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Annual Catalogue

H. Van Buskirk Seed Co.

ROCKY FORD'S BEST SEEDS

1922



Van Buskirk's NETTED KING
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The Breakfast Delicacy

ROCKY FORD, COLORADO

The H. Van Buskirk Seed Co., wishes to thank all its patrons for the patronage given them the past twenty years, and now on the eve of its twenty-first year we present to you what we believe to be the most beautiful catalogue ever issued by a seed house, and in putting this out the one feature uppermost has been to show exactly the true condition of the items shown.

The H. Van Buskirk Seed Co. is one of, if not the oldest, seed house in Rocky Ford. Established in the earlier days of the seed business here, we have enjoyed a growing business, our patrons have had confidence in us because it is one of the rules of the house that all customers be satisfied, and we aim to adhere to this. If you have a grievance tell us, give us the opportunity to right it.

We are one of the largest land owners in the Valley. This allows us to experiment, and grow as we would like, and it is our aim to keep our seeds which are sold under the Copyrighted name "SALMOTINTO" better than any others. In ordering seeds grown here insist on their bearing the above name which stands for the best in their particular variety. Wherever you are remember there are none quite so good as Rocky Ford seeds when it comes to Cantaloupes, Watermelons and Cucumbers.

OUR REFERENCES

Dun's, Bradstreet's or any Commercial Agency.

IMPORTANT

To all Home Gardeners, Market Gardeners, Cantaloupe, Watermelon and Cucumber growers.

If you will select from our catalogue the seeds you want and send us the order we will set aside your order out of our choice selection of seeds and you are not compelled to pay for them until you order them shipped. In this way you have first pick and will get the best seeds that time, money, patience and trouble can obtain.

Dealers, Market gardeners, Farmers Unions, Melon Associations, Farmers Associations, Cantaloupe Associations, Shipping Associations, etc., should write to H. Van Buskirk Seed Co., Rocky Ford, Colorado, telling the number of pounds or acreage to be planted and get our special prices. We sell as low as any one can sell and give the quality.



Made from photograph taken in the field after cantaloupes were piled ready for hand cutting to remove seeds.

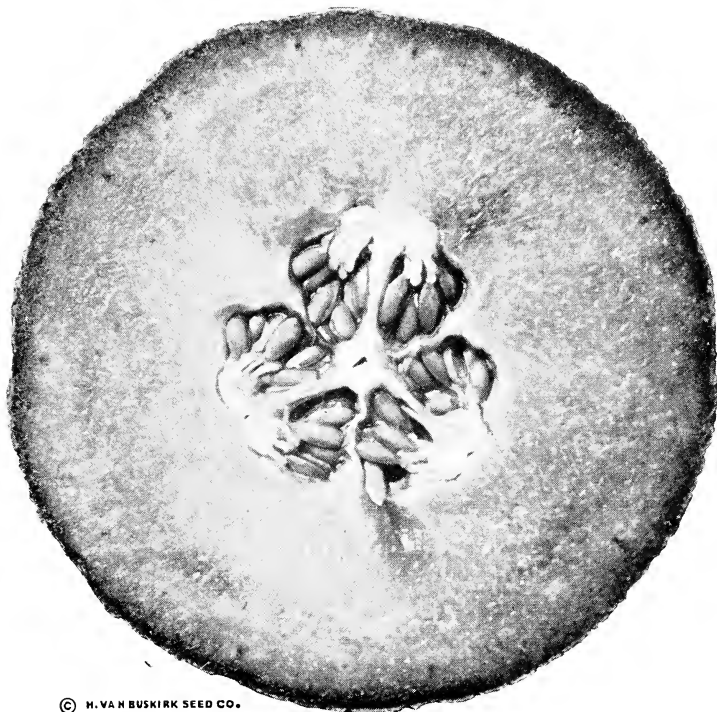
Van Buskirk's
NETTED KING
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Cantaloupe

The season of 1921 showed conclusively that the NETTED KING cantaloupe stands in a class by itself; there is no other cantaloupe grown that equals it in any one of its many superior points.

