

Watermelon MARTINI

The 44th Annual Louisiana Watermelon Festival will be held in Farmerville, July 27 & 28. Bartender's trick: To chill a martini glass, simply fill with ice and water before making the cocktail. While you're shaking, the glass is chilling; when you're finished mixing, just pour out the ice water.



MAKES 1 SERVING.

1/2 ounce freshly squeezed lemon juice
or 1/2 ounce sour mix
1 ounce melon liqueur
1 ounce citrus-flavored vodka
1 1/2 ounces freshly puréed watermelon
Crushed ice
Sprig of mint, for garnish
Small slice of watermelon with rind, for garnish

In a cocktail shaker, combine lemon juice, melon liqueur, vodka and watermelon purée over crushed ice. Shake and strain into a chilled martini glass. Garnish with mint sprig and watermelon slice and serve.