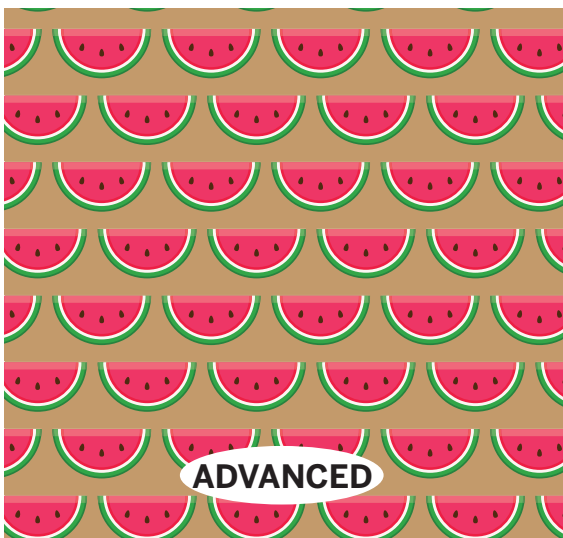


Melons are pollinated by bees, and they will cross-pollinate with other melon varieties, but not with cucumbers or squash. Please grow just one of our melon varieties, or separate varieties by at least 200 feet for seed saving.



# Harvesting the Seed

Always select disease-free and early maturing melons to save for seed. The seeds are ready to be saved when the fruit is perfect for eating.

Remove the seeds from the ripe melon, thoroughly wash them in a strainer and set out to dry on a screen or in coffee filters. Paper plates work as well, but stir often to avoid sticking. Let the seeds dry a week or two. If you can break one with a snap, or shatter it with a hammer, it's dry! [Save 15 seeds to return to the library.]

Wisconsin's first seed library, located on the second floor at the La Crosse Public Library's location on Main Street, helps nurture a thriving community of gardeners and seed savers and is brought to you by a partnership:



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