It is of exceedingly small seed cavity, contains an excess of sugar over other types, it is beautiful, it has the most exquisite flavor of any cantaloupe grown, it is better than any other type we know of when it comes to shipping, and we believe we know all types of any value, it commands the best price on the market, it is the largest yielder of any cantaloupe. It is of the Salmon tint variety, bred up practically to perfection, retaining the delicious cantaloupe flavor of the melons as grown in this locality many years ago, which has been practically lost in all other Salmon tint varieties. Once you eat a Netted King no other satisfies.

The NETTED KING can be picked when at the stage of a full slip. Differing from other cantaloupes it shows the ripening stage on the exterior prior to the interior which does away with any guess work as to the proper time to pick. A melon ripened on the vine is far better than one picked at an immature stage as it will not wither, thus making it by far a better shipper besides giving it the full allotment of sugar.

Oz. 25c, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 75c, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. \$1.50, lb. \$2.50.



The above picture taken from photograph made from a cut cantaloupe of the **Netted King** shows the exceedingly small seed cavity of this melon, a condition that is sought after by all cantaloupe growers. Besides the advantage of more edible fruit, and the better appearance, it makes by far a better shipping melon, the seeds do not come loose.

POLLOCK No. 25

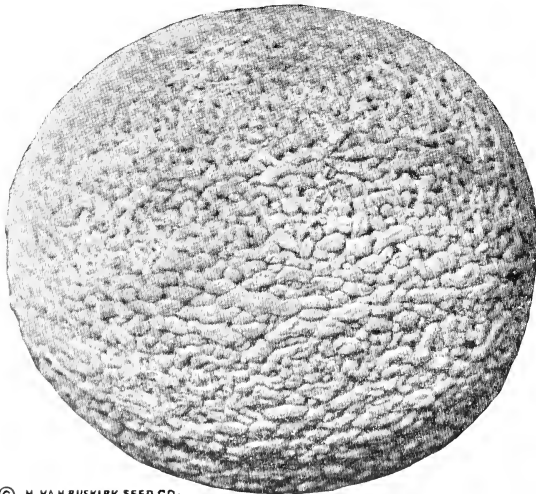
Pollock No. 25—This is an early melon, solid net type, and is very desirable; flesh salmon tint; a splendid keeper and stands shipping well; we have an excellent stock of seed of our own growing.

Realizing the superiority of this melon over the Pollock 10-25 which took preference over the Pollock 25 some three years ago, we have grown this seed to quite an extent each year, believing it to be a better melon than the 10-25, which was shown conclusively this past season as the 10-25 type developed a very large seed cavity and a watery interior, which was not shown in the Pollock 25 type.

Large growers can hardly afford to plant the 10-25 in face of this development. Better grow the straight Pollock 25, it is a much better melon. The H. Van Buskirk Seed Co. were the only ones we believe to grow this type to any extent although there are those who, now realizing the superiority of the 25, are offering seed taken from 10-25 melons as Pollock 25. We have each year endeavored to improve on the original with the result that our fields in 1921 were practically perfect, not showing disease of any kind, and not any rust. The State Cantaloupe Inspector of this district commented very highly on this type, as he did on the **Netted King**.

All Associations should write us for prices, stating approximately the quantity desired.

Oz. 15c, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 45c, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. 80c, lb. \$1.50.



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POLLOCK 10—25.

Pollock 10-25—The cantaloupe which three years ago took the lead over the Pollock 25, a salmon tint melon grown very largely by our largest shippers.

Oz. 15c, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 45c, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. 80c, lb. \$1.50.

EDEN GEM.

Eden Gem—A green flesh cantaloupe, one of the good strains of Rocky Ford solid net type cantaloupes, a great favorite with Southern growers, very early and very prolific, fine grained and good flavor.

