

GOURD, PUMPKIN AND SQUASH CONTESTS

SUPERINTENDENT	Carl Wzorek Westfield, Massachusetts
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT	Dorothy Wzorek Westfield, Massachusetts
JUDGE	PUMPKINS & SQUASH: Judge By Weight
ARRIVAL	YOUTH GIANT PUMPKIN & SQUASH Friday, September 15, 2023, 5 to 5:45pm YOUTH DECORATED PUMPKIN Thursday, September 14, 2023, before 8pm Friday, September 15, 2023, before 8pm FRESH, DRIED AND CRAFTED GOURDS Thursday, September 14, 2023, before 8pm ADULT GIANT PUMPKIN & SQUASH Friday, September 22, 2023, 5 to 5:45pm ADULT DECORATED PUMPKIN Friday, September 22, 2023, before 8pm
SHOW	YOUTH GIANT PUMPKIN & SQUASH JUNIOR AND SENIOR DIVISION Friday, September 15, 2023 6:30pm, Mallary Arena 2 YOUTH DECORATED PUMPKIN Saturday, September 16, 2023 9am, Farm-A-Rama ADULT GIANT PUMPKIN & SQUASH Friday, September 22, 2023 6:30pm, Mallary Arena 2 ADULT DECORATED PUMPKIN Saturday, September 23, 2023 9am, Farm-A-Rama
RELEASE	YOUTH GIANT PUMPKIN & SQUASH Thursday, September 21, 2023, 10pm FRESH, DRIED AND CRAFTED GOURDS ADULT GIANT PUMPKIN & SQUASH Sunday, October 1, 2023, 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 that we do not have entry forms for. 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. 2 people passes and 1 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 moved to Farm-A-Rama September 15, must stay on display in Farm-A-Rama until 10pm September 21. 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 22. Entries may be picked up after 10pm September 21 or Friday evening prior to adult contest. Adult Giant Pumpkins, Adult Giant Squash moved to the Farm-A-Rama Building on September 22 must stay on display until 10pm October 1. 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 DECORATED PUMPKINS must be dropped off at Farm-A-Rama **Thursday, September 14 before 8pm or September 15 by 8pm and must remain until 9pm September 22. Adult Decorated Pumpkins** must be dropped off at Farm-A-Rama **September 22 by 8pm and must remain until October 1 after 10pm. Efforts should resemble a pumpkin.**

ENTRIES WILL BE SPLIT AT THE TIME OF ARRIVAL INTO A JUNIOR AND SENIOR DIVISION.

6. GOURD COMPETITION LOGISTICS. Gourd entry fee will be \$2 per gourd. Show Management shall have the right to remove from exhibition at any time, any exhibit, or part thereof which is unsightly. Stems should remain on fresh and dried gourds. Stems are optional on crafted gourds. **Gourds need to be delivered directly to the Farm-A-Rama office.**

7. 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:	\$35	25	20	10	5
D:	\$550	330	220	110	100
E:	\$100	85	65	45	40
F:	\$6	5	4	3	2
G:	\$25				

CLASS

104	Youth Giant Pumpkin	A
105	Youth Giant Squash	B
106	*Youth Traditional Pumpkin	B
107	Youth Decorated Pumpkin (12 & under)	C
108	Youth Decorated Pumpkin (13 & over)	C
109	Adult Giant Pumpkin	D

PREMIUM

110	Adult Giant Squash	E
111	Adult Decorated Pumpkin	B
*Must have a hard shell and hard stem (i.e. Connecticut field type pumpkin)		

FRESH GOURDS

CLASS		PREMIUM
116	5 identical size, color, and marking	F
117	5 different size, color, and marking	F
118	10 assorted varieties of ornamentals	F
121	1 mature hard shell of any variety	F
122	Youth class, 18 and under, any variety	F
123	Best of Division	G

DRIED GOURDS

CLASS		PREMIUM
131	Longest straight long handled dipper or snake or baton gourd	F
132	Largest gourd in circumference	F
134	One naturally grown unusually shaped gourd	F
135	One molded, tied or hand-contrived unusually shaped gourd	F
136	Youth class, 18 and under, any variety	F
137	Best of Division	G

CRAFTED GOURDS

CLASS		PREMIUM
140	Decorated bird house must hang or sit	F
141	One whole or cut gourd, embellished with macramé, beads, crocheting or weaving. Any finish. May hang or sit on table	F
142	Cutting, woodburning or carving technique on whole or cut gourd	F
143	Gourd jewelry, whole or cut or pieces; single piece or set, any technique	F
144	Decoupage on whole or cut gourd	F
145	Youth class, 18 and under, any technique	F
147	Holiday decoration(s), whole or cut gourd(s)	F
148	Painted, Colored pencil and/or pen and ink, whole or cut gourd	F

To reach Mallary Complex to offload your vegetables you will need to go in Gate 10, turn right and go to the back of the building, offload, and following the weigh-off, your vehicles must be moved outside the gate.

