



# Watermelon

## Varieties



### Name of the variety/Source & its Characteristics

#### **Asahi Yamato**

**IARI, New Delhi**

Mid-season variety, medium sized fruits with average fruit weight 6-8 kg. The rind colour is light green with deep pink-flesh; TSS 11 to 13%. The fruits ripen in 95 days.

#### **Sugar Baby**

**IARI, New Delhi.**

The fruit slightly small in size, round in shape having bluish black rind and deep pink flesh with small seeds. TSS 11-13%; average weight 3-5 kg. The fruits ripen in 85 days.

#### **Arka Jyoti**

**IIHR, Bangalore**

Cross between IIHR-20 & Crimson Sweet; mid-season variety; fruits round, rind colour is light green with dark green stripes and flesh crimson colour, TSS 11-13%. Average fruit weight 6-8kg.

#### **Arka Manik**



**IIHR, Bangalore**

The fruits are round to oval with green rind and dull green stripes. The flesh is deep red, very sweet taste with TSS 12-13%. Average fruit weight is 6 kg. It stands well in transport and storage. Resistant to powdery mildew and tolerant to anthracnose disease.

#### **Improved Shipper**

**PAU, Ludhiana.**

Fruits large in size with dark green rind, average fruit weight 8-9 kg/ha, moderately sweet with TSS 8-9%.

#### **Special No.1**

**PAU, Ludhiana.**

Early maturing variety, Fruits are round and small with red flesh and seeds, average TSS is slightly lower than Shipper variety.

## **Durgapura Meetha**

### **ARS, Durgapura, Rajasthan**

A late maturing variety, fruits are round rind is thick and light green in colour, flesh sweet and dark red in colour, good keeping quality, TSS 11%, average fruit weight 6-8 kg, seed with black tip and margin. The fruit ripens in 125 days.

## **Durgapura Kesar**

### **ARS, Durgapura, Rajasthan**

A late maturing variety. Rind is green in colour with stripes; flesh yellow in colour and moderately sweet, seeds are large. Average fruit weight 4-5 kg.

## **Exotic Varieties**

### **China**

#### **Table Purpose**

Watermelon Hybrid Yellow Doll, Water Melon Hybrid Red Doll.

### **USA**

#### **Table Purpose**

Arriba, Athens, Carnival, Celebration, Dumara, Fiesta, Jade Star, Mardi Gras, Regency, Royal Flush, Royal Majesty, Royal Sweet, Paradise, Sangria, Oasis, Star Bright, Ferrari, Sunrise, Baron, Matador, Samos.