

Windsor~West Hants Pumpkin Festival

The Windsor~West Hants Pumpkin festival is a member of the Giant Pumpkin Commonwealth (GPC). The GPC's mission is to cultivate 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. Check out the GPC site for weigh-off updates: www.bigpumpkins.com

The GPC presents the Howard Dill award at each of its weigh-off sites. Chosen by a panel of judges, the most perfect pumpkin is picked for its colour, shape and texture. This is the only award issued where size does not matter. The recipient of the 2011 GPC Howard Dill Award at the Windsor~West Hants Weigh-off was Diana MacDonald, from Chateau Village.

There are currently 98 sites registered with the GPC.

- Ontario & Eastern Canada, including the Windsor~West Hants site - 11
- New England - 8
- New York, PA & the South East, including Cooperstown, twin community of Windsor - 11
- Great Lakes - 12
- Central - 12
- Rockies & Plains - 13
- Pacific Coast, Alaska and Hawaii - 12
- Central and West Canada - 2
- International Sites - 17

Weigh-offs are continuing, but *currently* the largest pumpkin recorded for 2011 is an 1807.50 pound pumpkin grown by Dave and Carol Stelts from Edinburg, Pennsylvania. The 2010 World Record pumpkin was grown by Chris Stevens and weighed 1810.50. The 2011 current leaders were only 3.5 pounds light of tying or breaking the World Record...so close!

The *current* world record for giant squash is 1486.60 pounds. This giant gourd was grown by Joel Jarvis from St. Thomas, Ontario.

There is *currently* a tie to set a world record for heaviest field pumpkin. These pumpkins were grown by John McKinnon and Betty McKinnon both from Strathlorne, Nova Scotia. Both pumpkins weighed a whopping 162 pounds, exactly!

The Annapolis Valley Giant Vegetable Growers is a not-for profit organization dedicated to the growing of giant vegetables. The AVGVG presents annually the Hilda Dill Award for the most perfect pumpkin. This year the AVGVG chose the following perfect gourds:

1. Danny Dill Windsor, NS
2. Diana MacDonald Chateau Village, NS
3. Ronald and Teddy Crowell Woods Harbour, NS

Check out the AVGVG website for information on growing giant vegetables: www.avvgv.com

Windsor~West Hants Pumpkin Festival 27th Annual Pumpkin Weigh-off Results

Heaviest Pumpkin - top ten

1.	Ben Hebb	Wileville, NS	1227 pounds
2.	Jeff Reid	Waterville NS	1084 pounds
3.	Tom Dudka	New Germany, NS	991 pounds
4.	Gordon Foster	Middleton, NS	987 pounds
5.	Gerald Ansem	Kentville, NS	985 pounds
6.	Bill and Dawn Northrup	Sussex, NB	964 pounds - NB heaviest pumpkin
7.	Danny Dill	Windsor, NS	949 pounds
8.	Brad Murphy	Berwick, NS	912 pounds
9.	Stephen Rand	Port Williams, NS	905 pounds
10.	Isaac Murnaghan	Montague, PEI	902 pounds - PEI heaviest pumpkin

Heaviest Squash - top ten

1.	Al Aten	Springvale, PEI	936 pounds
2.	Will Neily	Paradise, NS	749 pounds
3.	Tom Corkum	Berwick, NS	606 pounds
4.	Tom Dudka	New Glasgow, NS	569 pounds
5.	Emma Murphy	Berwick, NS	519 pounds
6.	Brad Murphy	Berwick, NS	476 pounds
7.	Mary Moore	Middleton, NS	476 pounds
8.	Ralph Getson	Upper LaHave, NS	375 pounds
9.	Raymond Getson	LaHave, NS	362 pounds
10.	Adam Macumber	Newport, NS	306 pounds

Heaviest Field Pumpkin

1.	Betty McKinnon	Strathlorne, NS	162 pounds	current world record
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2.	Al Aten	Springvale, PEI	142 pounds	
3.	Ken McInnis	Hubbards, NS	115 pounds	
			110 pounds	exhibition
			98 pounds	exhibition
			90 pounds	exhibition
4.	Will Neily	Paradise, NS	96 pounds	
5.	Danny Dill	Windsor, NS	72 pounds	
6.	Diana MacDonald	Chateau Village, NS	65 pounds	
7.	Mary Moore	Middleton, NS	53 pounds	
8.	Tom Corkum	Berwick	51 pounds	
9.	Brad Murphy	Berwick, NS	47 pounds	

Heaviest Watermelon

1.	Alisha Bowes Trinacty	Windsor, NS	37 pounds
2.	Thomas Murphy	Berwick, NS	34 pounds
3.	Emma Murphy	Berwick, NS	29 pounds
4.	Mary Moore	Middleton, NS	22 pounds

Heaviest Tomato

1.	Mary Moore	Middleton, NS	1.144 kg
2.	Al Aten	Springvale, PEI	992 grams
3.	Thomas Murphy	Berwick, NS	981 grams
4.	Fenton McInnis	Hubbards, NS	901 grams
5.	Tom Corkum	Berwick, NS	720 grams

Longest Gourd

1.	Ronald & Teddy Crowell	Woods Harbour, NS	117.5 inches
2.	Frank Ansems	North Alton, NS	105.5 inches
3.	Andy Hamilton	Coldbrook, NS	95.5 inches
4.	Will Neily	Paradise, NS	86 inches
5.	Mary Moore	Middleton, NS	84.5 inches
6.	Tom Corkum	Berwick, NS	73.5 inches
7.	Thomas Murphy	Berwick, NS	36 inches
8.	Emma Murphy	Berwick, NS	24 inches

Tallest Corn Plant

1.	Tom Corkum	Berwick, NS	130.25 inches
2.	Mary Moore	Middleton, NS	124.75 inches
3.	Stephen Rand	Port Williams, NS	124.75 inches
4.	Jackie Rand	Port Williams, NS	124 inches

Pumpkin Dessert Contest - top five

1.	Donna Wilson	Windsor, NS
2.	Patti Trinacty	Windsor, NS
3.	Sophie Trinacty	St. Margarets Bay, NS
4.	Diana MacDonald	Chateau Village, NS
5.	Eileen Barker	Mill Section, NS

Pumpkin Painting Contest - top three

1.	Barbara Jones	Windsor, NS
2.	Darlene Taylor	Windsor, NS
3.	Evangeline Macleod	Windsor, NS

Pumpkin Carving Contest - top three

1.	Jocelyn Jollymore	Windsor, NS
2.	Donna Jollymore	Windsor, NS
3.	Stephanie Moore	Windsor, NS