

# Watermelon

**Watermelon is in the same family as cucumbers, pumpkins and squash.**

**Watermelon is a warm-season crop that grows on a vine.**

**As the name implies, watermelon is mostly water and helps us stay hydrated in summer months while also providing vitamin C, vitamin A, and lycopene. Lycopene gives watermelon its red color.**



Watermelon is in season in Georgia from around June through August.

UGA's 2021 Ag Snapshot lists GA as #2 in the nation for watermelon production.

Cordele, Georgia, located in Crisp County, is known as the Watermelon Capital of the world.

Watermelons are ready to harvest 80-90 days after planting.



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