Watermelons

Today on Gardening in a Minute: watermelons.

Watermelons have crisp, juicy flesh that’s perfect for summer eating. Contests are common throughout the U.S. to see who can grow the largest watermelon or spit the seeds the farthest.

You can easily grow your own watermelons but you’ll need at least 20 square feet of space. Choose from the many varieties available, which come in different sizes, shapes, and colors.

For seeded watermelons, plant seeds directly in sandy soil in the early spring. Seedless varieties do best if transplanted, and remember for pollination to occur, you must also plant seeded varieties.

When selecting a watermelon to buy, look for a firm, symmetrical fruit with no blemishes.

Whether you buy it or grow it, take a watermelon on a picnic or to your Fourth of July gathering.

For more information about watermelons, contact your county Extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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