



### Watermelon Hybrid 'Shiny Boy' F<sub>1</sub> AAS Vegetable Award Winner

In a taste test against comparisons, 'Shiny Boy' won! Judges favored the sweet tropical flavor and crisp texture. A red fleshed melon with dark seeds; this globe-shaped melon weighed about 20 pounds, some larger. The hybrid plants are vigorous; vines can grow up to 12 feet. 'Shiny Boy' can be grown vertically so that a large yard for a vegetable garden is not needed. Judges noted a high yield and generally healthy plants, tolerant of severe weather. It is an art form to determine when melons are ripe for harvest but plan to check plants in about 75 days from transplanting for mature fruit. 'Shiny Boy' is earlier than other varieties. This AAS Winner can be grown successfully in any geographic region with warm summer growing conditions. Bred by Known-You Seed Company.

#### **AAS® Winner Data**

**Genus species:** *Citrullus lanatus*

**Common name:** Watermelon

**Unique qualities:** Earlier than comparisons, high yield, delicious tasting

**Fruit size:** Globe shaped fruit 20 lbs. or larger

**Fruit color:** Deep red flesh with dark green rind

**Plant type:** Spreading vine

**Plant width:** 13 foot spread

**Garden location:** Full sun

**Garden spacing:** 8 to 10 feet

**Length of time to harvest:** 90 days from sowing seed, 75 days from transplant

**Disease tolerances:** Vigorous, tolerates general diseases and insects

**Closest comparisons on market:** 'Sweet Favorite,' 'Starlight,' 'Delta'

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