



## **GPC Press Release**

### **About the Great Pumpkin Commonwealth (GPC)**

The Great Pumpkin Commonwealth is a collection of 68 official weigh-off sites and their supporting clubs and grower's world wide. 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 13 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 allowed growers to make giant strides in the agricultural community. Annual weight records have been challenged repeatedly as the world record of 1689 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 all 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 e-mail away. Please help us to help you!!!

The GPC is a private non-profit entity with an educational listing. We do not have corporate sponsorship to fund our many endeavors and must rely on our growers to help us build for the future. You may see our back ground and can contact us on our web site:

<http://greatpumpkincommonwealth.com/>

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