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COMMODITY/ORIGIN/DISTRICT	*MODE	JAN 18	JAN 19	JAN 20	JAN 21	JAN 22	JAN 23	JAN 24	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	LAST YEAR	
WATERMELONS												
BRAZIL												
IMPORTS THROUGH PHILADELPHIA-CAMDEN	B	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	8	5	5	
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC												
IMPORTS THROUGH SAN JUAN (PUERTO RICO)	B	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	54	55	92	
GUATEMALA												
IMPORTS THROUGH HOUSTON	B	1	-	-	-	12	-	1	14	7	7	
IMPORTS THROUGH LOS ANGELES-LONG BEACH	B	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	8	3	3	
IMPORTS THROUGH PHILADELPHIA-CAMDEN	B	2	-	-	-	-	-	6	8	4	4	
IMPORTS THROUGH PT CANAVERAL (FLORIDA)	B	14	-	-	-	12	20	27	78	-	65	
IMPORTS THROUGH SOUTH FLORIDA/TAMPA	B	-	-	-	-	36	-	16	90	26	26	
IMPORTS THROUGH WILMINGTON (DELAWARE)	B	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	
WILMINGTON, NC	B	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	
HONDURAS												
IMPORTS THROUGH PT CANAVERAL (FLORIDA)	B	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	53	
MEXICO												
MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH OTAY MESA	T	1	2	-	-	3	3	1	71	19	140	
MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH PHARR, TX	T	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	6	6	37	
MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH PROGRESO, TX	T	22	10	-	-	4	3	13	280	233	501	
MEXICO CROSSINGS THRU NOGALES	T	12	19	-	-	8	3	6	192	6	84	
GRAND TOTALS		55	34	-	-	76	39	72	816	364	1017	

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WATERMELONS, SEEDLESS											
GUATEMALA											
IMPORTS THROUGH GALVESTON (TEXAS)	B	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	86	34	108
IMPORTS THROUGH LOS ANGELES-LONG BEACH	B	-	5	-	-	7	11	1	109	61	308
IMPORTS THROUGH PHILADELPHIA-CAMDEN	B	74	10	-	-	-	1	-	505	286	912
IMPORTS THROUGH PT CANAVERAL (FLORIDA)	B	-	-	-	-	85	-	9	595	395	1527
IMPORTS THROUGH SOUTH FLORIDA/TAMPA	B	-	-	-	-	-	20	53	482	344	1505
HONDURAS											
IMPORTS THROUGH PT CANAVERAL (FLORIDA)	B	-	-	-	-	67	-	-	112	78	1109
MEXICO											
MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH OTAY MESA	T	4	-	-	-	6	-	2	339	303	943
MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH PHARR, TX	T	17	1	-	-	3	3	4	440	399	1678
MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH PROGRESO, TX	T	30	28	-	-	30	44	48	3761	4297	9077
MEXICO CROSSINGS THRU NOGALES	T	46	44	-	-	41	77	51	7227	5657	22754
WATERMELONS, SEEDLESS, MINATURE											
MEXICO											
MEXICO CROSSINGS THRU NOGALES	T	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	306	414	1205
GRAND TOTALS		171	89	-	-	250	156	169	14557	13047	42597

