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DAILY SHIPMENTS AND CROSSINGS												
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40,000 lb units	MODE	Wed Apr 10	Thu Apr 11	Fri Apr 12	Sat Apr 13	Sun Apr 14	Mon Apr 15	Tue Apr 16	TOTAL TO DATE SEASON This Season	LAST SEASON	FINAL SEASON Last Season	
<b>WATERMELONS</b>												
Costa Rica												
Imports through Philadelphia-Camden	B	-	-	-	W/E 47	-	-	-	205	133	178	
Imports through Port Hueneme (California)	B	-	-	-	W/E 5	-	-	-	52	122	151	
Guatemala												
Imports through Galveston (Texas)	B	-	-	-	W/E 22	-	-	-	168	260	271	
Imports through Philadelphia-Camden	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	270	912	912	
Imports through Port Hueneme (California)	B	-	-	-	W/E 2	-	-	-	52	268	268	
Imports through South Florida/Tampa	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,384	2,397	2,488	
Honduras												
Imports through South Florida/Tampa	B	-	-	-	W/E 45	-	-	-	1,499	1,122	1,423	
Mexico												
Imports through Panama City (Florida)	B	-	-	-	W/E 12	-	-	-	401	355	355	
Imports through South Florida/Tampa	B	-	-	-	W/E 2	-	-	-	94	82	135	
Mexico Crossings through Otay Mesa	T	6	3	-	1	-	1	-	232	207	379	
Mexico Crossings through Pharr, TX	T	6	1	1	2	3	7	-	309	234	444	
Mexico Crossings through Progreso, TX	T	61	76	59	23	-	70	-	5,858	5,776	6,833	
Mexico Crossings through Rio Grande City, TX	T	16	17	19	18	9	9	-	856	1,033	1,198	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>89</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,380</b>	<b>12,901</b>	<b>15,035</b>	
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<b>WATERMELONS, SEEDED</b>												
Florida-Florida Districts	T	5	12	11	9	6	13	16	107	182	2,107	
Mexico												
Mexico Crossings through Nogales, AZ	T	4	1	-	4	-	1	1	179	54	234	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>2,341</b>	
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<b>WATERMELONS, SEEDLESS</b>												
Florida-Florida Districts	T	44	81	118	113	75	123	131	1,006	933	17,740	
Mexico												
Mexico Crossings through Nogales, AZ	T	103	123	163	157	-	264	233	8,370	11,075	24,688	
<b>WATERMELONS, SEEDLESS - ORGANIC</b>												
Mexico												
Mexico Crossings through Nogales, AZ	T	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	88	28	162	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>147</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>9,464</b>	<b>12,036</b>	<b>42,590</b>	
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<b>WATERMELONS, MINIATURE SEEDLESS</b>												
Mexico												
Mexico Crossings through Nogales, AZ	T	13	16	16	15	-	10	17	1,014	882	1,206	
<b>WATERMELONS, MINIATURE SEEDLESS - ORGANIC</b>												
Mexico												
Mexico Crossings through Nogales, AZ	T	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	40	-	-	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1,054</b>	<b>882</b>	<b>1,206</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>258</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>23,705</b>	<b>28,189</b>	<b>46,137</b>	

