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## DAILY SHIPMENTS AND CROSSINGS

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40,000 lb units	MODE	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	TOTAL TO DATE SEASON	FINAL SEASON	
		Feb 21	Feb 22	Feb 23	Feb 24	Feb 25	Feb 26	Feb 27			
<b>WATERMELONS</b>											
Guatemala											
Imports through Galveston (Texas)	B	-	-	W/E 21	-	-	-	-	126	201	271
Imports through Los Angeles-Long Beach	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	175	260
Imports through Philadelphia-Camden	B	-	-	W/E 12	-	-	-	-	218	839	912
Imports through Port Hueneme (California)	B	-	-	W/E 1	-	-	-	-	42	169	268
Imports through South Florida/Tampa	B	-	-	W/E 74	-	-	-	-	1,032	1,697	2,488
Honduras											
Imports through South Florida/Tampa	B	-	-	W/E 39	-	-	-	-	558	583	1,423
Mexico											
Imports through Panama City (Florida)	B	-	-	W/E 9	-	-	-	-	38	80	355
Imports through South Florida/Tampa	B	-	-	W/E 5	-	-	-	-	41	35	135
Mexico Crossings through Otay Mesa	T	1	1	-	1	3	2	-	104	136	379
Mexico Crossings through Pharr, TX	T	3	4	2	-	4	-	-	152	132	444
Mexico Crossings through Progreso, TX	T	25	51	16	-	98	46	-	3,476	3,726	6,833
Mexico Crossings through Rio Grande City, TX	T	-	5	5	-	4	-	-	466	528	1,198
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>29</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,271</b>	<b>8,301</b>	<b>14,966</b>
<b>WATERMELONS, SEEDED</b>											
Mexico											
Mexico Crossings through Nogales, AZ	T	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	152	25	234
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>234</b>
<b>WATERMELONS, SEEDLESS</b>											
Mexico											
Mexico Crossings through Nogales, AZ	T	25	5	18	-	27	30	31	5,856	7,483	24,688
<b>WATERMELONS, SEEDLESS - ORGANIC</b>											
Mexico											
Mexico Crossings through Nogales, AZ	T	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	88	22	162
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>25</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>5,944</b>	<b>7,505</b>	<b>24,850</b>
<b>WATERMELONS, MINIATURE SEEDLESS</b>											
Mexico											
Mexico Crossings through Nogales, AZ	T	4	6	5	-	-	-	-	597	727	1,206
<b>WATERMELONS, MINIATURE SEEDLESS - ORGANIC</b>											
Mexico											
Mexico Crossings through Nogales, AZ	T	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>727</b>	<b>1,206</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>58</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>15,034</b>	<b>23,223</b>	<b>26,290</b>

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<b>CANTALOUPE</b>											
Costa Rica											
Imports through Philadelphia-Camden	B	-	-	W/E 1	-	-	-	-	554	637	1,265
Imports through Port Hueneme (California)	B	-	-	W/E 17	-	-	-	-	99	191	401
Imports through South Florida/Tampa	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	93	291	424
Guatemala											
Imports through Galveston (Texas)	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	65	110
Imports through Los Angeles-Long Beach	B	-	-	W/E 18	-	-	-	-	528	1,128	2,243
Imports through Philadelphia-Camden	B	-	-	W/E 213	-	-	-	-	1,244	1,484	2,935
Imports through Port Hueneme (California)	B	-	-	W/E 26	-	-	-	-	346	481	1,101
Imports through South Florida/Tampa	B	-	-	W/E 33	-	-	-	-	1,812	2,921	4,775
Imports through Wilmington (Delaware)	B	-	-	W/E 5	-	-	-	-	79	52	147
Honduras											
Imports through Freeport (Texas)	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	39	111	200
Imports through Los Angeles-Long Beach	B	-	-	W/E 17	-	-	-	-	681	534	971
Imports through South Florida/Tampa	B	-	-	W/E 56	-	-	-	-	1,069	1,212	2,625
Imports through Wilmington (Delaware)	B	-	-	W/E 1	-	-	-	-	60	120	146
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,584</b>	<b>9,107</b>	<b>17,197</b>
<b>HONEYDEWS</b>											
Costa Rica											
Imports through Philadelphia-Camden	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	39	86	212
Guatemala											
Imports through Los Angeles-Long Beach	B	-	-	W/E 8	-	-	-	-	139	267	551
Imports through Philadelphia-Camden	B	-	-	W/E 34	-	-	-	-	356	413	756
Imports through Port Hueneme (California)	B	-	-	W/E 5	-	-	-	-	60	60	133
Imports through South Florida/Tampa	B	-	-	W/E 12	-	-	-	-	510	853	1,624
Honduras											
Imports through Los Angeles-Long Beach	B	-	-	W/E 15	-	-	-	-	59	133	260
Imports through South Florida/Tampa	B	-	-	W/E 50	-	-	-	-	470	436	1,047
Mexico											
Mexico Crossings through Nogales, AZ	T	9	-	9	-	6	11	3	2,016	2,363	4,060
<b>HONEYDEWS - ORGANIC</b>											
Mexico											
Mexico Crossings through Nogales, AZ	T	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	3	14
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3,661</b>	<b>4,614</b>	<b>8,657</b>