Oz. 15c, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 45c, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. 80c, lb. \$1.50.

BURRELL'S GEM.

Burrell's Gem—Very much like the Osage, a superior orange fleshed shipping melon of splendid flavor, sweet and juicy, seed cavity very small, very prolific.

Oz. 15c, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 45c, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. 80c, lb. \$1.50.

HONEY DEW.

Honey Dew—A hybrid, rind smooth, when fully ripe waxy color similar to ripe banana peeling, weight from five to eight pounds, flesh pea green, sweet and delicious, matures about ten days after cantaloupes, a very desirable melon.

Oz. 20c, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 75c, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. \$1.00, lb. \$1.75.

ROCKY FORD CANTALOUPE.

A solid net type cantaloupe of the Salmon Tint variety, delicious flavor, an excellent melon both for the home or for the Market Gardener.

Oz. 15c, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 45c, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. 80c, lb. \$1.50.

EXTRA EARLY HACKENSACK.

This is a selection of the popular Hackensack, ripening about ten days earlier, melons of good size, heavily ribbed and netted, thick light green flesh, good flavor.

Oz. 15c, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 45c, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. 80c, lb. \$1.50.

BAY VIEW.

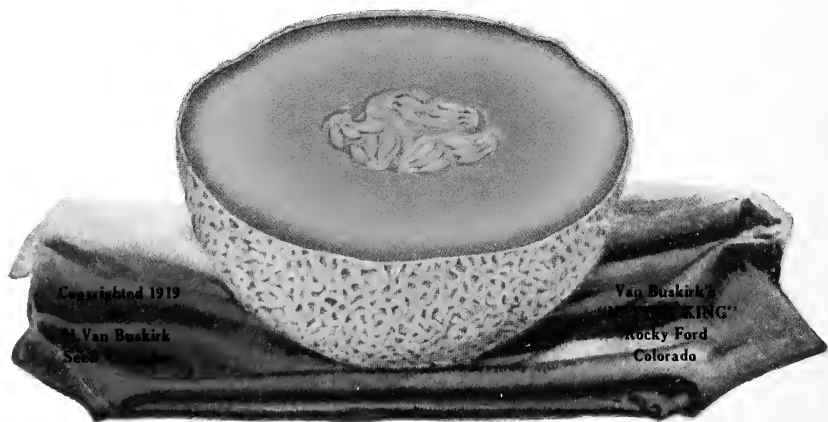
Bay View—Early, productive, often weighs 12 to 15 lbs., deep ribbed and coarse netted, one of the best large types.

Oz. 15c, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 45c, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. 80c, lb. \$1.50.

NETTED ROCK.

Named because of its solid condition when full ripe, a type originated by this house, the fact of its being so solid makes it an exceedingly good keeper, very small seed cavity, a salmon fleshed melon of excellent flavor, one of the very best types produced at Rocky Ford, an excellent cantaloupe for all purposes.

Oz. 15c, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 45c, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. 80c, lb. \$1.50.



Van Buskirk's "NETTED KING"
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CUCUMBERS.

Van Buskirk's Crystal Wax Cucumbers—Sparkling whiteness, delicious flavor, scarcity of seeds, a cucumber of which you will be proud, a money maker.

Oz. 25c, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 75c, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. \$1.50, lb. \$2.50, 5 lbs. \$8.00

NEW DAVIS PERFECT.

Resembles the Hot House Cucumber, equally good for the Hot House or out door culture, exceedingly tender, very few seeds, excellent for table slicing, it is the one cucumber to be grown for the Market, it retains its dark green color longer than other varieties.

Oz. 15c, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 45c, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. 80c, lb. \$1.50.

IMPROVED LONG GREEN.

Long and crisp, one of the very best for the family garden, also popular and reliable for pickles, very few seeds.

Oz. 20c, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 75c, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. \$1.00, lb. \$1.75.

WHITE SPINE.

Arlington White Spine—For Market use and pickling, it is superior to the old White Spine.

