SAKATA®

Proven (& Winning!) Performance

When it comes to strong vines, superior yield potential and fruit quality,

Sakata watermelon are strides ahead of the competition. But don't just take our word for it, University trials across the country report top performance, year after year. **Check out our winning rankings below.**

Variety	Year	University Trial	Location	Total Entries	Results	
Affirmed	2016	University of Florida	Quincy, FL	32	Ranked #4 in overall yield	
Charismatic	2016	University of Florida	Quincy, FL	32	Ranked #6 in overall yield	
Charismatic	2016	University of Georgia	Tifton, GA	35	Ranked #7 in total yield	
Charismatic	2015	Purdue University	Vincennes, IN	35	Ranked #9 in overall yield	
Charismatic	2015	University of Delaware	Georgetown, DE	38	Ranked #2 in early marketable yield Ranked #3 in overall yield	
Charismatic	2014	North Carolina State University	Clayton, NC	30	Ranked #2 in first harvest marketable yield Ranked #6 in overall marketable yield over 4 harvests	
Kingman	2016	University of Georgia	Tifton, GA	35	Highest total yield in the trial Highest yield of 36-count watermelons	
Secretariat	2015	University of Delaware	Georgetown, DE	38	Highest yield of 45-count watermelons	
Secretariat	2014	North Carolina State University	Clayton, NC	30	Ranked #1 in first harvest marketable yield	
Unbridled	2016	University of Florida	Quincy, FL	32	Ranked #8 in overall yield	
Unbridled	2016	University of Georgia	Tifton, GA	35	Ranked #4 in first harvest yield	
Unbridled	2014	University of Kentucky	Lexington, KY	11	Ranked #2 in quantity of 45-count bins per acre	



Our full line-up of seedless watermelon provides growers with dependability in delivering abundant yields of quality fruit with gorgeous rinds and bright red, firm and tasty flesh. Don't miss out on these proven performers.

What makes Sakata watermelon winning?

- A full line-up: Mini, 45 and 36-count
- Superior yield potential
- Many early varieties
- Gorgeous exterior color and smoothness
- Bright red, firm and tasty flesh
- Tiny pips
- Great for eating!

The Next Generation of Triploids



Crimson Sweet: 16 - 20 lb

Charismatic

Early maturity coupled with firm, crisp flesh make this watermelon an easy choice for growers. Charismatic features strong, vigorous vines and has excellent yield potential. For optimum results, use a Sakata early pollenizer.



Kingman is a 36/45-count watermelon that offers firm, crisp flesh and tiny pips. Plus, it has strong vines and has high yield potential. Bright red, tasty flesh makes this a melon great for eating.



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Secretariat

Secretariat is an early-maturing variety that is very high yielding. It offers a smooth, medium-green exterior with green stripes and has a nice round-oval shape. Interior characteristics include tiny pips and firm, crisp, deep red flesh. For optimum results, use a Sakata early pollenizer



Unbridled

Unbridled has an 85-day maturity and has high yield potential. Unbridled boasts very strong vines and bears fruit with crisp, firm flesh. Extra tasty, too!

Sakata Triploids at-a-glance

Variety	Туре	Days to Maturity from Transplant*	Size / Shape	Rind Characteristics	Interior Color	Disease Resistance	Uses & Remarks
Citation	Crimson Sweet	78	12-14 lb / round oval	Dark green background with green stripes	Dark red		A true 60-count that sets well in cool conditions.
Secretariat	Crimson Sweet	80	16-20 lb / round oval	Light green background with medium green stripes	Bright red		Early maturing variety with good cold-setting ability.
Bold Ruler	Crimson Sweet	83	16-20 lb / round oval	Dark green background with green stripes	Bright red		Small pips, very uniform and productive. Cold setting ability.
Charismatic	Crimson Sweet	83	16-20 lb / round oval	Medium green background with dark green stripes	Bright red		Early maturing variety with good cold-setting ability.
Kingman	Crimson Sweet	85	18-22 lb / round oval	Light green background with medium green stripes	Bright red		It is a 36/45-count watermelon that offers firm, crisp flesh and tiny pips.
Unbridled	Crimson Sweet	85	18-22 lb / round	Medium green background with dark green stripes	Bright red		Unbridled boasts very strong vines and bears fruit with crisp, firm flesh. Extra tasty, too!
Affirmed	Crimson Sweet	90	16-20 lb / round oval	Dark green background with light green stripes	Bright red		Consistent yields. Crisp sweet flesh.
Belmont	Crimson Sweet, mini	90	6-10 lb / round	Medium green background with dark green stripes	Deep red	IR: Co:1 IR: Fon:1	Belmont features an extremely strong and vigor- ous vine with excellent yield potential.