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CANTALOUPS											
COSTA RICA											
IMPORTS THROUGH GALVESTON (TEXAS)	B	-	-	-	-	13	-	-	17	14	247
IMPORTS THROUGH LOS ANGELES-LONG BEACH	B	-	-	-	-	22	-	-	22	24	352
IMPORTS THROUGH PHILADELPHIA-CAMDEN	B	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	19	398
IMPORTS THROUGH SOUTH FLORIDA/TAMPA	B	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	14	12	121
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC											
IMPORTS THROUGH SOUTH FLORIDA/TAMPA	B	-	2	-	-	-	-	3	28	26	97
GUATEMALA											
IMPORTS THROUGH GALVESTON (TEXAS)	B	-	-	-	-	27	-	-	255	267	792
IMPORTS THROUGH HOUSTON	B	-	-	-	-	13	-	-	128	115	408
IMPORTS THROUGH LOS ANGELES-LONG BEACH	B	7	15	-	-	38	27	10	825	823	2871
IMPORTS THROUGH PHILADELPHIA-CAMDEN	B	70	11	-	-	-	-	1	1327	1221	3180
IMPORTS THROUGH PORT HUENEME (CALIF)	B	-	13	-	-	8	17	-	132	21	41
IMPORTS THROUGH PT CANAVERAL (FLORIDA)	B	-	27	-	-	21	-	11	1420	1230	2830
IMPORTS THROUGH SOUTH FLORIDA/TAMPA	B	4	-	-	-	22	10	28	699	891	2341
IMPORTS THROUGH WILMINGTON (DELAWARE)	B	18	3	-	-	-	-	-	184	75	424
HONDURAS											
IMPORTS THROUGH FREEPORT (TEXAS)	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	31	2	63
IMPORTS THROUGH JACKSONVILLE (FLORIDA)	B	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	1	19
IMPORTS THROUGH LOS ANGELES-LONG BEACH	B	-	7	-	-	-	-	5	11	5	264
IMPORTS THROUGH PT CANAVERAL (FLORIDA)	B	-	-	-	-	183	-	-	248	82	1574
IMPORTS THROUGH SOUTH FLORIDA/TAMPA	B	-	-	-	-	13	23	16	82	45	362
IMPORTS THROUGH WILMINGTON (DELAWARE)	B	11	-	-	-	-	-	7	37	19	194
MEXICO											
MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH PHARR, TX	T	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	10	28
GRAND TOTALS		143	87	-	-	360	78	86	6563	5831	18838

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HONEYDEWS														
BRAZIL														
IMPORTS	THROUGH	PHILADELPHIA-CAMDEN	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	50	62	81
GUATEMALA														
IMPORTS	THROUGH	GALVESTON (TEXAS)	B	-	-	-	-	14	-	-	-	95	96	282
IMPORTS	THROUGH	HOUSTON	B	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	31	34	117
IMPORTS	THROUGH	LOS ANGELES-LONG BEACH	B	10	13	-	-	22	2	12	-	282	213	831
IMPORTS	THROUGH	PHILADELPHIA-CAMDEN	B	31	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	651	442	1156
IMPORTS	THROUGH	PT CANAVERAL (FLORIDA)	B	1	-	-	-	47	-	8	-	584	551	1104
IMPORTS	THROUGH	SOUTH FLORIDA/TAMPA	B	4	-	-	-	10	9	12	-	188	202	803
IMPORTS	THROUGH	WILMINGTON (DELAWARE)	B	8	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	38	23	76
HONDURAS														
IMPORTS	THROUGH	JACKSONVILLE (FLORIDA)	B	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	29
IMPORTS	THROUGH	PT CANAVERAL (FLORIDA)	B	-	-	-	-	27	-	-	-	27	31	651
IMPORTS	THROUGH	SOUTH FLORIDA/TAMPA	B	-	-	-	-	10	2	6	-	24	34	220
IMPORTS	THROUGH	WILMINGTON (DELAWARE)	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	8	4	123
MEXICO														
MEXICO	CROSSINGS	THROUGH PHARR, TX	T	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	20	69
MEXICO	CROSSINGS	THRU NOGALES	T	23	16	-	-	18	17	17	-	1953	1678	4173
GRAND TOTALS				77	46	-	-	154	35	58	4004	3404	9784	

\* [T]-TRUCK, [A]-AIR, [B]-BOAT, [P]-PIGGYBACK, [R]-RAIL

\*\* District breakdown not available for rail/piggyback

**SHIPPING POINT INFORMATION**

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis for January 25, 2024. 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. Reported prices generally include, but are not limited to, applicable brokerage fees and commissions, Customs fees and duties, U.S. packaging and U.S. freight costs prior to first sale, paid by the shipper/seller. Delivered Sales, Shipping Point Basis excludes all charges for freight after sale.

**MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH NOGALES, ARIZONA**

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

**HONEYDEWS:** DEMAND LIGHT. MARKET SLIGHTLY **LOWER**. Extra services included. Wide range in quality and condition. 2/3 cartons 5s 12.95-14.95 occasional lower 6s 12.95-14.95 occasional lower

**WATERMELONS:** SUPPLY LIGHT. DEMAND FAIRLY LIGHT. MARKET MINIATURE **LOWER**, 4-5S SLIGHTLY **LOWER**, BINS ABOUT STEADY. Extra services included. Wide range in quality and condition. cartons Red Flesh Seedless Type 4s 25.95-28.95 occasional lower 5s 25.95-28.95 occasional lower Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 14.95-15.95 8s 14.95-15.95 9s 12.95-14.95 24 inch bins Red Flesh Seedless Type approx 35 count 290.00-320.00 occasional higher and lower approx 45 count 290.00-320.00 occasional higher and lower

**MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH TEXAS**

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

**WATERMELONS:** SUPPLY VERY LIGHT. DEMAND GOOD. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. Wide range in quality and condition. 24 inch bins Red Flesh Seedless Type approx 35 count 295.00-325.00 mostly 300.00-315.00 approx 45 count 300.00-335.00 mostly 310.00-325.00 approx 60 count 295.00-315.00 mostly 295.00-310.00

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

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

**CANTALOUPE:** SUPPLY FAIRLY LIGHT. DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. HONDURAS, many GUATEMALA. By Boat. Wide range in quality, condition and price. Most present shipments from prior bookings and/or previous commitments. 1/2 cartons 9s 14.85-16.95 mostly 15.95-16.95 few high as 17.95 12s 16.95-18.95 mostly 16.95-17.95 occasional lower 15s supplies in too few hands to establish a market oversized 1/2 cartons 6s (5 size) 12.95-13.85 mostly 12.95 9s (6 size) 15.95-17.95 mostly 16.95 few low as 14.85

**HONEYDEWS:** SUPPLY 8S VERY LIGHT, OTHERS MODERATE. DEMAND FAIRLY LIGHT. MARKET 6S AND OVERSIZED 4S (3 SIZE) SLIGHTLY **LOWER**, OTHERS ABOUT STEADY. GUATEMALA, some HONDURAS. By Boat. Wide range in quality, condition and price. Most present shipments from prior bookings and/or previous commitments. 2/3 cartons 5s 14.85-16.95 mostly 14.95-16.00 few high as 17.95 occasional lower 6s 15.95-17.95 mostly 15.95-16.00 few high as 18.95 occasional lower 8s supplies in too few hands to establish a market oversized 2/3 cartons 4s (3 size) 12.00-12.95 5s (4 size) 14.85-17.95 mostly 15.00-16.00 occasional lower

**WATERMELONS:** SUPPLY FAIRLY LIGHT. DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. GUATEMALA, many HONDURAS. By Boat. Most present shipments from prior bookings and/or previous commitments. cartons Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 5s 28.85-30.95 mostly 28.85-30.00 flat cartons Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 15.95-17.95 mostly 16.95-17.95 8s 14.95-17.85 mostly 15.95-16.95 9s 13.95-14.95 mostly 13.95 24 inch bins Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 45s 305.00-315.00 mostly 310.00 60s supplies insufficient to quote

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

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

**CANTALOUPE:** SUPPLY FAIRLY LIGHT. DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET SLIGHTLY **LOWER**. GUATEMALA, few HONDURAS and COSTA RICA. By Boat. Wide range in quality, condition and price. Most present shipments from prior bookings and/or previous commitments. 1/2 cartons 9s 15.95-18.95 mostly 16.95-17.95 occasional higher 12s supplies in too few hands to establish a market 15s supplies insufficient to quote oversized 1/2 cartons 9s (6 size) 15.95-18.95 mostly 17.95-18.95 occasional higher **HONEYDEWS:** SUPPLY MODERATE. DEMAND FAIRLY LIGHT. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. GUATEMALA, few HONDURAS and COSTA RICA. By Boat. Wide range in quality, condition and price. Most present shipments from prior bookings and/or previous commitments. 2/3 cartons 5s 14.50-17.00 mostly 14.95-16.00 few high as 17.95 6s 14.50-16.00 mostly 14.95-16.00 few high as 17.95 oversized 2/3 cartons 4s (3 size) supplies in too few hands to establish a market

<b>WHOLESALE TERMINAL MARKET PRICES AS OF January 25, 2024.</b>
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**ATLANTA**