**SHIPPING POINT INFORMATION**

Sales F.O.B Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis for **Thursday, February 28, 2019**. Prices represent open (spot) market sales by first handlers on product of generally good quality and condition unless otherwise stated and may include promotional allowances or other incentives. No consideration is given to after-sale adjustments unless otherwise stated. Brokerage fees paid by the shipper are included in the price reported.

**CENTRAL AMERICA IMPORTS -  
PORTS OF ENTRY  
SOUTH FLORIDA**

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and/or Delivered Sales, Shipping Point Basis

**CANTALOUPS:** SUPPLY MODERATE. DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET 12S **HIGHER**; OTHERS ABOUT STEADY. GUATEMALA, HONDURAS, COSTA RICA 1/2 cartons 9s 9.95-11.00 mostly 10.95 occas lower 12s 9.95-12.00 mostly 10.95-11.95 occas lower 15s 10.95-11.95 occas 9.95 oversized 1/2 cartons 6s (5 size) supply in too few hands to quote 9s (6 size) 9.95-11.00 mostly 11.00

**HONEYDEWS:** SUPPLY MODERATE. DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET **LOWER**. GUATEMALA, HONDURAS, COSTA RICA 2/3 cartons 5s 13.95-16.95 mostly 14.95-15.95 fr qual 10.95-11.95 6s 13.95-16.95 mostly 14.95-15.95 occas higher fr qual 10.95-11.95 8s 12.95-14.95 mostly 12.95-13.95 occas lower fr qual 9.95-10.95 occas lower oversized 2/3 cartons 4s (3 size) 11.00-11.50 occas lower 5s (4 size) 13.95-16.95 mostly 14.95-15.95

**WATERMELONS:** SUPPLY MODERATE. DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET BINS 45S & 60S **LOWER**; OTHERS ABOUT STEADY. GUATEMALA, HONDURAS, Costa Rica cartons Red Flesh Seedless Type 3s supply in too few hands to quote 4s 21.95-22.95 5s 21.95-22.95 6s supply in too few hands to quote flat cartons Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 11.00 8s supply in too few hands to quote 9s supply in too few hands to quote 24 inch bins Red Flesh Seedless Type 45s 225.00-250.00 60s 200.00-231.00

**CENTRAL AMERICA IMPORTS -  
PORTS OF ENTRY SOUTHERN  
CALIFORNIA**

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and/or Delivered Sales, Shipping Point Basis

**CANTALOUPS:** SUPPLY MODERATE. DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET 9S **LOWER**; JBO 9S AND 12S **HIGHER**. GUATEMALA, HONDURAS, COSTA RICA 1/2 cartons 9s 9.00-11.95 mostly 9.95-10.95 12s 9.00-10.00 oversized 1/2 cartons 6s (5 size) supply in too few hands to quote 9s (6 size) 12.00-12.95

