

# HARVEST

## {Of the Month}



WATERMELON

### Fast Facts

- ✓ The gene that causes a watermelon to appear red is the exact same gene that determines how sweet a watermelon will be. **The redder the sweeter!**
- ✓ **100 million tons of watermelon are grown yearly worldwide.**
- ✓ **Watermelons are 92% water!** In ancient Egypt, watermelons were grown and stored for months at a time. During a dry season, Egyptians would destroy watermelons to drink the smashed watery fruit inside.



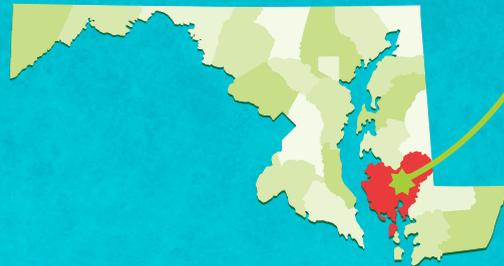
### Featured Farm

**EMILY'S PRODUCE**  
**DORCHESTER COUNTY**

Located on the Eastern Shore, the Jackson family, owner of Emily's Produce, has been farming the same land since 1878. Do you have a favorite watermelon memory? Share with us on social media using the **#MDKidsEatLocal!**

### Availability

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