**CANTALOUPE:** OFFERINGS VERY LIGHT. 1/2 cartons GUATEMALA 9s 20.00-21.50 occasional higher 12s 20.00-21.00 few 23.00-23.50

**HONEYDEWS:** OFFERINGS VERY LIGHT. 2/3 cartons GUATEMALA 5s 19.00-21.00 mostly 19.00 19.00 6s 21.00-22.50 occasional 19.00

**WATERMELONS:** OFFERINGS VERY LIGHT. cartons MEXICO RED FLESH SEEDLESS TYPE 4s 42.00 5s 36.50-39.50

**BOSTON**

**CANTALOUPE:** MARKET STEADY. 1/2 cartons GUATEMALA 9s 22.00-24.00 12s 24.00-26.00 HONDURAS 9s 20.00-22.00 occasional lower 12s 22.00-24.00

**HONEYDEWS:** MARKET STEADY. 2/3 cartons HONDURAS 5s 20.00-22.00 6s 20.00-24.00 mostly 20.00-22.00 occasional higher fair condition 12.00-14.00

**WATERMELONS:** MARKET STEADY. 24 inch bins MEXICO RED FLESH SEEDLESS TYPE 36s per melon 13.00 45s per melon 9.00-10.00 60s per melon 7.00-7.50 flat cartons GUATEMALA RED FLESH SEEDLESS TYPE 6s 8.00-10.00 occasional lower MEXICO RED FLESH SEEDLESS TYPE 4s 50.00 5s 50.00

**CHICAGO**

**CANTALOUPE:** 12S LOWER; OTHERS STEADY. 1/2 cartons HONDURAS 12s 19.00-20.50 oversized 1/2 cartons HONDURAS 9s (6 size) 21.50-24.00 mostly 22.00-23.00

**HONEYDEWS:** MARKET LOWER. 2/3 cartons HONDURAS 5s 20.50 6s 20.00-21.00 oversized 2/3 cartons HONDURAS 5s (4 size) 18.00 few best 24.00

**WATERMELONS:** RED FLESH SEEDLESS MINIATURE HIGHER; OTHERS ABOUT STEADY. cartons repacked local RED FLESH SEEDLESS TYPE 4s 45.00-46.00 5s 42.50 24 inch bins HONDURAS RED FLESH SEEDLESS TYPE 45s 380.00 MEXICO RED FLESH SEEDLESS TYPE 45s 400.00 60s 385.00-400.00 flat cartons MEXICO RED FLESH SEEDLESS MINIATURE 8s 30.00 9s 25.00

**LOS ANGELES**

**CANTALOUPE:** 1/2 CARTONS OVERSIZED AND FLAT CARTONS 9S (6 SZ) SLIGHTLY HIGHER, OTHERS ABOUT STEADY. FLAT CARTONS VERY LIGHT. flat cartons GUATEMALA boat 9s (6 size) 24.00-25.00 mostly 25.00 (one label) 1/2 cartons GUATEMALA boat 9s 21.00-24.00 mostly 22.00-23.00 12s 20.00-23.00 mostly 21.00-22.00 oversized 1/2 cartons GUATEMALA boat 9s (6 size) 23.00-24.00 mostly 24.00

**HONEYDEWS:** GUATEMALA SLIGHTLY HIGHER, MEXICO ABOUT STEADY.

GUATEMALA VERY LIGHT. 2/3 cartons GUATEMALA boat 5s 20.00-22.00 mostly 21.00-22.00 occasional lower 6s 19.00-22.00 mostly 20.00-21.00 occasional lower MEXICO 5s 18.00-20.00 mostly 18.00-19.00 fair condition 12.00-14.00 mostly 13.00-14.00 fine appearance 21.00-22.00 (one label) 6s 17.00-19.00 mostly 18.00-19.00 fair condition 12.00-14.00 mostly 13.00-14.00 poorer quality and condition lower fine appearance 20.00-22.00 mostly 20.00-21.00 (one label) 8s 14.00-16.00 mostly 14.00-15.00 occasional higher fair condition 9.00-11.00 mostly 10.00-11.00 poorer quality and condition lower oversized 2/3 cartons GUATEMALA boat 5s (4 size) 23.00-24.00 mostly 24.00 occasional higher/lower MEXICO 5s (4 size) 22.00-24.00 mostly 23.00-24.00 occasional higher/lower

