

# Picking a

# Watermelon

## Dried Tail

- Indicates watermelon was picked when it was ripe
- Green tail shows melon was picked too soon and isn't ripe



## Symmetrical

- Odd shaped melons indicate that it grew in spurts with irregular amounts of water and/or sun

## Field Spot

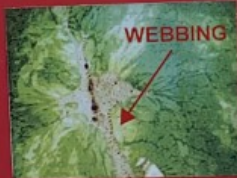
(Place where melon sat on the ground to ripen)

- Large darker yellow spots = longer the melon was on the vine getting sweet
- Yellow is better than white, but white is better than no spot at all



## Webbing

- Indicates bees pollinated the flower many times
- More pollination = sweeter melon



## Sugar Spots

- Black, hard globs on the surface of the watermelon = sugar seeping out. Which means you will have a sweeter watermelon.



## Gender Identification

- Girl melons are rounder shaped and taste sweeter
- Boy melons are longer and taste watery



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SWEET

## Average Size but Heavy

- Feels heavy for it's size when compared with melons of similar size
- The heavier the juicier

**Uglier the melon the sweeter it is!**

