

Virtual Early Tomato Weigh off

- The GPC has set up an avenue to record and recognise weights of tomatoes harvested prior to the annual weigh off season. This is called the Virtual Early Tomato Weigh off.
- Results will be recorded on the Early Tomato listing, on the GPC info page at Big Pumpkins.com.
- The GPC will accept entries up until September 30th of each year.
- The GPC will accept a maximum of three (3) entries per grower per year. Any other entries must be entered at a regular GPC sanctioned weigh off.
- Early entries must be weighed on a certified scale, such as a supermarket deli scale. Growers must supply a picture on the scale with their entry, the readout should be visible or a weigh slip.
- Early entries must be witnessed by an impartial third party witness, such as the scale operator.
- Any Tomato challenging the world record (to be eligible for GPC bonus money) must be verified by a GPC rep, either in person or by his/her designate.
- Entries must adhere to the tomato rules as set out below
- Growers must complete and submit the “Early Submission Form for Tomatoes” as found on the GPC web site, resources section, mail to: tomato@gpc1.org within 24 hrs of the specimen being weighed.

Tomato Eligibility Rules

- 1) All tomatoes must be healthy; a healthy tomato must be free of significant soft spots or leakage.
- 2) Skin may be cracked but not leaking.
- 3) Tomato must be weighed on certified scales, calibrated to 2 decimal places in pounds or pounds and ounces.
- 4) Tomato weights must be reported in pounds and ounces, or pounds to 2nd decimal place. (ie: 6 pounds 5.53 ounces or 6.35 lbs).
- 5) Stem must be cut within .5 inches of the specimen.
- 6) Green fruit will be allowed for weigh-off purposes.
- 7) Specimen must be weighed on a certified scale of appropriate sensitivity.
- 8) No frozen specimens will be allowed.
- 9) The entirety of the fruit flesh must be connected – pictures or video must show this.