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About the Great Pumpkin Commonwealth (GPC)

The Great Pumpkin Commonwealth is a collection of more than 70 official weigh-off sites, their supporting clubs, and growers worldwide. These sponsored sites are attended by hundreds of thousands to the ever popular annually run festivals and weekend events held each summer and fall. Established in 1993 the GPC is the major organizer and sanctioning body overseeing competitions in giant pumpkin and vegetable growing. The GPC works vigorously to improve weigh-off site standards in fairness of competition while promoting family values.

The GPC sets the recognized standard for all world records in the *curcurbita maxima* family as used by Guinness for their World Record endeavors. GPC growers have set the World Records for the last 15 years. The approaching milestone of 2000 pounds will continue drive and advance this hobby to lofty goals. Research and development supported by the GPC and its supporting clubs have enabled growers to make giant strides in the agricultural community. Annual weight records have been challenged repeatedly as the current world record of 1725 pounds (set October 3, 2009.) is once again soon to be eclipsed.

The GPC strives to foster an environment friendly approach using basic organic techniques that has shown extreme fruit development can be obtained with out harming our surroundings. The GPC's mission cultivates the hobby of growing giant pumpkins throughout the world by establishing standards and regulations that ensure quality of fruit, fairness of competition, recognition of achievement, fellowship and education for all participating growers and weigh-off sites.

The GPC is continuing to explore partnership and promotional opportunities that may enable us to enhance prospects for growers, clubs and sites. Working with sponsors provides funding to foster education and awareness of this wonderful pastime. Please help us to continue bringing joy and amazement every fall to all walks of life with our Great Pumpkins. Our growers provide thousands of these giants each year competing with them at GPC officially registered events. Our corporate appeal with the selection and location of these fruit makes the GPC the premier supplier for all giant pumpkins. If you need to know where the biggest giant is every fall before it is public we are just an email away. Please help us to help you!!!

The GPC is a private non-profit entity with an educational listing and relies on our growers within the commonwealth to help us build for the future. You may see our back ground and can contact us on our web site:

<http://www.greatpumpkincommonwealth.com/>