Oz. 15c, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 45c, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. 75c, lb. \$1.25.

BOSTON PICKLING.

CHICAGO PICKLING.

JERSEY PICKLING.

SNOW'S PICKLING.

NEW KLONDYKE.

FIRST of ALL.

EARLY FRAME or SHORT GREEN.

EARLY GREEN CLUSTER.

Oz. 10c, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 30c, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. 55c, lb. \$1.00.

*The following lines are dedicated to the memory of Dr. H. Van Buskirk
The originator of the "SUGAR BOY" Watermelon
By J. B. Cater, Malcolm, Ala.
Grower of "Sugar Boy" Melons in preference to all others*

I break my land, I make my bed,
For melons fine and rich and red,
I grow them fine for old HAM'S race,
They bring a smile to their darkened face.

Of all the kinds that I have tried,
Of striped rinds I can't confide;
But SUGAR BOYS so nicely grow,
I must on them my praise bestow.

The rich green vines so fast they grow,
On them entwined, great melons grow,
With rich green rind, some mammoths glow,
And oft you find ONE blocks the row.

The sugar's there, the boy oft, too,
To get his share, he does tip-toe
For in his fear, he might disclose
The place at where, he comes and goes.

Why does he sneak in the SUGAR BOY patch
And there to meet his melting match?
He knows full well, his thirst 'twill quell,
From middle mell, to thinnest shell.

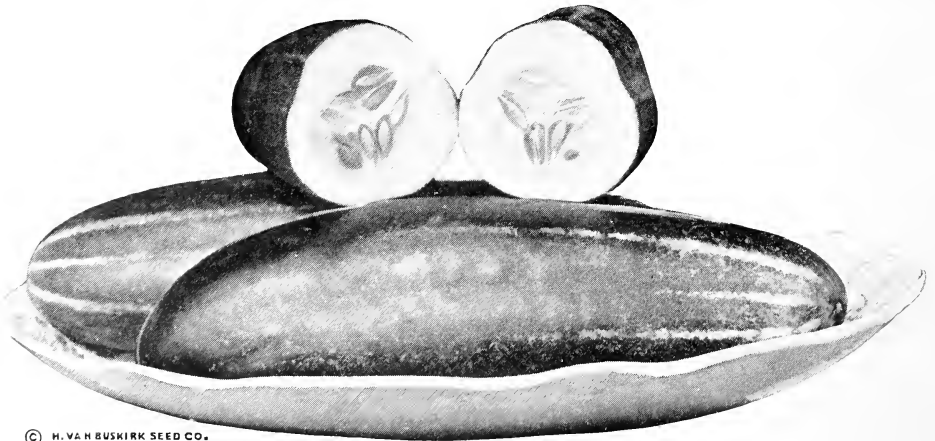
Of all the mells that I have seen,
Sweet SUGAR BOY stands out supreme.
In sweet content it stands serene
Of oblong shape, and rind of green.

Now hurry boys, for the SUGAR BOYS
And buy some joys with gentle poise.
Bring on the girls and at them hurl
Jellup chunks unfurled from rind not curled.

You wish to see a negro's joy?
Place on his knee a SUGAR BOY:
It looks so neat, it's no decoy,
Its nectar's sweet, is SUGAR BOY.

If something sweet, you do enjoy,
A product neat to give some boy,
A cargo fine for ships ahoy.
You'll find it all in SUGAR BOY.

Praise to you, VAN BUSKIRK, friend:
Praise to you, for you did blend
Heaven's sweets with earthly joys
Enclosed within your SUGAR BOYS.



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Van Buskirk's Crystal Wax.

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Netted King showing appearance when cut in the field. Note the perfect condition of the vines, this is characteristic with this melon.

WATERMELONS.

VAN BUSKIRK'S SUGAR BOY

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The Most Delicious of All

A large sweet luscious melon, dark green shell with solid bright red flesh, is the most pleasing melon to be found. All Home gardens as well as Market gardeners should grow it, it is very productive, very early. The most exquisite, delicious melon known to man.

