



Dear Giant Veggie Weigh-Off Prospective Supporter:

From supplying our growers with necessary materials, soil testing or providing reliable equipment, you are a necessary component of our Annual GPC Giant Veggie Weigh-Off at The State Fair of Virginia—thank you!

The State Fair of Virginia is an official weigh site for The Great Pumpkin Commonwealth international competition annually during the first Saturday of the fair. Following the weigh-off, the Giants create one of the most visited attractions as part of the Horticulture Pavilion, eliciting curiosity and interest in agriculture.

The 2024 State Fair of Virginia GPC Weigh-Off Grand Champions are as follows:

- Giant Pumpkin – Craig Meehan, Broomall, PA, 1,200.4 lbs.
- Giant Watermelon – Davis Wells, Mechanicsville, 246.0 lbs (*10th first place Watermelon at The State Fair*)
- Green Squash – Ryan Cook, Jumping Branch, WV, 322.2 lbs
- Long Gourd – Paul Jarosh, Culpeper, 107.6 inches long
- Bushel Gourd – Paul Jarosh, Culpeper, 196.6 lbs.
- Field Pumpkin – Ryan Cook, Jumping Branch, WV, 97.0 lbs - *State Record*.
- Tomato – Paul Jarosh, Culpeper, 1.9 lbs.
- Butternut Squash (not GPC) – Tony Corbin, Rixeyville, 66.2 lbs.

And we are still home to the World Record Butternut Squash from Jason Loris from Amissville, VA set in 2023 weighing-in at 131.4 pounds!

While our competition continues to be a growing attraction, we have started trying ensure our premiums are competitive with neighboring states to ensure our growers best produce stays in Virginia. We are reaching out to you to ask for your support for Virginia's Growers so that we can encourage them to keep the best in the state and continue to attract fairgoers across the state to learn more about agriculture and where their food comes from.

We hope you will consider supporting this premier event and join us for the State Fair of Virginia Giant Veggie Weigh-Off on Saturday, September 27 at 12:00 PM in the Blue Ribbon Tent or visit the display through Sunday, October 5. Learn more about the competition at www.GPC1.org or at www.statefairva.org.

Thanks again,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sarah Jane Thomsen'.

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2025 STATE FAIR OF VIRGINIA GIANT VEGGIE WEIGH-OFF SUPPORTERS

BEST BENEFIT



TITLE

Thank you to E.J. Wade Construction and Carter Cat for being our 2025 Title Sponsor, second year in a row!



GOLD

Logo on sponsor banner during the weigh-off and on display with the Giants during the State Fair, 20 tickets, logo on competitor letter and comp guide.

\$2,500



SILVER

Smaller logo on sponsor banner during the weigh-off and on display with the Giants during the State Fair, recognition at event, 5 tickets.

\$1,000



SUPPORTER

Name listing on sponsor banner and recognition at event.

Under \$1,000

Contributions are to The State Fair of Virginia Inc., 501(c)(3) to support the GPC Giant Veggie Weigh-Off and display in the horticulture pavilion during the State Fair of Virginia. For more information, please contact Sarah Jane at sthomsen@statefairva.org or at 804-994-2743.

Sponsorships are due by August 31 for recognition as a Gold or Silver supporter.