Harvest of month

SEPTEMBER | WATERMELON

HEALTH BENEFITS

- VITAMIN C
- VITAMIN A
- VITAMIN B6
- LYCOPENE



HEALTHY SERVING IDEAS

All parts of the watermelon can be eaten, even the rind.

The watermelon can be classed as both a fruit and a vegetable. It is a vegetable because it is a member of the same family as cucumber, pumpkin, and squash. It is a fruit because it grows from seed.

Watermelons keep us hydrated, our skin fresh, and can clean the kidneys of toxins.

SHOPPING & STORAGE TIPS

We should have local watermelon from July through most of September, depending on how soon the fall weather sets in.

A ripe watermelon should have a thick rind that doesn't give easily when pressured. If you scratch it with your thumbnail, you shouldn't be able to cut through it. A ripe watermelon should have a firm rind that doesn't give to pressure and is not easily scratched.

Whole watermelon should be left at room temperature until ripe. Once ripe, place the whole watermelon, uncovered, in the refrigerator.



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INGREDIENTS



4 cups seedless watermelon, cubed

2 cups cucumbers, sliced into half moons

1/4 cup red onion, thinly sliced

1/3 cup crumbled feta

3 tablespoons honey

3 tablespoons fresh lime juice

WATERMELON SALAD

1. Mix all ingredients together and enjoy



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INGREDIENTS

1 small watermelon, sliced
1 mozzarella ball, sliced
2 tbsp. sliced fresh basil
Flaky sea salt
Freshly ground black pepper
Extra-virgin olive oil
Balsamic glaze



WATERMELON CAPRESE

- 1. Slice watermelon into ½ inch thick squares, about 3 inches X 3 inches.
- 2. Slice mozzarella into ½ inch slices.
- 3. On a serving dish, alternate slices of watermelon and mozzarella.
- 4. Sprinkle with basil, flaky sea salt and pepper.
- 5. Drizzle with olive oil and balsamic glaze and serve.