

# How to grow yellow meat watermelon

Yellow watermelon differs from the normal watermelon in terms of the color, taste and appearance and nutritional content. Yellow watermelons have a yellow to a deep orange flesh.

## Crop propagation

**Soil preparation.** Yellow watermelons thrive in fertile well drained sandy loam soils with a pH level of between 6.0 and 6.8. prepare the soil by adding organic matter and ensuring good drainage.

**Planting.** Yellow watermelons are typically grown from seed and the seeds are planted directly in the soil.

Space the plants 3 to 4 feet apart in rows to allow for proper growth.

## Crop management practices

**Watering.** Watermelon plants require consistent moisture. Use drip irrigation or sprinkler to keep the soil moist. Be conscious not to over water as water logged soils can lead to root rot.

**Fertilization.** Apply balanced fertilizer or compost before planting and side dress with nitrogen rich fertilizer as the plant grows. Follow the recommended fertilizer application rates for your specific soil types.

**Pest and disease management.** Monitor your crops regularly for any sign of pest or disease. Common issues include aphids, cucumber beetles and powdery mildew. Use organic or chemical control measures as needed.

**Support and pruning.** As the plants grow, provide support to the fruits to prevent them from touching the ground. Prune the crop to remove excess foliage improving air circulation and fruit quality.

**Harvesting.** Harvest when the fruit surface turns pale yellow or cream color and the fruit sounds hollow when tapped.