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<b>CANTALOUPE</b>												
Costa Rica												
Imports through Galveston (Texas)	B	-	-	-	W/E 34	-	-	-	124	-	-	
Imports through Philadelphia-Camden	B	-	-	-	W/E 54	-	-	-	909	926	1,265	
Imports through Port Hueneme (California)	B	-	-	-	W/E 19	-	-	-	222	329	401	
Imports through South Florida/Tampa	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	170	339	424	
Guatemala												
Imports through Los Angeles-Long Beach	B	-	-	-	W/E 62	-	-	-	1,176	1,982	2,243	
Imports through Philadelphia-Camden	B	-	-	-	W/E 9	-	-	-	1,691	2,656	2,935	
Imports through Port Hueneme (California)	B	-	-	-	W/E 8	-	-	-	551	960	1,101	
Imports through South Florida/Tampa	B	-	-	-	W/E 54	-	-	-	3,109	4,271	4,775	
Honduras												
Imports through Freeport (Texas)	B	-	-	-	W/E 16	-	-	-	97	187	200	
Imports through Los Angeles-Long Beach	B	-	-	-	W/E 28	-	-	-	1,061	805	971	
Imports through South Florida/Tampa	B	-	-	-	W/E 15	-	-	-	1,539	1,925	2,625	
Imports through Wilmington (Delaware)	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	155	130	146	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,649</b>	<b>14,380</b>	<b>16,940</b>	
<b>HONEYDEWS</b>												
Costa Rica												
Imports through Philadelphia-Camden	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	73	212	212	
Guatemala												
Imports through Los Angeles-Long Beach	B	-	-	-	W/E 18	-	-	-	345	478	551	
Imports through Philadelphia-Camden	B	-	-	-	W/E 1	-	-	-	507	573	756	
Imports through South Florida/Tampa	B	-	-	-	W/E 47	-	-	-	1,030	1,456	1,624	
Honduras												
Imports through Los Angeles-Long Beach	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	133	220	260	
Imports through South Florida/Tampa	B	-	-	-	W/E 19	-	-	-	648	693	1,047	
Mexico												
Mexico Crossings through Pharr, TX	T	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	44	55	73	
Mexico Crossings through Nogales, AZ	T	6	6	6	4	-	11	6	2,266	2,599	4,060	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5,046</b>	<b>6,286</b>	<b>8,583</b>	

**SHIPPING POINT INFORMATION**

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and Delivered  
Sales Shipping Point Basis for  
**Wednesday, April 17, 2019.** Prices represent open (spot) market sales by first handlers on product of generally good quality and condition unless otherwise stated and may include promotional allowances or other incentives. No consideration is given to after-sale adjustments unless otherwise stated. Brokerage fees paid by the shipper are included in the price reported.

**SOUTH FLORIDA**

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and/or Delivered  
Sales, Shipping Point Basis

**WATERMELONS: SUPPLY SEEDED**

LIGHT, SEEDLESS FAIRLY LIGHT. DEMAND SEEDLESS 45S AND 60S GOOD, SEEDLESS 36S MODERATE, SEEDED 35S FAIRLY LIGHT. MARKET SEEDLESS 36S SLIGHTLY LOWER, OTHERS ABOUT STEADY. 24 inch bins per lb Red Flesh Seeded Type 35s .19-.20 occas lower Red Flesh Seedless Type 36s .30 few high as .32, few including previous commitments lower 45s .32-.34 occas higher, few including previous commitments lower. 60s .32-.34 occas higher, few including previous commitments lower

**CENTRAL AMERICA IMPORTS -  
PORTS OF ENTRY  
SOUTH FLORIDA**

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and/or Delivered  
Sales, Shipping Point Basis

**CANTALOUPS: SUPPLY MODERATE.****DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET**

**HIGHER.** GUATEMALA, HONDURAS, COSTA RICA 1/2 cartons 9s 13.95-14.95 occas 12.95 12s 13.95-14.95 occas 12.95 15s supply in too few hands to quote oversized 1/2 cartons 6s (5 size) 10.95-12.95 mostly 11.95 9s (6 size) 13.95-14.95 occas 12.95  
**HONEYDEWS: SUPPLY MODERATE. DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET ABOUT STEADY.** GUATEMALA, HONDURAS, COSTA RICA 2/3 cartons 5s 8.95-9.95 occas 7.95 6s 8.95-10.95 mostly 9.95-10.95 8s 10.95-11.95 oversized 2/3 cartons 4s (3 size) 7.95-8.95 5s (4 size) 8.95-9.95

**CENTRAL AMERICA IMPORTS -  
PORTS OF ENTRY SOUTHERN  
CALIFORNIA**

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and/or Delivered  
Sales, Shipping Point Basis

