



# Cantaloupe harvest

## Make more money - Harvest fruit at the right time

Harvest fruit if:

1. **Size:** Fruit is firm and fully developed in size.
2. **Stem slip:** There is cracking where the stem connects with the fruit and you need moderate thumb force to separate the stem from the fruit.
3. **Leaf dying:** The first leaf from the fruit is drying.
4. **Color:** Fruit is yellowish with a “net” pattern developed on the fruit skin.



Avoid these problems

Immature fruit has poor taste



Over-ripe fruit are damaged before reaching the market.



These problems lead to lower prices.

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