

OHIO VALLEY GIANT PUMPKIN GROWERS

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September 2020

“One of the World’s Premier Giant Pumpkin Clubs”



GREAT PUMPKIN COMMONWEALTH

(Official Weigh Off Site)

Saturday, October 10, 2020

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OVGPG Weigh Off
SATURDAY October 10th (9AM, To be determined)
PARKS GARDEN CENTER
9010 Youngstown - Salem Rd, Canfield, OH 44406

Dear Members,

We are dedicated to having the Ohio Valley Giant Pumpkin Grower’s Weigh Off this year, but we will need your help and understanding to allow us to do this safely and efficiently. We regret that some weighoffs have had to cancel their events this year.

We are providing the instructions for our 2020 weighoff in this newsletter which will allow us to get all our wonderful pumpkins weighed and keep everyone and our sponsor’s, particularly our host, Park’s Garden Center safe. At this time we are planning on having a “Growers and Immediate Family” weigh off. **Pre-Registration is required.**

At this time we will be having a weigh-off very similar to our normal format, but some traditions are being streamlined in response to a non-spectator format. Weighing Friday night is permissible if you feel more comfortable that way.

We will announce any changes with bigpumpkins.com and the OVGPG website.

Sincerely,

Nick Harp and the OVGPG Directors

Nick Harp – njhamilton@gmail.com – 330-604-1148

Weigh Off SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

4-7pm (Friday)	Early unloading (Friday Night Weighing) (guard on duty all night)
7-9am (Saturday)	Unloading
9-10am	Judging and organization
10am	Weigh-off
	Top 3 Awards
	Exhibits released following brief awards ceremony

FEATURED SPONSORS



THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS

PARKS GARDEN CENTER
WALLACE ORGANIC WONDER
UDDER CREAM -REDEX
VALLEY INDUSTRIAL TRUCKS
GENERAL EXTRUSIONS

RUPP SEEDS
NEPTUNE'S HARVEST
MORRIS DRAIN SERVICE
REA CONSTRUCTION
DICKEY ELECTRIC

COLUMBUS IRRIGATION
BRECHBUEHLER SCALES
FARMERS NATIONAL BANK
WESTERN LABORATORIES

PRE - WEIGH OFF INSTRUCTIONS

1. Pre-Registration is **REQUIRED** on by e-mail, by mail, or by phone to Nick Harp. If your entry is not preregistered it will not be weighed. There will be no registration at the weighoff. Please provide the information on the entry form for each entry.
2. There will be unloading from 5-8 PM Friday night. If you do not feel comfortable staying for the weigh-off you may ask to have your pumpkin weighed on Friday. Please contact Nick Harp 330-604-1148 if you wish to weigh on Friday Night.

WEIGH OFF DAY INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Masks are required.**
2. All entries except Giant Pumpkins will be weighed upon arrival. They will be unloaded, weighed, and reloaded.
3. The weighoff will be outside rain or shine, dress accordingly.
4. Be supportive and patient!

**Please send this information to Nick Harp before the weighoff.
Entry Deadline Thursday October 8th 5PM.
This may be copied and mailed.**

**Ohio Valley Giant Pumpkin Growers
2020 Weigh-Off Entry Form**

Previous Best

Grower Information (PLEASE PRINT – Fill out all contact info on first entry)

First Name:	Last Name:	
Address:	T Shirt Size: S – M – L – XL –XXL - XXXL	
City:	State:	Postal Code:
E-mail:	Phone:	

Entry 1

Class (Circle One) – Pumpkin, Squash, Tomato, Long Gourd, Field Pumpkin, Watermelon, Other	
Seed (Mother):	Pollinator (Father):
Date Started:	Date Set Outside:

Entry 2

Class (Circle One) – Pumpkin, Squash, Tomato, Long Gourd, Field Pumpkin, Watermelon, Other	
Seed (Mother):	Pollinator (Father):
Date Started:	Date Set Outside:

Entry 3 (may be copied for more entries)

Class (Circle One) – Pumpkin, Squash, Tomato, Long Gourd, Field Pumpkin, Watermelon, Other	
Seed (Mother):	Pollinator (Father):
Date Started:	Date Set Outside:

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WEIGH OFF PRIZE LIST

Saturday, October 10, 2020

PUMPKIN – SQUASH (all one class)

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| 1. \$5,000 | 6-10. \$500 |
| 2. \$3,000 | 11-15. \$300 |
| 3. \$2,000 | 16-20. \$200 |
| 4. \$1,000 | 21-30. \$50 |
| 5. \$1,000 | |

Howard Dill Award \$100 and a small plaque
Best Looking Pumpkin over 500# – color, shape and overall appearance

“True Green Squash” award \$100 and a small plaque

Heaviest squash, green, blue, or grey, over 500#.

“Best New Grower” Award \$200 and a small plaque

Largest pumpkin or squash grown by a first time exhibitor at the OVGPG weigh-off, exhibitor must have attended the Beginner’s Seminar.

Random Drawings \$50 for an entry in each of the following classes –
200, 300, 400, 500, 600, 700, 800, 900 pound classes

WATERMELON

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| 1. \$250 | 4. \$40 |
| 2. \$125 | 5. \$30 |
| 3. \$75 | 6. \$20 |

CONNECTICUT FIELD PUMPKIN

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| 1. \$250 | 4. \$40 |
| 2. \$125 | 5. \$30 |
| 3. \$75 | 6. \$20 |

SUNFLOWER (Head Diameter)

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| 1. \$100 | 4. \$20 |
| 2. \$50 | 5. \$10 |
| 3. \$30 | 6. \$10 |

TOMATO

- | | |
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| 1. \$100 | 4. \$40 |
| 2. \$50 | 5. \$10 |
| 3. \$30 | 6. \$10 |

LONG GOURD

- | | |
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| 1. \$100 | 4. \$20 |
| 2. \$50 | 5. \$10 |
| 3. \$30 | 6. \$10 |

WORLD RECORD BONUS

\$ 2000
After All Weigh Offs are Complete

“Grand Exhibitor Award” \$100 and a Small Plaque

(Based on points for heaviest pumpkin or squash, watermelon, and field pumpkin)