



**STARKE
AYRES®**

TOUCHDOWN MELON



A LATE & WINTER SEASON EASTERN SHIPPER TYPE CANTALOUPE, WITH LARGE TO EXTRA-LARGE FRUIT

- Medium to course developed net with slight ribbing
- Bright orange, firm flesh
- Ideal for late season and winter fresh market
- Large to Extra-Large fruit size of 4.0 – 5.0 kg
- Strong disease resistance package

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Type	A hybrid cantaloupe melon. Eastern Shipper type.
Maturity	Main season 80 - 85 days
Plant Characteristics	A 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 4.0 – 5.0kg. The shape is oval with a medium to coarse developed net. TOUCHDOWN 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	TOUCHDOWN performs well in autumn and winter plantings.
Yield Potential	High yield potential.
Features and Benefits	High yielding, with large fruit size during late and winter plantings. The fruit has a bright orange flesh colour with firm texture.

* Submitted for registration on the national variety list.

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