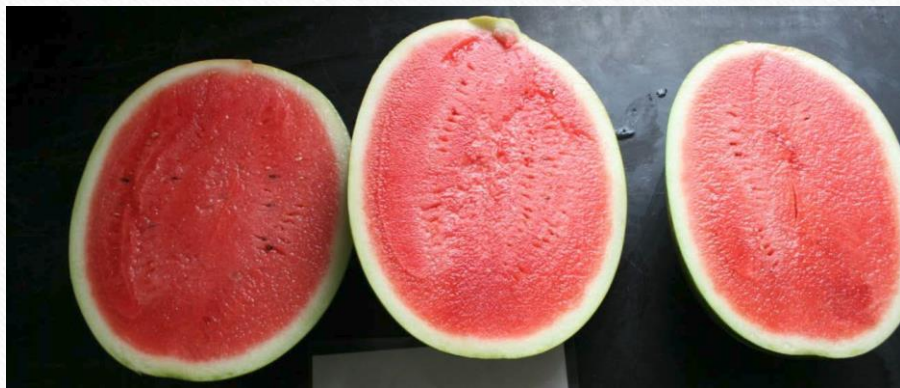


## ‘Carolina Strongback’



- ‘Carolina Strongback’ is a new rootstock material for grafting watermelon. It has resistance to Fusarium wilt races 1 and 2, as well as tolerance to root knot nematodes.
- Carolina Strongback was derived from two wild watermelon species, each with resistance to Fusarium wilt race 1 and 2, with targeted selection for grafting qualities and seed production.
- This material would be used by seed companies, vegetable grafting companies and watermelon growers as a rootstock for growing susceptible watermelon cultivars (scion) in soils infested by the watermelon Fusarium wilt pathogen and root knot nematodes.
- Jointly released by ARS and Clemson University
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