

# Melon

## Cucumis Melo

China: doan gwa  
Indonesia: bhaloogka

India: kharbooza  
Middle East: shumman

Melon believed to be native to Asia, but some say tropical Africa. Melon is family of Cucumber, Gourds, Marrow and Pumpkin.

There is no document proof to show the number of race of Melon. There is a belief that there are three main groups:-

### Winter Melon-

This variety can be yellow, green or pale skinned with hard ribbed skin, pale green or white flesh with crisp and sweet taste. (Honeydew Melon)

### Musket or Nutmeg Melon:-

This variety has netted skin which could be green to yellow. The flesh could be green, orange or pink. (Cantaloupe, Galia, Rock Melon, Ogen)

### Charentais:-

This variety seems to be its own. It is a fine French specimen, green skin with stripes and has orange flesh. When is fully ripe the flesh is very soft.

There are other varieties which cannot be identified from by group e.g. "Tiger" Melon which is grown in Turkey or Greece which has a yellow-orange-black striped skin with soft yellow flesh which has apple like flavour.

Other Melon is Horned Melon which is grown widely in Africa and South America. This is more like Cucumber.

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