Disease terminology: HR = High Resistance, IR = Intermediate Resistance. Disease code: Co - Anthracnose, Fon - Fusarium wilt.

* Days to Maturity are an approximation and may fluctuate due to varying planting times, location and conditions.

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Sakata's Pollenizers are Leading the Way!

Sakata Early Varieties + Early and Prolonged Pollenizers + Early Bees = SUCCESS

Since the pollen in triploid male flowers is not viable and female flowers in triploid plants require viable pollen to set fruit, it follows that there must be separate seeded pollenizer plants available to provide pollen.

Mainly, bees and other insects hop from flower to flower and distribute pollen from seeded pollenizer plants to triploid hybrid plants. Because watermelon flowers open only for a short time, it is essential that bees and pollen are present during pollination. It is also essential that the full-flowering period of the seedless plants (3 to 4 weeks) should match with the full-flowering period of the pollenizer plants, to ensure pollen availability during pollination.

Lack of pollen during full flowering of seedless watermelon plants will have a negative effect on the total yield and fruit quality. Therefore, early-maturing seedless watermelon hybrids should be combined with early and prolonged-flowering pollenizer plants to get high yield and quality watermelon production in commercial production fields.

And, we cannot stress enough, when growing early-maturing watermelon hybrids, you must have the bees placed in the field earlier than with traditional. later varieties.

Ace & Ace Plus





Ace Pollenizer

Ace and Ace Plus were developed as non-harvested pollenizers for the production of seedless watermelon. They produce long, thin and very sturdy vines with small leaves. Both varieties bloom early and profusely, providing an abundance of pollen over a more extended period, as compared to competitor pollenizers. Plus, small, explosive gray fruits allow for easy triploid harvest.

NOTE: Ace Plus has the added benefit of intermediate resistance to both Fon 1 and Co 1

Wild Card & Wild Card Plus





Wild Card and Wild Card Plus are non-harvested pollenizers developed for the production of seedless watermelon. They offer early and prolific male flowers to ensure maximum yield potential of triploid hybrids throughout the period of full flowering. Long, thin internodes radially extend pollen to wherever a female flower is located. Both varieties offer an extended flowering period that goes well beyond the (seedless) hybrid. Small fruits have a tiger-striped rind pattern which differs from most of the commercial triploid hybrids.

NOTE: Wild Card Plus has the added benefit of intermediate resistance to both Fon 1 and Co 1.

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Pollenizers							
Ace Plus	Pollenizer / Non-Harvestable	-	Round oval	Light green with medium green stripes	Red	IR: Co:1 IR: Fon:1	Flowering extends well beyond the flowering period of the hybrid.
Ace	Pollenizer / Non-Harvestable	_	Round oval	Light green with medium green stripes	Red		Non-harvestable pollenizer for use with seedless production.
Wild Card Plus	Pollenizer / Non-Harvestable	_	Round oval	Light green background with medium green veins	Yellow	IR: Co:1 IR: Fon:1	Very early flowers to ensure pollen availability when the hybrid starts flowering.
Wild Card	Pollenizer / Non-Harvestable	_	Round oval	Light green background with medium green veins	Yellow		Small fruits have a tiger-striped rind pattern which differs from most of the commercial triploid hybrids.

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Watermelon by Sakata

THE RESULTS ARE IN! KINGMAN VINS!

Results from the University of Georgia Variety Evaluation 2016 have been published—Kingman, a crimson triploid with tiny pips, has been identified as top yielder of the trial as well as the 36-count category. The trial was held in Tifton, GA this summer. Kingman, an excellent main season choice, represents the next generation of seedless watermelon offering triple the benefit and superior traits of mid-early maturity, very firm, bright red flesh and delicious flavor.

Contact your preferred provider to order.

Kingman

- Named highest yielder in University of Georgia trial
- Nice round-oval shape
- Excellent main-season choice

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