical elongated fruit with weight of 10 - 13kg. The rind has a medium green colour with light green stripes. The flesh has a brilliant red colour, with good flavour and high brix.
Disease Resistance	Intermediate resistance to Fusarium (Fon) 1. Intermediate resistance to anthracnose (Co) 1.
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	STAR 9906 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	STAR9906 is high yielding with high heat tolerance. Large, cylindrical elongated fruit of uniform shape and size. The flesh has a brilliant red colour, with good flavour and high brix.

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