**HONEYDEWS:** SUPPLY VERY LIGHT. DEMAND MODERATE. GUATEMALA, HONDURAS, COSTA RICA. 2/3 cartons 5s supply in too few hands to quote 6s 15.00-16.00 8s supply in too few hands to quote

oversized 2/3 cartons 5s (4 size) supply in too few hands to quote

**MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH  
NOGALES, ARIZONA**

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and/or Delivered Sales, Shipping Point Basis

**HONEYDEWS:** SUPPLY LIGHT. DEMAND FAIRLY LIGHT. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. Extra services included. Wide range in quality and appearance. 2/3 cartons 5s 11.35-14.35 mostly 12.35 occasional higher 6s 11.35-14.35 mostly 12.35 occasional higher 8s 9.35-12.35 mostly 10.35 occasional higher

**WATERMELONS:** DEMAND MINIATURE MODERATE, OTHERS FAIRLY LIGHT. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. Wide range in quality and condition. cartons Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 12.00-14.95 mostly 12.50 occasional higher 8s 12.95-15.95 mostly

**MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH  
TEXAS**

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and/or Delivered Sales, Shipping Point Basis

**WATERMELONS:** SUPPLY FAIRLY LIGHT. DEMAND FAIRLY GOOD. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. Wide range in quality. Supplies held in few hands. cartons per lb Red Flesh Seedless Type 4s .32-.36 mostly .32-.34 occasional lower 5s .32-.36 mostly .32-.34 occasional lower 6s .32-.36 mostly .32-.34 few .28 occasional lower 24 inch bins per lb Red Flesh Seedless Type approx 35 count .30-.34 mostly .30-.32 few .26 occasional lower approx 45 count .30-.34 mostly .30-.32 few .26 occasional lower approx 60 count .30-.34 mostly .30-.32 few .26 occasional lower

**WHOLESALE TERMINAL MARKET  
PRICES AS OF  
Thursday, February 28, 2019**

This is only a sample of wholesale terminal market reports. For a complete and current listing <http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/mncs/fvdaily.htm>

**ATLANTA**

**CANTALOUPS:** OFFERINGS LIGHT. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 1/2 cartons GU 6s 14.00 9s 14.00-16.50 few 17.50-18.50 12s 13.50-15.75 mostly 14.00 few 17.25 HD 6s 12.50-14.50 mostly 14.00 9s 12.50-14.50 mostly 14.00-14.50 few 16.25-17.50 12s 12.50-14.50 mostly 14.00 occas 17.00-17.25

**HONEYDEWS:** OFFERINGS LIGHT. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 2/3 cartons GU 5s 22.50-24.00 mostly 23.00-24.00 6s 22.00-26.00 mostly 22.00-23.00 8s 21.50-23.50 mostly 23.00 few 17.50-19.00 MX 5s 22.50-24.00 mostly 23.00 few 25.00 6s 23.00-25.00 mostly 23.00 few 26.00 8s 23.00-23.50 occas 17.50

**WATERMELONS:** OFFERINGS VERY LIGHT. cartons MX Red Flesh Seedless Type

5s 29.00-30.50 Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 5s 23.00 6s fr cond 15.00

**BOSTON**

**CANTALOUPS:** MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 1/2 cartons CR 9s 12.00-14.00 mostly 13.00 GU 9s offerings insufficient to quote HD 6s 10.00-11.00 mostly 10.00 9s 12.00-16.00 mostly 13.00-14.00 12s 12.00-15.00 mostly 13.00-14.00 15s 14.00-15.00 mostly 14.00 oversized 1/2 cartons HD 9s (6 size) 12.00-14.00 mostly 13.00

**HONEYDEWS:** MARKET STEADY. 2/3 cartons HD 5s 14.00-18.00 mostly 16.00-17.00 fineappear 22.00-24.00 mostly 22.00-23.00 6s 18.00-22.00 mostly 20.00-21.00 8s 16.00

