



## National Watermelon Association, Inc.

### Auction Rules

1. No carry over loads from one year to the next, any problems will be taken care of in the year that the shipment is due.
2. If there are multiple donors/buyers, the person responsible for loading the melons is the only one who will be contacted or dealt with.
3. When reminder notices are send on auction loads, they will include an NWA Load # and this number will be used thereafter in regards to the load. In addition, the seller load # will also be used when provided. Reminder notices will be issued 1 week before and 2 weeks after load is to ship.
4. Shipment is to be made no more than one day earlier or later than the agreed date unless all parties have agreed on a different date.
5. Donor and Buyer are jointly responsible for transportation and shipping arrangements of the load. If both parties are unable to obtain transportation, the buyer is to call the NWA office for assistance. The NWA will notify the Auction Committee. It is ultimately the responsibility of the shipper & buyer to resolve.
6. If you are unable to ship the load for any reason, the donor/shipper is to call the NWA office requesting that an alternate shipper be designated, shipments of the load precedes with the donor being billed by NWA for the ground fob load cost.
7. If agreement is not fulfilled, if the load is not shipped or if an alternate shipper is not available, the donor is responsible to NWA for the shipping date ground fob price, with the buyer responsible for the Auction bid price minus the shipping date ground fob price. The shipper is responsible for the loading allowance.
8. *On shipment, please contact NWA by email, fax or phone with weight, date shipped and tag or shipper load number.*
9. Payment is due to NWA within 45 days after receipt of shipment.
10. If you have an outstanding load or outstanding balance from the previous year, you cannot purchase loads for the current year. Your account must be in "good standing" by auction date. Definition of "good standing" is paid in full by the next auction, no monies owed or loads unloaded.
11. All loads will be governed by PACA Rules