

## GIANT PUMPKIN AND SQUASH CONTESTS

<b>SUPERINTENDENT</b>	Carl Wzorek Westfield, Massachusetts
<b>ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT</b>	Dorothy Wzorek Westfield, Massachusetts
<b>JUDGE</b>	<b>PUMPKINS &amp; SQUASH:</b> Judge By Weight
<b>ARRIVAL</b>	<b>YOUTH GIANT PUMPKIN &amp; SQUASH</b> Friday, September 13, 2024, 5 to 5:45pm  <b>ADULT GIANT PUMPKIN &amp; SQUASH</b> Friday, September 19, 2024, 5 to 5:45pm
<b>SHOW</b>	<b>YOUTH GIANT PUMPKIN &amp; SQUASH JUNIOR AND SENIOR DIVISION</b> Friday, September 13, 2024 6:30pm, Mallary Arena 2  <b>ADULT GIANT PUMPKIN &amp; SQUASH</b> Friday, September 20, 2024 6:30pm, Mallary Arena 2
<b>RELEASE</b>	<b>YOUTH GIANT PUMPKIN &amp; SQUASH</b> Thursday, September 19, 2024, 10pm  <b>ADULT GIANT PUMPKIN &amp; SQUASH</b> Sunday, September 29, 2024, 10pm

### **ENTRIES CLOSE ON AUGUST 31**

#### **SPECIAL RULES**

- 1. READ GENERAL RULES.** All entries and awards within this show will be subject to the General Rules and Regulations published in this Premium Book and the following Special Rules.
- 2. WEIGH-OFF.** Entries for each weigh-off must arrive between 5-5:45pm. The weigh-off will start at 6:30pm. Late entries will not be accepted. Each exhibitor must have sent in an entry form with a \$5 entry fee per vegetable by August 31. We will not accept vegetables without entry forms. Pumpkins must be 80% orange. Any vegetable with less orange will be considered a squash. Committee decision is final.
- 3. PASSES.** Three people passes and one auto pass will be issued per farm entering in the giant pumpkin and squash classes. Two people passes and one auto pass will be given to the gourd, traditional and decorated pumpkin classes.
- 4. LOGISTICS.** The top three to five in each class will be moved to Farm-A-Rama after the judging depending on availability of space. ***Any entry not moved to Farm-A-Rama must be removed from the Mallary Complex immediately following weigh-off.*** The Youth Giant Pumpkins, Youth Giant Squash, Youth Traditional Pumpkin will be moved to Farm-A-Rama September 13, must stay on display until 10pm September 19. These vegetables will then be placed outside of the Agriculture Office Friday morning so the exhibit will be ready to accept the Adult Pumpkins Friday evening, and should be picked up Friday evening, September 20. Entries may be picked up after 10pm September 19 or

Friday evening prior to adult contest. Adult Giant Pumpkins, Adult Giant Squash moved to the Farm-A-Rama Building on September 20 must stay on display until 10pm September 29. Arrangements must be made with the Farm-A-Rama office regarding removal of the pumpkins. If arrangements are not made, the pumpkins will be disposed of by Exposition personnel. We will provide a forklift to move & transport Giant Pumpkins & Giant Squash on day of weigh-off. **If forklift is needed to remove vegetables after display, an appointment must be made by calling (413)205-5011 and asking for the Farm-A-Rama office.**

**5. YOUTH BIRTH DATE.** Exhibitors must be 21 yrs. old or under as of the first of the year.

## AWARDS

### OUTSTANDING YOUTH GROWER

Each youth entering a pumpkin or squash in the weigh-off must be present to participate in a short interview beginning at 5:30pm. Youth who do not participate in this process will forfeit the placing of their pumpkin or squash.

**\$500 Jackpot will be awarded by EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION to the grower who beats the current weight record by the largest margin.** In 2016, a record of 1677 lbs. was set by Dan & Holly Boyce, Benson, Vermont.

## PREMIUM SCHEDULE

A:	\$105	80	55	30	25
B:	\$55	45	35	25	20
C:	\$550	330	220	110	100
D:	\$100	85	65	45	40

### CLASS

104	Youth Giant Pumpkin
105	Youth Giant Squash
106	*Youth Traditional Pumpkin
109	Adult Giant Pumpkin
110	Adult Giant Squash

### PREMIUM

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D

\*Must have a hard shell and hard stem (i.e. Connecticut field type pumpkin)

