

Recommended Varieties

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Why Are Certain Varieties Recommended?


- ▶ Disease resistance
- ▶ Have adapted to Midwest conditions
- ▶ Has been 'tested'
- ▶ Shown good results for several years
- ▶ Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, N. Dakota, & Ohio (NY & PA)

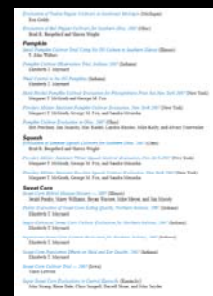


Midwest Vegetable Trial Report for 2008

Why Are Certain Varieties Recommended? *continued*


- ▶ Lots of data
- ▶ Varies from year to year
- ▶ Over time is fairly comprehensive
- ▶ Now on the internet





Recent Missouri trials

- ▶ Beets '04
- ▶ Seedless mini-watermelons '04
- ▶ Late Season Eggplant '05
- ▶ Late Planted Peppers '05
- ▶ PM Tolerant Pumpkins (on plastic) '05
- ▶ Eggplant, Seedless Watermelon '09



Online Resources

- ▶ Purdue Fruit and Vegetable Connection
 - <http://www.hort.purdue.edu/fruitveg/reports.shtml>

Sound logical?

Early, Short Row Trial of Eastern Muskmelons in Southwestern Indiana, 2006

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Indiana is a leader in the nation for production of eastern muskmelon with Knox, Sullivan, and Gibson counties ranking in the top 100 melon producing counties. The evaluation of newly released varieties and advanced experimental breeding lines in an independent assessment is extremely valuable for growers and seed producers in the commercial melon industry. The objective of this study was to comparatively evaluate and identify potential new cultivars and advanced experimental breeding lines that may be adaptable to the growing conditions in southwestern Indiana. Growers are seeking high yielding, high quality, early maturing types with excellent disease resistance and acceptable keeping quality during shipping and storage. Fruit need to be medium to large and have high uniformity in both size and shape. Traditionally, markets have demanded fruit with heavy netting and distinct ridges. Melons that can be stored and held easily for longer periods of time, and those that could be harvested at a slightly earlier slip-stage and still retain acceptable quality would also be desirable.

