



## ALL-AMERICA SELECTIONS®

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### Watermelon Cal Sweet Bush

**AAS 2019 Edible Winner**

**Regional Winner – (Great Lakes)**



From ancient wild watermelons in the African desert to today's new selections, watermelons have come a long way! Cal Sweet Bush is another example of how ongoing breeding efforts result in a new and better product. This is a true short internode (the sections between the stem joints) watermelon. These watermelons have compact, bushy vines that grow only 14-18" long and still provide enough foliage cover to protect the fruits. Each plant yields 2-3 fruits weighing 10 -12 pounds. Like all AAS Winners, this newbie delivers exceptional taste and texture. Cal Sweet Bush is a great watermelon choice for gardeners with limited space or those wanting a container melon. Cal Sweet Bush will produce at least one fruit per vine if grown in a container.

AAS Garden Tip: pick when the tendril is dried and brown for best fruit flavor.

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#### AAS® Winner Data

- **Genus species:** *Citrullus lanatus*
- **Common name:** Watermelon
- **Fruit size:** 10 - 12 inches, 10 – 12 pounds, round to oval
- **Color:** Dark Green mottled rind with red flesh
- **Plant spread:** 14 – 18 inches
- **Plant habit:** Compact
- **Garden location:** Full sun
- **Garden spacing:** 10 - 12 inches
- **Length of time to harvest:** 65 days from transplant, 90 days from sowing seed
- **Disease resistance:** Powdery Mildew
- **Closest comparisons on market:** Starlight F1



All-America Selections® was founded in 1932 and continues as the oldest independent testing organization in North America. Every year, new, never-before-sold in North America varieties are trialed in our Trial Grounds and professional horticulturists determine which varieties will be deemed winners based on their garden performance. AAS relies upon a public relations program to inform gardeners about AAS Winners that are announced three times each year.