

## **Crop: Watermelon**

Production season	Best grown in summer between August and March		
Area to plant	1ha/10 000m2 (100mx100m)	1000m2 (20mx50m)	100m2 (10mx10m)
Seed required	3 kg-5 kg	300g-500g	30g-50g
Plant population	5000-10 000	500-1 000	50-100
Plant spacing in row	90cm-150cm		
Spacing between rows	180cm to 200cm		
Compound D Fertilizer kg/ha	450-600	45-60	4.5-6
No Top dressing Required	N/A	N/A	N/A
Manure kg/ha	10 000-15 000	1 000-1 500	100-250
Days to Harvest	80 to 90 days depending on the variety		
Harvest duration	20-30 days		
See Squashes common pests and diseases and their control for chemical options.			
Irrigation	Overhead, Pivot is the most suitable method. Ensure the soil is moist at all times.		
Post-harvest handling	Fruits are cut and harvested individually		
Normal packaging	Fruits	Fruits	Fruits
Estimated Yield (kg/ha)	8 000 -12 000	800-1 200	80-120

