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DUKE JONES.

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THE LARGEST and MOST PROLIFIC MELON NOW IN EXISTENCE.

One Carload of 800 Melons, Averaging 43 lbs. each, Gathered from two-thirds of an Acre.

From Thomasville (Ga.) Times, of June 27th, 1893: Mr. Keefer, the hustling manager of the ice works, called the reporter in yesterday afternoon and cut one of the finest melons we ever saw. It was of the "Duke Jones" variety, grown by Mr. W. M. Girardeau, of Monticello, and we are here to tell you that no finer grows anywhere. Mr. Girardeau takes special pains with the cultivation of this variety, and they are among the best that is produced in this section.

OFFICE OF AGENT S. F. & W. RY., MONTICELLO, FLA., Nov. 20th, 1893.—Mr. W. M. Girardeau loaded for shipment over our road ten or twelve cars of his new melons, "Duke Jones." In size they were simply immense; several of the cars would average 40 lbs. to the melon. In no case did he put in car over 850 melons, and on every car he shipped there was a freight charge for excess weight (above limit allowed of 24,000 lbs.). I can say without hesitation that these were the finest melons I have ever seen; in flavor they were delicious.
T. J. WRIGHT, Agt. S. F. & W. Ry.

CINCINNATI, OHIO, July 1st, 1893.—W. M. Girardeau, Monticello, Fla.: Dear Sir—Your second car of "Duke Jones" to hand. They are very fine. Ship more of same.
Yours truly, J. LEVERONE & Co.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, Nov. 29th, 1893.—W. M. Girardeau, Monticello, Fla.: Dear Sir—We had the pleasure of handling several cars the past season of your "Duke Jones" watermelons and we are pleased to say that they are the finest variety of melons that we have ever handled, making the best appearance and being the best eating melon.
Yours truly, W. E. BIGALOW & Co.

PEPPER GROVE, TEX., July 7th, 1893.—Dear Sir: Your "Duke Jones" did well with me (taking into consideration the extremely wet season, which is unfavorable for melons). Just sixty-seven days from day of planting I picked the first ripe melon, ripened close up to the rind, and was pronounced by all who tasted it as the finest flavored melon of season. The vines are extremely vigorous and, with us, root at nearly every joint, making it more desirable. As a melon for home use, I would class it as the very best.
Respectfully yours, WM. W. GREGORY.

CINCINNATI, OHIO, Nov. 30, 1893.—W. M. Girardeau, Monticello, Fla.: Dear Sir—We think the "Duke Jones" melon, like those shipped us, should be very popular; they are of very fine appearance, large, round and cut good. We feel safe in saying that growers will find ready market for this variety of melon grown from these seed.
Yours truly, KUSHMAN, WIGGINS & Co.

What an Experienced Seed Grower says about the "Duke Jones": KEUKA, FLA., Nov. 23d, 1893.—Dear Sir—I consider the "Duke Jones" a very fine melon, as the yield was good and melons all very large; meat solid and of very sweet, fine flavor. You need not hesitate about putting seed of this melon on the market and making a success. The muskmelon, "Southern Beauty," was the finest thing in that line I have ever seen and I shall wish seed for my own planting the coming season, as my crop was too near other kinds to save seed.
Yours truly, JOHN A. GERMOND.

GONZALES, TEXAS, Nov. 27th, 1893.—Dear Sir: Yours of 18th Oct. hand. In response to your letter I must let you know that the "Duke Jones" watermelon did not water never any other melon did do with me. I never had such melons since I am in Texas; the ground was literally covered with melons. I hardly could get my foot down on the ground without stepping on a melon. I had the "Improv't Dixie Plant" set by side, but were there was one Dixie there was ten "Duke Jones" on the same space and all melons like Beer Barel's. I am planting melons now for 15 years, but I have never such a crop in quantity or quality. Danking you for the kindness of sending me the seed, I am,
Truly yours, JOSEPH GRASSE, Gonzales, Texas.

From the Mayor of Monticello, Fla.: MONTICELLO, FLA., Aug. 15th, 1893.—I rode through Mr. Girardeau's melon fields two or three times each week, from the time the first one ripened till seed were taken from the last one. His crops were magnificent. I cannot think as fine can be made again, although Mr. G. says he can do so once more. Just imagine two hundred and fifty acres of land literally covered with the finest of melons and you have an idea of what a sight it was. His new melon, "Duke Jones," was head and shoulders above all others; in size, in flavor, in quantity. Truck growers and farmers will do well to secure seed of this variety and give it a trial next season. They will certainly be pleased with it.
JAS. S. DENHAM.

OFFICE OF W. M. GIRARDEAU,
WHOLESALE SEED GROWER & DEALER.

Monticello, Fla., October 1894.

DEAR SIRS—If you need any Watermelon Seed for next season's business, buy from headquarters. Have grown melon seed for 15 years and guarantee satisfaction. Southern grown watermelon seed are always the best. Send me memorandum of your wants and I will give you very low prices. Seed shipped now, payment March 1st, next. Below find list of varieties I have to offer.
Yours truly, W. M. GIRARDEAU.

GIRARDEAU'S DUKE JONES, (New)

" NEW FAVORITE.

" FLORIDA FAVORITE.

" SEMINOLE.

MAMMOTH IRONCLAD.

CUBAN QUEEN.

PRIDE OF GEORGIA.

JONES

JUMBO.

DARK ICING.

GREEN AND GOLD.

KOLB GEM, (SELECTED STOCK)

MUSK MELONS.

EXTRA EARLY HACKENSACK.

LARGE LATE

GOLDEN NETTED GEM.

MILLER'S CREAM.

SOUTHERN BEAUTY (New)