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!