**WATERMELONS:** MARKET STEADY. cartons GU Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 4s 30.00 5s offerings insufficient to quote fr cond 12.00-15.00 Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 10.00-15.00 mostly 12.00-13.00 occas low as 8.00 HD Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 3s 24.00 MX Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 4s 36.00 fr cond 12.00-15.00 mostly 13.00-14.00 5s 35.00 fr cond 12.00-15.00 mostly 13.00-14.00 6s offering insufficient to quote 24 inch bins per melon HD Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 15-19 lb avg 8.00-9.00 mostly 8.00 MX Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 10-14 lb avg offerings insufficient to quote 15-19 lb avg 8.00-9.00 mostly 8.00 20-24 lb avg 11.00-12.00 mostly 11.00

**CHICAGO**

**CANTALOUPS:** MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 1/2 cartons HD 9s 13.00-14.00 occas higher 12s 15.00-16.00 mostly 16.00 15s 15.00-16.00 oversized 1/2 cartons CR 9s (6 size) 12.00 GU 9s (6 size) 14.00 HD 9s (6 size) 13.00-15.00 mostly 14.00-15.00 flat cartons HD 6s (5 size) 11.00-12.00

**HONEYDEWS:** MARKET LOWER. 2/3 cartons HD 5s 20.00-22.00 6s 20.00 8s 16.00 yellow 8s 16.00-17.00 9s 13.00-14.00 MX 5s 18.00-20.00 6s 18.00-20.00 oversized 2/3 cartons HD 5s (4 size) 20.00

**WATERMELONS:** MARKET LOWER. cartons per carton GU Red Flesh Seedless Type 4s 34.00 5s 34.00 HD Red Flesh Seedless Type 5s 32.00 MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 6s 30.00 Local Repack Red Flesh Seedless Type 4s 30.00-32.00 5s 30.00-32.00 flat cartons per carton HD Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 16.00-17.00 24 inch bins MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 45s 275.00-300.00 60s 275.00-300.00

**LOS ANGELES**

**CANTALOUPS:** OFFERINGS 1/2 CARTONS 15S VERY LIGHT. Wide range in appearance. 1/2 cartons CR BOAT 9s 10.50-12.00 mostly 11.00 occas higher 12s 10.00-12.00 mostly 11.00 occas higher GU BOAT 9s 9.00-12.00 mostly 10.00-11.00 occas higher 12s 9.00-12.00 mostly 10.00-11.00 occas higher 15s 11.00 occas higher/lower HD BOAT 9s 10.50-12.00 mostly 11.00-12.00 few 13.00 12s 9.00-12.00

mostly 10.00-11.00 oversized 1/2 cartons CR BOAT 9s (6 size) 11.00-13.00 mostly 12.00-13.00 occas higher GU BOAT 9s (6 size) 10.00-12.00 mostly 10.00-11.00 occas higher/lower HD BOAT 9s (6 size) 10.00-12.00 mostly 10.00-11.00 occas higher/lower

**HONEYDEWS:** OFFERINGS COSTA RICA VERY LIGHT. MARKET STEADY. 2/3 cartons CR BOAT 5s 18.00-20.00 mostly 18.00-19.00 occas higher 6s 18.00-20.00 mostly 18.00-19.00 occas higher 8s 18.00-20.00 mostly 18.00-19.00 occas higher GU BOAT 5s 18.00-20.00 mostly 18.00-19.00 occas higher/lower 6s 18.00-20.00 mostly 18.00-19.00 occas higher/lower 8s 18.00-20.00 mostly 18.00-19.00 occas higher/lower MX 5s 22.00-24.00 mostly 23.00-24.00 6s 19.00-21.00 mostly 20.00-21.00 8s 20.00-21.00 oversized 2/3 cartons CR BOAT 5s (4 size) 18.00-20.00 mostly 18.00-19.00 occas higher/lower GU BOAT 5s (4 size) 18.00-20.00 mostly 18.00-19.00 occas higher/lower MX 5s (4 size) 23.00-25.00 mostly 24.00-25.00 occas higher

**WATERMELONS:** OFFERINGS VERY LIGHT. MARKET STEADY. Wide range in quality and appearance. cartons MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 5s 20.00-23.00 mostly 21.00-22.00 few high as 24.00-25.00 occas higher fr qual 16.50 poorer quality and condition lower flat cartons MX Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 15.00-18.00 mostly 16.00-17.00 occas lower 8s 15.00-18.00 mostly 16.00-17.00 occas lower

