

WORLD RECORD GIANT PUMPKINS in Times Square, New York City 10/29



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The worlds three largest and the only 1,600 pound plus pumpkins ever grown will be in Times Square on October 29, 2007 for the Good Morning America show (ABC). The actual weights of the monsters are 1,689 lbs. (World Record) 1,662 lbs, and 1,631 lbs. This event has been put together by the Great Pumpkin Commonwealth (GPC). The GPC is the governing body for 58 Giant Pumpkin weigh-off sites & festivals worldwide.

The Heaviest Giant

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Growers from all over the world stopped to ponder the incredible size of the great pumpkin at many of the world's weigh-off venues. The warm fall has produced a wondrous array of fruit both big and small that adorned many of the now fifty eight numerous stages of the Great Pumpkin Commonwealth and many local events. Hoards of crowds gathered for a chance glance at the world's largest vegetables. The shows produced record numbers of entrants and spectators drawn to the amazing size of nature's backyard garden bounty.

The ever increasing girth of these monsters has now surpassed the enormous 1600 level in an amazing leap by Joe Jutras of North Scituate, Rhode Island, Don Young of Des Moines, Iowa and the Mckie Brothers Jason and Dan from Gas Port, New York. Bewildering and awestruck describes the state of pumpkin hood today as the Great Pumpkin Commonwealth(GPC) sits on the threshold of the lofty one ton mark. Now within reach, the next few years could bring many rewards to growers on the forefront of a booming revolution in growing techniques.

This collection of giant pumpkin growers from all over the world is now host to an awe struck 58 fully sanctioned weigh off sites monitored by the guides and authority of the main rules body the GPC. Crowds of young and old numbering in the hundreds of thousands flock to the annual weigh-off events held in the numerous towns and hamlets around the country.

Unthinkable only a few short years ago the march toward the magic 2k mark has been relentless in recent years. Nothing short of mystifying describes the record of the Jutras 1689. The old record was felled an inconceivable nine times as growers continued the journey into the land of the heaviest giant.

Six different regions shared in the glory of this challenge brought forth, nourished and fostered by the spread of the new age of information. The secret it seems is out there for all to consider and take advantage of what has become the new rage in growing the

giant's. Indeed it appears to be the worst kept secret recipe ever. So, many have shared the up tick in weights this summer by following a simple basic organic approach. Never again will NPK be entered into a growers log book. Challenge's of 1K, faced only a few years ago seem meager and well within reach of today's many vigorous enthusiasts.

So well documented is the new game plan there was an explosion of 1400 pound fruit propelling the round orange domes to stratospheric heights and making commonplace pumpkin fruit that exceed 16 feet in diameter.

The once well guarded hobby of guerrilla gardening has now expanded and opened up to the information age. The top secret list of ingredients now includes a simple balanced soil with moderate neutral pH and a robust rhizosphere. A healthy organic matter mixture allows a nurturing colony of bacteria, nematodes, protozoa, fungal and microbial growth to flourish within the confines of the earthly mixture. This frenzied community provides the plants with many disease fighting benefits and a steady stream of nutrients conducted straight into the roots and up to the growing pumpkin. The plants and soil are then basted with feedings of compost teas, fish emulsions, seaweed elixirs, sugars and humic acids to support the network of conduits below.

About the Great Pumpkin Commonwealth (GPC)

The GPC is the major organizer and sanctioning body overseeing Giant Pumpkin and vegetable growing in the United States of America, Canada and Europe. Now with fifty eight weigh-off locations throughout the world the GPC and it's sponsored sites are attended by hundreds of thousands to the ever popular annually run festivals and weekend events held each summer and fall. For sponsorship information and more information please contact President Dave Stelts by email to buckipoln8r@yahoo.com
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Joe Jutras and the new WR 1689Lbs Pumpkin



Don Young with the 1662 pounder



The Mckie Brothers Dan and Jason 1602 pounds