

DSAC Seedless Watermelon Observations, 2005

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Table 1. Seedless watermelon fruit quality observations from DSAC, 2005.

Variety	Source	Average Fruit Size (lbs)	% Soluble Solids (°brix)	Shape	Seedlessness*	Comments
Tri X						
Palomar	SW	17.4	13.8	Round	2	Green w/dark green stripes, sweet
RWT 8145	RG	17.8	13.0	Oval	3	Light green w/dark green stripes, nice flesh color, sweet
Sweet Delight	RG	10.5	12.0	Round	1	Light green w/green stripes
Tri X 313	SW	11.9	13.4	Oval	2	White w/pale stripes, very sweet, good
401	SW	16.4	12.4	Round/oval	1	Light w/pale stripes, sweet, not bad
402	SW	11.1	12.8	Round	1	Dark green w/black stripes, Sweet but mealy and grainy
Extazy	SW	7.9	11.8	Round	1	Good shape and color, wide dark green stripes, flesh deep red
Imagination	RG	9.4	10.8	Round	1	Black, mealy
Petite Perfection	RG	4.8	13.8	Round	2	Pale w/thin dark green stripes, flavor lacking but sweet
Harmony	SW	13.4	13.8	Round/oval	1	Pale w/ light green stripe, sweet, good flavor
Millenium	SW	11.3	11.2	Round	1	Dark green w/dark green stripes, split heart, off flavor, mealy
4502	SW	13.0	14.1	Round	2	Light w/light green stripes, excellent flavor and quality
Ruby	SW	9.0	12.2	Round	2	Light green w/dark green stripes, good flavor
Bobbie	SW	8.7	13.2	Round	1	Green w/dark green stripes, heart shape, nice rind and flesh color

*Seedlessness rating; 0=no seed, 5=seedy