

Everyday Value All Year Long

Watermelon is 70% flesh, 30% rind, 100% edible!

At only 17¢ per serving, it's the best value in the produce section among fruit.

And you can enjoy watermelon year-round.

From May to September, watermelon is available from more than 30 states in the U.S. Then, from October to April, it's available from Central America mostly Mexico, Guatemala and Honduras.

How to **Choose the Best** Watermelon



A firm symmetrical watermelon free from bruises, cuts or dents is best.



Lift it up. It should be heavy for its size. Most of its weight is water!



Turn it over. Make sure it has a creamy, yellow

spot on its underside. That's where it sat on the ground and ripened in the sun.



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Grilled Watermelon and Kale Salad

Cut small, seedless watermelon into 1"-thick wedges. Preheat grill to high. Brush watermelon with olive oil and season with salt and pepper on both sides. Grill each side for 2-3 minutes, creating grill marks. Set watermelon aside. Remove stems from 1 bunch of dinosaur kale and julienne leaves. Place in large bowl with 2 cups torn, baby kale and top with 6 oz. crumbled goat cheese and 1/2 cup slivered, toasted almonds. Whisk together 1/2 cup olive oil, 1/4 cup balsamic vinegar, 1 clove crushed garlic, 1 tbsp. honey, and salt and pepper to taste. Toss salad with dressing. Serve with 1-2 watermelon wedges.



Watermelon Lemonade

Place 1/2 cup lemon juice, 2 1/2 cups water,
2/3 cups agave syrup, and 2
cups watermelon chunks in
a blender and blend until
smooth. Serve over ice.
Makes about 5 cups.

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Watermelon Rind Pickles

In large pot, bring 4 cups water and 1 tbsp. coarse salt to boil over medium high heat. Add 2 cups peeled watermelon rind (with a thin layer of pink), cut into 1" x 1/2" x 2" pieces, boiling until tender. Strain. Transfer rinds to large metal bowl. In saucepan, combine 3/4 cups granulated sugar, 1 allspice berry, 1/2 cup cider vinegar, 4 peppercorns, 4 whole cloves, 1/2 tsp. pickling spice, 1 long slice fresh ginger root, 1/4 tsp. celery seeds. Bring to a boil over medium high heat, stirring until sugar dissolves. Simmer for 15 minutes, until slightly reduced. Pour over watermelon rinds in bowl. Place plate on top, keeping rinds submerged. Cover and refrigerate for one day. Transfer to glass jar and keep sealed in refrigerator for up to 2 weeks. Makes about 4 cups.



Watermelon Cactus Bowl

Create this carving with step-by-step instructions, including photos, at watermelon.org Whole watermelon