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I did not recognize μελοπεπονιν in line 2 of the text above. It is presumably for μηλοπεπόνιον, a diminutive of μηλόπεπων. The latter, a kind of apple-shaped melon, has apparently not been found in papyri up till now, but it is known from other texts in both Greek and Latin and is listed in the standard dictionaries. The diminutive seems to be new, but the non-compounded πεπόνιον is common enough.

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