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**The Great Pumpkin Commonwealth**

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**The Great Pumpkin Commonwealth (GPC)** is proud to announce the setting of a new Canadian Giant Pumpkin Record at 1536.5 pounds by Jake Van-Kooten of Port Alberni B.C.

The giant fruit's weight was determined at the Official GPC weigh-off site in Elk Grove California on Saturday Oct 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Mr. Van-Kooten's monster pumpkin eclipsed the former Canadian record of Alan Eaton from Richmond Ontario at 1446 pounds in 2004.

Mr. Van Kooten's enormous pumpkin is currently ranked number one in the world with approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the GPC's world wide weigh-off sites having completed this year's competition. For further information follow the results with us at Big Pumpkins.com at the link below.

<http://www.bigpumpkins.com/WeighoffResultsGPC.aspx?c=P&y=2008>

#### 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, Europe and the world. Now with more than seventy weigh-off locations throughout the world the GPC and its 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 details and more information please contact President Dave Stelts by email to [buckipoln8r@yahoo.com](mailto:buckipoln8r@yahoo.com) [www.greatpumpkincommonwealth.com](http://www.greatpumpkincommonwealth.com)