

# How to Grow Minnesota Midget Melons from Seed

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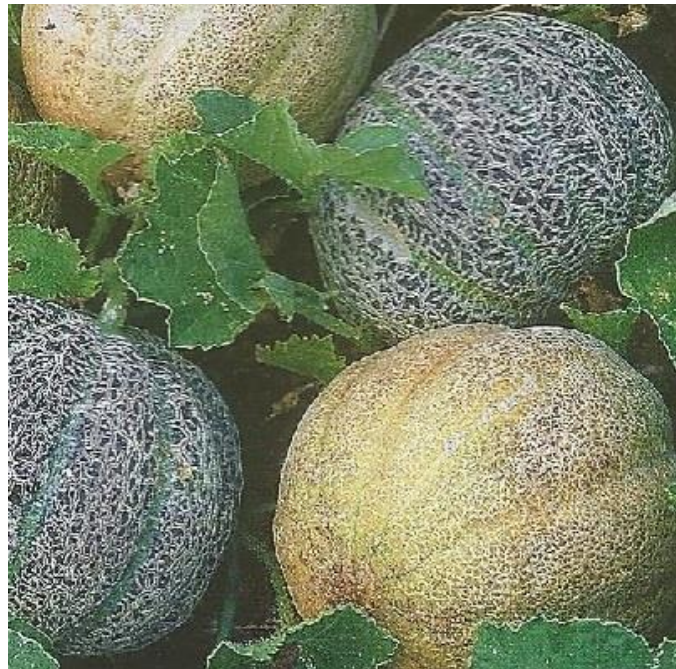


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Sweet, juicy, vine ripened Minnesota Midget melons are a special treat from the summer garden. These delightful fruits require lots of heat and sunshine to mature to full sweetness and deep color. Minnesota Midget melons are delicious alone, or they can be dressed up as well. Serve chilled with lemon or lime wedges, top with yogurt, or mix with watermelon balls for a tasty and attractive salad or dessert.

## Minnesota Midget Melon Seed Growing Instructions

<b>Planting Depth</b>	<b>Seeds per Group (Hill)</b>	<b>Spacing Between Seeds</b>	<b>Spacing of Groups (Hills)</b>	<b>Days to Germination</b>	<b>Thin to Plants per Group (Hill)</b>	<b>Days to Maturity</b>
1"	6 to 8	3"	4 to 6 feet	10 to 20	2 to 3	90 to 100

## When and Where to Plant Your Minnesota Midget Melon Seeds

Select a sunny, well drained location and sow seeds in the late spring when soil has warmed. For an earlier crop, start seeds indoors four to five weeks before planting outdoors. For best results, loosen soil with a spade or fork, fertilize with vegetable food and smooth with rake. Firm soil over seed and keep moist.

## How to Care for Your Minnesota Midget Melon Plants

Keep soil moist and fertilize monthly. Mulch to conserve moisture.

## Harvesting Your Minnesota Midget Melons

Pick when the blossom end is slightly springy and when the stem separates with a slight pull. For best flavor, ripen on the vine.

## Health Notes About Your Minnesota Midget Melons

Minnesota Midget melons are a great source of Vitamin A. They also supply Calcium, Iron, and Vitamins B and C.



### About the Author

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