Sweetie Pie Watermelon

Citrullus lanatus 'Sweetie Pie'



Sweetie Pie Watermelon fruit
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 10 feet

Spacing: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Description:

Vigorous and easy to grow, this sugar baby type produces round 13lbs, dark skinned watermelons with a thin, shiny rind; bright red flesh is sweet and juicy, perfect for taking on picnics or snacking during the hot summer months

Edible Qualities

Sweetie Pie Watermelon is an annual vegetable plant that is commonly grown for its edible qualities. It produces dark green round fruit with black stripes and scarlet flesh which are typically harvested when mature. The fruits have a sweet taste and a juicy texture.

The fruit are most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating
- Eating When Cooked/Prepared
- Juice-Making

Planting & Growing

Sweetie Pie Watermelon will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 feet. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 3 feet apart. Because of its vigorous growth habit, it may require staking or supplemental support. This vegetable plant is an annual, which means that it will grow for one season in your garden and then die after producing a crop.

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This plant is typically grown in a designated vegetable garden. It should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. This plant is a heavy feeder that requires frequent fertilizing throughout the growing season to perform at its best. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

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