



# Giant Veggie Weigh-Off



Presented by E.J. Wade Construction & Carter Cat

## 2025 Schedule

Entry Deadline....., Tuesday, September 2, 11:59 p.m.  
 Deliver Entries.....Saturday, September 27, 9-10:00 a.m.  
 Weigh-Off.....Saturday, September 27, **12 NOON**  
 Release.....Monday, October 6, 10 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

## Department: Open Crops & Vegetables, Division 13

- Class:**
- 1301 Giant Pumpkin
  - 1302 Giant Watermelon
  - 1303 Bushel Gourd
  - 1304 Heaviest Squash
  - 1305 Field Pumpkin
  - 1306 Long Gourd
  - 1307 Marrow
  - 1308 Heaviest Tomato
  - 1309 Butternut Squash (\*not part of GPC)
  - 1310 Heaviest Cantaloupe (\*not part of GPC)
  - 1311 Stump the Audience (\*not gpc, bring a crop not listed to be weighed)



## Rules

1. All State Fair General rules and Crops and Plants Department rules will apply.
2. Enter on-line at [www.statefairva.org](http://www.statefairva.org). Please note that all entries are charged \$5.00 per entry. Mail-in entries must be accompanied by a check payable to the State Fair of Virginia.
3. The specimens must be grown and cared for by the exhibitor. Growers from any state can compete.
4. Entries will be judged on weight. Weights will be recorded in half-pound increments. Exhibitor/grower must be present for weigh-off and judging.
5. Specimens that have been previously weighed at a weigh-off contest other than the State Fair of Virginia's will not be eligible for the State Fair of Virginia Competition.
6. Each specimen must be sound, healthy and undamaged. Entries must be free of rot, holes
7. and/or cracks through to the interior cavity, chemical residues and serious soft spots. Cracks, holes and openings shall be free of any foreign material. The judges will probe any crack, hole or opening into the specimen which visually appears to extend into the interior cavity. A 36" by 1/16" probe will be provided to the judge to probe any suspect cracks, openings or holes. An opening where the probe meets no resistance into the interior cavity will disqualify the specimen from the competition. The decision of the judges is final.
8. Chemical residues and soil must be cleaned from the specimen before arrival at the State Fair of Virginia for the protection of judges, lifters and spectators.
9. The judges have the right to fully inspect each specimen before the official weight is announced. Refusal to allow a thorough inspection of the specimen will result in disqualification.
10. Specimens must clear the scale in sound condition for the weight to be official and grower eligible for prize money.
11. In the event of ties, the prize money for that placing and the placing below will be combined and split equally.
12. Delivery instructions, passes and maps will be sent by email once entry forms are received.
13. Contestants must be present to help weigh their pumpkin.
14. Ribbons will be presented after the judging is complete.

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## Pumpkin Premiums:



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1<sup>st\*</sup> - \$2,000      2<sup>nd</sup> - \$1,400      3<sup>rd</sup> - \$1,000  
4<sup>th</sup> - \$700      5<sup>th</sup> - \$400      6<sup>th</sup> - \$200

*Current Pumpkin record set in 2015 at 1,340.7 by Hank Houston*

Rosettes will be given for the top ten giant pumpkin winners.

***\*Break the State Fair of Virginia Record and collect a \$250 bonus!***

## **Select to Compete in the Virginia Pumpkin Pick of the Patch Award:**

**Winner - \$650.00**

This award is a huge honor. Pumpkins must be grown in Virginia. This pumpkin will go to the Virginia Capitol to be on display through the season following fair. Seeds will be collected and returned to grower. The grower will be invited to the Governor's mansion as part of this honor.

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## Watermelon Premiums:

1<sup>st\*</sup> - \$1,000      2<sup>nd</sup> - \$500      3<sup>rd</sup> - \$250

*Current Watermelon record set in 2022 at 259.5 pounds by Luke Williams*

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## Classes 1303 – 1307, 1309 Premiums:

1<sup>st</sup>: \$100      2<sup>nd</sup>: \$50      3<sup>rd</sup>: \$25

## Classes 1308, 1310 Premiums:

1<sup>st</sup>: \$25      2<sup>nd</sup>: \$15      3<sup>rd</sup>: \$10

### *If 6 or more participants in a class, premiums:*

1<sup>st</sup>: \$60      2<sup>nd</sup>: \$40      3<sup>rd</sup>: \$20

## Class 1311 Premiums:

- Heaviest: \$20      - Most Original: \$20      -Prettiest: \$20

**Any World Records:** Additional Premium, \$500.00

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