Storage Watermelon

Yellow Hopi Watermelon.



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In the Southwest and northern Mexico, native peoples used the cool dry caves to store some of their food.

Watermelons was one.

Thick rinds, free from blemishes, watermelons could be stored for several months.

Interest in looking at storage watermelons for possible late season sales.

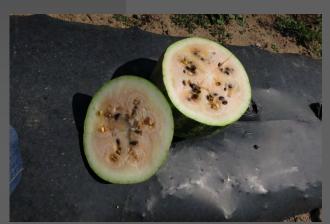
Very Prolific



Characteristics

- 5-7 melons per plant3-7lbs
- Yellow flesh with a ring of seeds easily removed
- **Ripens in late August through early Sept.**
- Flavor is sweet and tasty but not as sweet as modern hybrids
- Stored well into November suitable for sales from Halloween to Thanksgiving

First Picture of Fruit Cut in Field, the Other in December





Future Study – A Watermelon Under Every Christmas Tree



Will evaluate other watermelon varieties for flavor, seediness, and storage characteristics Will look at several red fleshed varieties Also will look at thick rind varieties for use as

pickling types