

HARVEST

{Of the Month}



WATERMELON

Fast Facts

- ✓ The gene that causes a watermelon to appear red is the exact same gene that determines how sweet a watermelon will be. **The redder the sweeter!**
- ✓ **100 million tons of watermelon are grown yearly worldwide.**
- ✓ **Watermelons are 92% water!** In ancient Egypt, watermelons were grown and stored for months at a time. During a dry season, Egyptians would destroy watermelons to drink the smashed watery fruit inside.



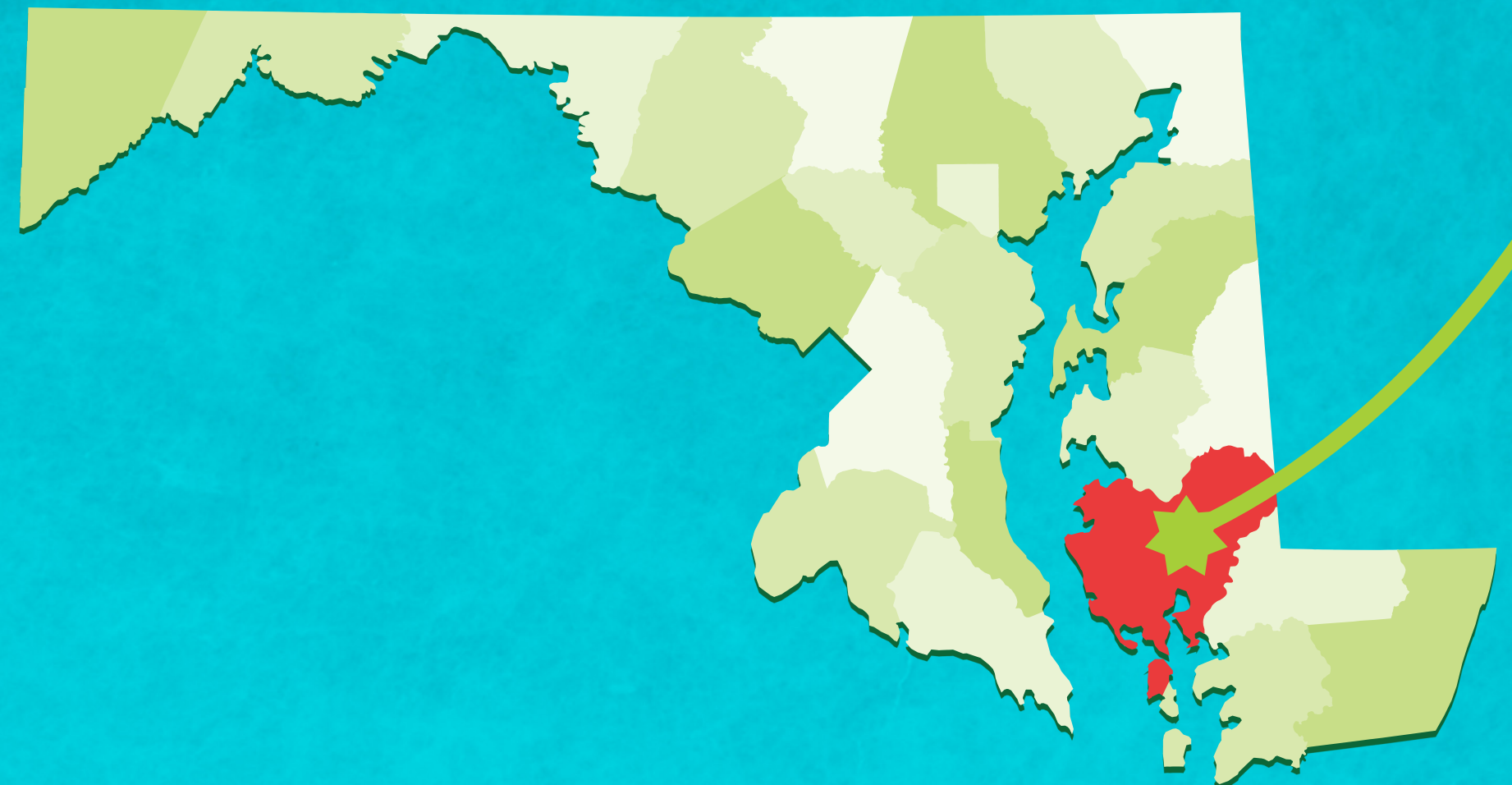
Featured Farm

EMILY'S PRODUCE
DORCHESTER COUNTY

Located on the Eastern Shore, the Jackson family, owner of Emily's Produce, has been farming the same land since 1878. Do you have a favorite watermelon memory? Share with us on social media using the **#MDKidsEatLocal!**

Availability

JULY - SEPTEMBER



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