Oz. 25c, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 75c, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. \$1.25, lb. \$2.00, 5 lbs. \$8.00

TOM WATSON.

One of, if not the best shipping type of watermelons, the rind is tough to stand the hard usage, long in shape, dark green shell, red flesh, the vines bear very profusely.

Oz. 20c, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 45c, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. 75c, lb. \$1.35.

KLECKLEY SWEET.

HALBERT HONEY.

GEORGIA RATTLESNAKE.

FLORIDA FAVORITE.

Oz. 20c, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 45c, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. 75c, lb. \$1.35.

RUSSIAN or WINTER WATERMELON.

Something new and a melon when once introduced will be a great favorite. Those who take advantage now and grow for the Market will be well repaid. It is about ten inches in diameter, almost round, of a light yellow outside, the flesh is a bright red with very small jet black seeds, it is delicious and any one who likes watermelons cannot help but like this one, and coming as it does after other melons are gone makes it very popular, it keeps a surprisingly long time if kept in a cool place. They will keep until the latter part of November and here we keep them well into December.

Considerable money was made here this past season shipping these melons crated four to the crate in excelsior.

Oz. 35c, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 90c, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. \$1.75, lb. \$3.00.

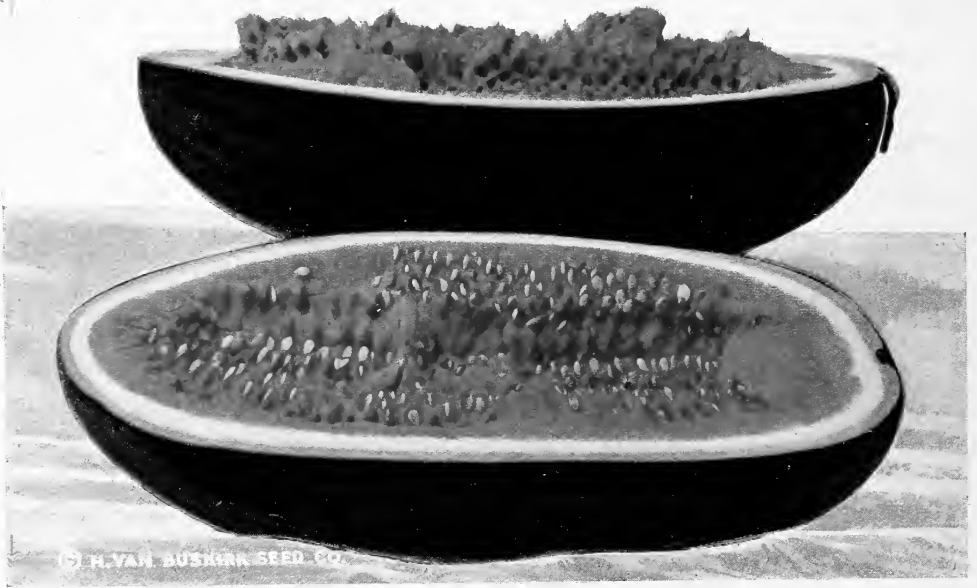
BEANS.

For several years we have made a specialty of raising Burpee's Stringless Green Pod Beans, hand picking and putting them in better condition than is usually done, for the Merchant and the Planter who require the best obtainable. If you should be interested in Garden Beans of any variety write us telling your wants, we usually have a stock of the various kinds. We solicit your correspondence.

ALFALFA SEED.

If in need of Alfalfa seed you can do no better than buy Colorado grown, there is none better. We have in the house at this time as good seed as we have ever seen; it is exceedingly high both in purity and germination; the color is excellent. We shall be pleased to send sample and price upon request. Tell us your wants.





Van Buskirk's Jumbo Sugar Boy, the most exquisite, delicious melon known to man.
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(See poem on page 10)