U.C. HONEYLOUPE

UC. Honeylooue—developed by Frank W. Zink—is an andromonoecious, short-internode, salmon-orange flesh muskmelon, Cucumis melo L. It has value as a cultivar for commercial summer production in the San Joaquin and Sacramento valleys, and fall production in the Imperial Valley.

Honeylooue is also ideal for the home garden.

Origin. U.C. Honeylooue is the eighth generation from a three-way cross between a pink-fleshed Honey Ball seed parent and first generation PMR45 Muskmelon × Honey Dew.

Description. Honeylooue produces plants with vigorous, dark-green foliage, giving good cover to the fruit. Plant diameter is about 6 feet (180 cm), producing three to four fruits. The fruits are broadly oval to slightly elongated, with a diameter of 5.5 to 6.5 inches (14.0 to 16.5 cm), and a weight of 3 to 5 pounds (1.36 to 2.27 kg). The fruit size is smaller than Honey Dew and matures earlier. The skin is ivory white or greenish white, turning creamy white with a pale salmon tint at harvest time. It is smooth, with no net. The flesh is thick, salmon-orange, firm, and has good flavor. The seed cavity is small and dry.

-Mel Gagnon