

DEPARTMENT 133

GIANT PUMPKIN WEIGH-OFF

GENERAL INFORMATION

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The 40th All New England Giant Pumpkin Weigh-Off is sponsored by the Topsfield Fair.

IMPORTANT DATES

Entry Form Due: Friday, September 20th, 2024

Entry Receiving: Friday, October 4th, 2024

(Unloading of pumpkins begins at 1:00 P.M.)

Entry Pick Up: Tuesday, October 15th, 2024

(12:30-3:00pm)

Entry Fee: None

Weigh-Off will be **Friday, October 4th, 2024, 4:00 P.M.** in the Arena.

Unloading of pumpkins begins at 1:00 P.M.

Please read everything before submitting your entry.

Entry Form Deadline: Friday, September 20th, 2024

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Due to strict time constraints, the following rules and regulations apply.

1. Entries will be judged according to GPC Rules and Regulations.
2. Judges decision is final.
3. Entries must be free of all foreign matter (fungicides, wax, etc.)
4. Pumpkin/Squash must weigh a minimum of 350 pounds to be eligible.
5. You may be requested to leave your vehicle in the arena area for immediate re-loading after your entry is weighed. Loading will be handled in this manner for as many of the first-weighed pumpkins as possible. You will then move your vehicle to parking area.
6. Growers and guests will receive nametags upon registration. Nametags will allow access to grower seating and arena floor access for weighing of your pumpkin/squash.

7. No one will be allowed on the arena floor during the Weigh-Off with the exception of the staff, grower's family, and grower whose pumpkin is on the scale.
8. Upon conclusion of the "All New England Giant Pumpkin Weigh-Off", all fruit/vegetables will be loaded into vehicles. Vehicles must be removed to the main parking area where all blocking, bracing, and strapping of fruit/vegetables will be done. Participants will be allowed to re-enter.
9. You must be a member of the N.E.G.P.G.A. to win prize money or drawings.
10. Winning pumpkins 1st through 5th place shall remain on display at Fairgrounds for duration of Fair in protective display area to qualify for prize money payment. Pumpkins shall be picked up on Tuesday, October 15th, 2024 between 12:30pm and 3:00pm.
11. To participate in prize structure or drawings, entries must be pre-registered by September 20th, 2024.
12. One registered contestant with officially weighed and/or measured fruit/vegetable will be randomly drawn to participate in a drawing for a one-in-fifty chance prize of \$10,000.
13. To be eligible for the \$3,000 "Pumpkin/Squash Grown in New England Bonus":
 1. Fruit must be grown in a New England state.
 2. Fruit must be weighed at the Topsfield Fair Weigh-Off on October 4th, 2024 and have an official weight per GPC rules. No damaged, exhibition, or estimated fruit is eligible.
14. If your prize money totals \$600.00 or more, you must supply your social security number to the Fair prior to your check being mailed.

DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

PUMPKIN/SQUASH

Awards:

FIRST \$3,500.00

SECOND \$3,000.00

THIRD \$1,500.00

FOURTH \$850.00

FIFTH \$600.00

SIXTH THROUGH FOURTEEN \$200.00

FIFTHTEEN TO TWENTY FIVE \$100.00

Awards:

PRETTIEST \$200.00

UGLIEST \$200.00

CLASS A

1. Giant Pumpkin Weigh-Off

**Largest Pumpkin/Squash Grown in New England:
\$3,000.00 Bonus**

If the 1st place Pumpkin/Squash breaks The Topsfield Fair's Record, additional \$2,024 bonus.

2023 Winner: Steven Sperry – Johnston, RI - 2,198 lbs.

BUSHEL GOURD

Awards:

FIRST \$100.00
SECOND \$50.00
THIRD \$25.00

CLASS B

1. Bushel Gourd

LONG GOURD

Awards:

FIRST \$300.00
SECOND \$200.00
THIRD \$100.00

CLASS C

1. Long Gourd

OFFICIAL RULES

Topsfield Fair General Rules & Information