From ancient wild watermelons in the African desert to today’s new selections, watermelons have come a long way! Cal Sweet Bush is another example of how ongoing breeding efforts result in a new and better product. This is a true short internode (the sections between the stem joints) watermelon. These watermelons have compact, bushy vines that grow only 14-18” long and still provide enough foliage cover to protect the fruits. Each plant yields 2-3 fruits weighing 10-12 pounds. Like all AAS Winners, this newbie delivers exceptional taste and texture. Cal Sweet Bush is a great watermelon choice for gardeners with limited space or those wanting a container melon. Cal Sweet Bush will produce at least one fruit per vine if grown in a container. AAS Garden Tip: pick when the tendril is dried and brown for best fruit flavor.

**AAS® Winner Data**

- **Genus species:** *Citrullus lanatus*
- **Common name:** Watermelon
- **Fruit size:** 10-12 inches, 10-12 pounds, round to oval
- **Color:** Dark Green mottled rind with red flesh
- **Plant spread:** 14-18 inches
- **Plant habit:** Compact
- **Garden location:** Full sun
- **Garden spacing:** 10-12 inches
- **Length of time to harvest:** 65 days from transplant, 90 days from sowing seed
- **Disease resistance:** Powdery Mildew
- **Closest comparisons on market:** Starlight F1