**Table 1.** Effect of row cover treatment on muskmelon (ISU Horticulture Research Station, Gilbert, IA).

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|  | **Fruit Number** | | **Weight (lb)** | | **Quality** | |
| **Treatment** | **Total** | **Mktbl.** | **Total** | **Mktbl.** | **Brix** | **Undersize**  **culls #** |
| No Row Cover | 22.0 b\* | 12.5 b | 80.1 b | 53.2 b | 8.8 b | 0.5 b |
| Row cover removed at anthesis | 27.1 a | 15.2 a | 97.1 a | 63.9 a | 9.2 a | 1.7 a |
| Row cover removed 10 days after anthesis | 27.1 a | 15.6 a | 99.4 a | 66.6 a | 9.3 a | 2.0 a |
| LSD | 3.1 | 2.27 | 12.4 | 10.4 | 0.3 | 1.0 |

**\*** Means followed by the same letter are not significantly different within row (P<0.05).