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Growing Great Cantaloupe





KCCG's Varieties

Delicious 51 - 81 days - Early large fruits, 4-5 lbs. Good flavor, thick orange-salmon flesh. Fusarium wilt resistant.

Hale's Best No. 36 - 80 days. The fruit is highly flavored, beautiful and solidly netted, little if any suture and no ribs. Spicy salmon colored flesh. Fruit 2.5-3 lbs, uniform in size, slight oval shape.

Planting:

In the Kansas City area, plant between May 1st and May 20th.

Seeds - In a 4'x12' raised bed, form mounds of soil that are 15-24" apart. Sow 6 seeds in each mound. Cover the seeds with 1/2 inch of soil.

Care:

Seeds: Water the seeds regularly with a gentle spray. Keep the soil moist to allow germination.

Young seedlings: After the seeds have germinated, thin them to be 2 to 3 plants per mound.

A few weeks after the seeds have germinated, mulch around the plant with straw.

Harvest:

Cantaloupes are ripe once the rind turns from green to grey or yellow.

Harvest the cantaloupe once the fruit can be easily pulled off from the stem.

Storage:

Cantaloupes may be stored in the refridgerator for three or four days.

Unripe cantaloupes may be stored in room temperature for several days as it ripens.

Nutritional Facts:

Cantaloupe is an excellent source of vitamin C and vitamin A.

Rich in antioxidants, cantaloupe can help prevent colon, prostate, breast, lung and pancreatic cancer.

Cantaloupe is a good source of potassium, which helps control heart rate and blood pressure and thus offers protection against stroke and coronary heart disease.