**WATERMELONS:** MARKET STEADY. OFFERINGS LIGHT. cartons MEXICO RED FLESH SEEDLESS TYPE 5s 36.00-38.00 mostly 37.00-38.00 occasional lower 6s 32.00-35.00 mostly 33.00-34.00 occasional higher/lower flat cartons MEXICO RED FLESH SEEDLESS MINIATURE 6s 16.00-18.00 mostly 16.00-17.00 occasional higher 8s 16.00-18.00 mostly 17.00-18.00 occasional higher

**ORGANIC WATERMELONS:** MARKET STEADY. OFFERINGS LIGHT. flat cartons MEXICO RED FLESH SEEDLESS MINIATURE 8s insufficient to quote 9s 43.50-44.50

**MIAMI**

**CANTALOUPE:** MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 1/2 cartons GUATEMALA 9s 19.00-20.00 occas higher fine appearance 24.00-26.00 occas higher 12s 19.00-20.00 fine appearance 24.00-26.00

**HONEYDEWS:** MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 2/3 cartons GUATEMALA 5s 15.00-18.00 occas higher fine appearance 23.00-26.00 6s 15.00- 18.00 occasional higher fine appearance 23.00-26.00

**WATERMELONS:** MARKET ABOUT STEADY. OFFERINGS LIGHT. cartons 6s GUATEMALA RED FLESH SEEDLESS MINIATURE 6s per carton 24.00-26.00 mostly 26.00 24 inch bins GUATEMALA RED FLESH SEEDLESS TYPE approx 60 count per melon 6.00

**NEW YORK**

**CANTALOUPE:** MARKET ABOUT STEADY. flat cartons GUATEMALA 9s (6 size) 20.00-23.00 1/2 cartons GUATEMALA 9s 22.00 some 24.00 12s 20.00-22.00 HONDURAS 9s 22.00 12s 20.00 oversized 1/2 cartons COSTA RICA 9s (6 size) fine appearance 20.00-22.00 one lot 19.00 GUATEMALA 9s (6 size) fine appearance 24.00 few 26.00 HONDURAS 9s (6 size) 22.00-24.00 occasional lower

**HONEYDEWS:** MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 2/3 cartons GUATEMALA 5s fine appearance 22.00-24.00 6s 18.00 HONDURAS 5s 18.00-20.00 few 22.00 6s 18.00 flat crates GUATEMALA 5s (4 size) 24.00 oversized 2/3 cartons HONDURAS 5s (4 size) 20.00-22.00

**WATERMELONS:** OFFERINGS LIGHT. cartons 4s MEXICO RED FLESH SEEDLESS TYPE 55-59 lb per carton 46.00-48.00 few 44.00-45.00 60-64 lb per carton fine appearance 50.00

**PHILADELPHIA**

**CANTALOUPE:** HONDURAS LOWER, OTHERS ABOUT STEADY. 1/2 cartons HONDURAS 9s 20.00-22.00 mostly 20.00 12s 20.00-23.00 mostly 21.00-22.00 oversized 1/2 cartons GUATEMALA 9s (6 size) 20.00-22.00 mostly 20.00-21.00 HONDURAS 9s (6 size) 20.00-22.00

**HONEYDEWS:** JUMBO 5S LOWER, HONDURAS 5S & 6S HIGHER, OTHERS ABOUT STEADY. 2/3 cartons GUATEMALA 5s 21.00 6s 19.00- 21.00 mostly 20.00-21.00 HONDURAS 5s 20.00-22.00 One lot 16.00-18.00 6s 20.00-22.00 One lot 16.00-18.00 oversized 2/3 cartons GUATEMALA 5s (4 size) 17.00-18.00

**WATERMELONS:** OFFERINGS LIGHT. cartons FLORIDA RED FLESH SEEDLESS TYPE round types 5s 42.00 24 inch bins GUATEMALA RED FLESH SEEDLESS TYPE round types 45s fair condition 200.00