#### MIAMI

**CANTALOUPS:** MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 1/2 cartons HD 9s 13.00-16.00 mostly 13.00-15.00 occas higher and lower 12s 13.00-16.00 mostly 13.00-15.00 occas higher and lower oversized 1/2 cartons HD 9s (6 size) 16.00-18.00 occas higher and lower

**HONEYDEWS:** MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 2/3 cartons HD 5s 20.00-23.00 mostly 20.00-22.00 occas higher and lower 6s 20.00-23.00 mostly 20.00-22.00 occas higher and lower oversized 2/3 cartons HD 5s (4 size) 20.00-23.00 mostly 20.00-22.00 occas higher and lower

**WATERMELONS:** OFFERINGS FAIRLY LIGHT. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 24 inch bins per melon GU Red Flesh Seedless Type approx 36 count 7.00-8.00 mostly 7.00-7.50 approx 60 count 3.50-4.00 mostly 3.50 HD Red Flesh Seedless Type approx 45 count 6.00-8.00 mostly 6.00-7.00 approx 60 count 4.00-5.00 mostly 4.00

#### NEW YORK

**CANTALOUPS:** MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 1/2 cartons CR 9s 10.00-11.00 GU 9s 11.00-12.00 HD 9s 12.00 oversized 1/2 cartons CR 9s (6 size) 9.00-13.00 mostly 11.00-12.00 GU 9s (6 size) 9.00-10.00 HD 9s (6 size) 10.00-12.00 flat cartons CR 9s (6 size) 12.00-14.00 occas lower GU 9s 12.00-14.00 9s (6 size) fineappear 15.00 12s 12.00-13.00 occas higher and lower HD 9s (6 size) 12.00

**HONEYDEWS:** MARKET SLIGHTLY LOWER. 2/3 cartons CR 6s 12.00 GU 5s

12.00-13.00 fineappear 16.00-20.00 occas higher 6s 15.00-16.00 HD 5s 12.00-16.00 6s 12.00-16.00 MX 5s 14.00 fineappear 20.00 6s 12.00-14.00 oversized 2/3 cartons CR 5s (4 size) 16.00-20.00 GU 5s (4 size) fineappear 22.00-25.00 HD 5s (4 size) 17.00-18.00

**WATERMELONS:** MARKET ABOUT STEADY. flat cartons per carton HD Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 16.00 MX Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 18.00 8s 26.00 cartons 4s per carton CR Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 65-69 lb avg 26.00 GU Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 65-69 lb avg 25.00-28.00 HD Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 60-64 lb avg fr appear 22.00 MX Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 65-69 lb 30.00-36.00 mostly 32.00-34.00 fr appear 25.00 70-74 lb avg fineappear 40.00 cartons 5s per carton CR Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 60-64 lb avg 28.00 MX Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 70-74 lb avg 36.00

#### PHILADELPHIA

**CANTALOUPS:** MARKET STEADY. 1/2 cartons CR 9s 9.00-11.00 mostly 9.00-10.00 12s 10.00-11.00 HD 9s 9.00-10.00 (FEW SALES) 11.00-12.00 OCCAS HIGH AS 14.00 12s 13.00-14.00 oversized 1/2 cartons CR 9s (6 size) fineappear 14.00 flat cartons GU 9s 10.00

**HONEYDEWS:** MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 2/3 cartons GU 5s 15.00 6s 15.00 HD 5s 18.00 6s 12.00 (ONE LOT) 16.00-20.00 8s 20.00 fr cond 10.00-12.00 MX 5s 18.00 6s 18.00-20.00 fr cond 12.00-14.00

**WATERMELONS:** MARKET STEADY. WIDE RANGE IN PRICE. cartons per carton GU Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 12.00-13.00 mostly 12.00 OCCAS LOWER MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 5s 32.00 ONE LOT 16.00-18.00 (FEW SALES) 20.00 6s 14.00-16.00 ONE LOT (FEW SALES) 18.00