

# WATERMELON TALCA



## A LARGE TRIPLOID, HYBRID WATERMELON WITH EXCELLENT COLOUR AND TASTE

- Ideal for summer and early season
- Large to medium, uniform, seedless fruit
- Deep red, crisp flesh with long shelf life
- High brix and excellent taste
- Vigorous vines with high yield

### Type

A hybrid Triploid watermelon.

### Maturity

Main season 85 - 90 days.

### Plant Characteristics

Vigorous plants with healthy leaf cover.

**Plant population:** 2,500 to 3,000 plants/ha, grafted on a suitable rootstock. Interplanted with a suitable pollinator variety (833 to 1,500 plants/ha). Total plant population 3,333 to 4,500 plants/ha.

**Adaptation:** TALCA is recommended for early and main season production.

### Variety Characteristics

**Fruit Characteristics:** Large, uniform, oval fruit with weight of 8 - 11 kg. The rind has a dark green colour with irregular, light green stripes. The flesh has deep red colour with crisp texture, excellent flavour and high brix.

**Pollination:** A suitable pollinator must be inter-planted at a recommended ratio of 3:1 in the main season, when the conditions are favourable. In the early season and periods of difficult pollination, it is advisable to plant at a ratio of 2:1. Consult our seedless production guidelines for further information.

### Features & Benefits

The deep red, crisp flesh, excellent flavour and high brix delivers excellent eating quality and shelf life. Suitable for whole fruit market and fresh-cut.

**Disease Resistance:** IR: Co (1)

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**Resistance:** is the ability of a plant variety to restrict the growth and development of a specified pest or pathogen and/or the damage they cause when compared to susceptible plant varieties under similar environmental conditions and pest or pathogen pressure. Resistant varieties may exhibit some disease symptoms or damage under heavy pest or pathogen pressure (HR = High resistance, IR = Intermediate resistance).