**CANTALOUPS: SUPPLY MODERATE.****DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET ABOUT**

**STEADY.** GUATEMALA, HONDURAS, COSTA RICA 1/2 cartons 9s 13.95-15.95 mostly 14.95-15.95 occas lower 12s 13.95-15.95 mostly 14.95-15.95 15s supply in too few hands to quote oversized 1/2 cartons 6s (5 size) 11.95-12.95 9s (6 size) 13.95-15.95 mostly 14.95-15.95

**HONEYDEWS: SUPPLY FAIRLY LIGHT. DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET ABOUT STEADY.** GUATEMALA, HONDURAS,

COSTA RICA. 2/3 cartons 4s 8.95-9.50 5s 10.00-12.00 mostly 10.00-11.00 occas higher 6s supply in too few hands to quote 8s supply in too few hands to quote oversized 2/3 cartons 5s (4 size) 10.00-12.00 mostly 10.00-11.00

**MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH  
NOGALES, ARIZONA**

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and/or Delivered  
Sales, Shipping Point Basis

**HONEYDEWS: DEMAND FAIRLY**

**GOOD. MARKET ABOUT STEADY.** Extra services included. Wide range in quality and appearance. 2/3 cartons 5s 8.35-10.35 mostly 8.35-9.35 6s 8.35-10.35 mostly 8.35-9.35 few 12.35

**WATERMELONS: SUPPLY HEAVY.**

**DEMAND MINIATURE GOOD AT SLIGHTLY LOWER PRICES, OTHERS GOOD AT LOWER PRICES. MARKET MINIATURE SLIGHTLY LOWER, OTHERS LOWER.** Wide range in quality and condition. cartons Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 12.95-14.95 mostly 12.95 8s 12.95-15.95 mostly 13.95 9s 12.95-15.95 mostly 13.95 11s 8.95-12.95 mostly 10.95 few 13.95 per lb Red Flesh Seedless Type 4s .28-.32 mostly .30 5s .28-.32 mostly .30 6s .26-.28 24 inch bins per lb Red Flesh Seedless Type approx 35 count .24-.28 mostly .26-.28 occasional higher and lower approx 45 count .24-.28 mostly .26-.28 occasional higher and lower approx 60 count .24-.28 mostly .24-.26 occasional higher and lower 75-80s .20-.24 mostly .20-.22

**MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH  
TEXAS**

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and/or Delivered  
Sales, Shipping Point Basis

**WATERMELONS: SUPPLY VERY**

**LIGHT. DEMAND GOOD. MARKET STEADY.** Wide range in quality. cartons per lb Red Flesh Seedless Type 4s .32-.36 mostly .34-.36 occasional higher 5s .32-.36 mostly .34-.36 occasional higher 6s .32-.36 mostly .34-.36 occasional higher

**WHOLESALE TERMINAL MARKET  
PRICES AS OF  
Wednesday, April 17, 2019**

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**ATLANTA**

**CANTALOUPS: OFFERINGS LIGHT. MARKET ABOUT STEADY.** 1/2 cartons GU 9s 17.00-19.75 mostly 18.00 few 21.50-22.50 12s 17.00-19.50 mostly 18.00 HD 9s 17.00-19.75 12s 17.00-18.50 mostly 18.00 occas higher 24 inch bins FL supplies insufficient to quote

**HONEYDEWS: OFFERINGS LIGHT. MARKET ABOUT STEADY.** 2/3 cartons GU 5s 15.50-16.50 few 13.00 6s 13.50-17.00

mostly 16.50-17.00 few 12.50 8s 13.50-14.00 few 12.50

**WATERMELONS: OFFERINGS VERY LIGHT.** cartons MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 5s 31.00-33.00 mostly 31.00 Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 15.50-16.50 8s 11.00 24 inch bins FL Red Flesh Seeded Type 35s 221.00-225.50 Red Flesh Seedless Type 45s 335.00-363.00 mostly 343.00 60s 328.00-343.00 HD Red Flesh Seedless Type 60s 303.00

**BOSTON****CANTALOUPS: MARKET STEADY.** 1/2

cartons GU 9s 14.00-18.00 mostly 15.00-16.00 occas low as 13.00 12s 12.00-16.00 mostly 14.00-15.00 occas high as 18.00 15s 12.00-15.00 mostly 13.00-14.00 HD 9s 16.00-18.00 mostly 17.00 12s 16.00-18.00 mostly 17.00 oversized 1/2 cartons GU 9s (6 size) 18.00-20.00 mostly 19.00

**HONEYDEWS: MARKET STEADY.** 2/3 cartons GU 5s 8.00-11.00 mostly 9.00-10.00 6s 8.00-11.00 mostly 9.00-10.00 8s 8.00-11.00 mostly 8.00-9.00 HD 6s 12.00 MX 6s 14.00-16.00 mostly 15.00 oversized 2/3 cartons GU 5s (4 size) 18.00-20.00 mostly 19.00 MX 5s (4 size) 10.00-12.00 mostly 11.00

**WATERMELONS: MARKET STEADY.** cartons FL Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 4s 43.00-45.00 mostly 43.00-44.00 5s 42.00-45.00 mostly 43.00-44.00 HD Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 4s 32.00 5s 40.00-42.00 mostly 41.00 MX Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 4s 40.00 5s 38.00 24 inch bins per melon FL Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 15-19 lb avg 8.00 MX Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 10-14 lb avg 6.00 15-19 lb avg 8.00 20-24 lb avg 11.00

**CHICAGO**

**CANTALOUPS: 1/2 cartons GU 12s 18.00-19.00 occas lower 15s 18.00 oversized 1/2 cartons GU 9s (6 size) 18.00-20.00 occas higher**

**HONEYDEWS: 2/3 cartons GU 5s 13.00-14.00 6s 12.00-14.00 mostly 13.00-14.00 one label high as 16.00 8s 13.00-14.00 HD yellow 8s 10.00 oversized 2/3 cartons GU 5s (4 size) 16.00**

**WATERMELONS: OFFERINGS LIGHT.** cartons per carton MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 4s 42.00 5s 42.00-44.50 Local Repack Red Flesh Seedless Type 5s 48.50 24 inch bins MX Red Flesh Seeded Type 35s 340.00

**LOS ANGELES**

**CANTALOUPS: OFFERINGS 15S VERY LIGHT. MARKET GUATEMALA 9S AND 9S (6 SZ) HIGHER, OTHERS ABOUT**

**STEADY.** Wide range in appearance. 1/2 cartons GU BOAT 9s 16.00-20.00 mostly 18.00 12s 16.00-18.00 mostly 16.00-17.00 occas higher 15s 16.00 occas higher/lower HD BOAT 9s 16.00-18.00 mostly 16.00-17.00 occas higher 12s 16.00-18.00 mostly 16.00-17.00 occas higher 15s 16.00 occas higher/lower oversized 1/2 cartons GU BOAT 9s (6 size) 18.00-20.00 mostly 18.00 HD

BOAT 9s (6 size) 16.00-18.00 mostly 16.00-17.00

**HONEYDEWS:** OFFERINGS LIGHT.

MARKET HIGHER. 2/3 cartons GU BOAT 5s 12.00-14.00 occas lower 6s 12.00-14.00 occas lower MX 5s 12.00-16.00 mostly 14.00-15.00 6s 12.00-16.00 mostly 14.00-15.00 8s 12.00-16.00 mostly 12.00-14.00 (one label) occas higher/lower oversized 2/3 cartons GU BOAT 5s (4 size) 12.00-14.00 MX 5s (4 size) 12.00-16.00 mostly 14.00-15.00

**WATERMELONS:** OFFERINGS RED FLESH SEEDLESS TYPE MINIATURE TYPE VERY LIGHT. MARKET STEADY.

Wide range in quality and appearance. cartons MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 4s 37.00-40.00 mostly 38.00-39.00 occas lower 5s 37.00-40.00 mostly 38.00-39.00 occas lower flat cartons MX Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 26.00 occas higher/lower 9s 26.00 occas higher/lower 24 inch bins MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 80s 285.00 occas higher/lower  
**ORGANIC-WATERMELONS:** cartons MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 5s 35.00 occas higher/lower 6s 35.00 occas higher/lower

#### MIAMI

**CANTALOUPS:** MARKET ABOUT

STEADY. 1/2 cartons GU 9s 15.00-18.00 mostly 15.00-17.00 occas higher and lower 12s 15.00-18.00 mostly 15.00-17.00 occas higher and lower HD 9s 15.00-18.00 mostly 15.00-17.00 occas higher and lower oversized 1/2 cartons GU 9s (6 size) 17.00-20.00 mostly 17.00-19.00 occas higher and lower

**HONEYDEWS:** MARKET ABOUT

STEADY. 2/3 cartons GU 5s 13.00-16.00 mostly 13.00-15.00 occas higher and lower 6s 13.00-16.00 mostly 13.00-15.00 occas higher and lower HD 5s 13.00-16.00 mostly 13.00-15.00 occas higher and lower 6s 13.00-16.00 mostly 13.00-15.00 occas higher and lower oversized 2/3 cartons HD 5s (4 size) 13.00-16.00 mostly 14.00-15.00 occas higher and lower

**WATERMELONS:** OFFERINGS FAIRLY LIGHT. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 24 inch bins per melon FL Red Flesh Seedless Type approx 45 count 6.00-7.00 approx 50 count 5.00-6.00 HD Red Flesh Seedless Type approx 60 count 5.00-6.00 MX Red Flesh Seedless Type approx 45 count 6.00-7.00 approx 60 count 5.00-6.00

#### NEW YORK

**CANTALOUPS:** MARKET STEADY. 1/2 cartons GU 9s 16.00-18.00 HD 9s 15.00-18.00 12s 15.00-18.00 oversized 1/2 cartons CR 9s (6 size) 16.00-18.00 GU 9s (6 size) 17.00-18.00 few 20.00 flat cartons CR 9s (6 size) offering insufficient to quote

**HONEYDEWS:** MARKET ABOUT

STEADY. 2/3 cartons GU 5s 9.00-12.00 6s holdovers 5.00-6.00 HD 5s 10.00 MX 5s offering insufficient to quote oversized 2/3 cartons GU 4s (3 size) 8.00-10.00 5s (4 size) 10.00-13.00 HD 5s (4 size) 12.00 fr appear 5.00-6.00 MX 5s (4 size) offering insufficient to quote

**WATERMELONS:** MARKET ABOUT STEADY. flat cartons per carton MX Red

Flesh Seedless Miniature 8s 30.00 24 inch bins per lb CR Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 45s .51 FL Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 36s .49-.51 45s .46-.51 60s .50 MX Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 36s .46-.53 45s .53 cartons 4s per carton CR Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 65-69 lb avg offering insufficient to quote MX Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 70-74 lb avg 44.00-47.00 fr appear ord cond 10.00 cartons 5s per carton MX Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 65-69 lb avg 45.00

#### PHILADELPHIA

**CANTALOUPS:** MARKET ABOUT

STEADY. 1/2 cartons CR 12s 15.00-16.00 GU 9s 16.00-18.00 12s 16.00-18.00 HD 9s 16.00-18.00 12s 16.00-18.00 SOME 14.00 oversized 1/2 cartons GU 9s (6 size) 15.00-16.00

**HONEYDEWS:** MARKET ABOUT

STEADY. 2/3 cartons GU 4s 8.00-9.00 5s 9.00-11.00 SOME 8.00 6s 10.00-12.00 HD 5s 11.00 fr cond 6.00-8.00 6s 12.00 oversized 2/3 cartons HD 5s (4 size) 12.00 fr cond 8.00

**WATERMELONS:** MARKET STEADY.

cartons per carton MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 4s 38.00 5s 38.00 24 inch bins FL Red Flesh Seedless Type 36s 350.00 45s 350.00 MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 36s 360.00