

TO: ALL COUNTY EXTENSION COORDINATORS AND COUNTY EXTENSION AGENTS

FROM: Lindsey Fodor, State 4-H Program Assistant

RE: 4-H PUMPKIN CONTEST

Additional Information: www.georgia4h.org/public/edops/nationalfair/pumpkincontest/

The Georgia Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association is offering the 4-H Pumpkin Growing Contest again this year. The state winner will receive \$100 cash. The second and third place winners will receive \$50 and \$25. The first 50 counties to certify a winner will receive a Georgia 4-H Pumpkin Contest T-shirt for the winning 4-H'er. If 50 counties do not submit entries, the first 50 entries will receive t-shirts. **If the winners are interested in transporting their pumpkin to and from the Georgia National Fair, we will be able to accommodate it. However, no travel funds will be available.**

Send in the **weigh-in certification form** to me by **OCTOBER 1st**. The heaviest pumpkin will then be named and awards determined. Each 4-H'er must grow his or her own pumpkin and have it weighed by their County Extension Office to be eligible. Pictures will be required for the top three state awards. Additional photos may be used for other promotional purposes, so please make sure to get a photo of your 4-H'er with their pumpkin.

A procedural change will allow for the top 3 pumpkins in each county to compete for the top prizes. In the past only the top pumpkin from each county was allowed to compete for top prizes.

Any variety of pumpkin may be used, but some of the larger growing types recommended are: Atlantic Giant, Big Max, Big Moon, Prizewinner, and Connecticut Field. You will need at least 120 days to grow the pumpkin to full size. You may refer to the Growing Tips page of this site or check the pumpkin production bulletin for additional information (number MP 325.) Contact Terry Kelley, Extension Horticulturist, in Tifton for a copy. If you would like me to send or fax you printed copies please let me know. Please contact me with any suggestions, comments or corrections in regard to these instructions.

Please share any media or newspaper coverage that you get on the contest. Good luck and call if you have any questions. **Forms must be received in Athens by OCTOBER 1st.**

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**Entries must be received by
October 1st**

**WEIGH-IN CERTIFICATION
4-H PUMPKIN GROWING CONTEST**

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I verify that the following 4-H'ers grew the following pumpkins

<u>4-H'ers Name</u>	T-shirt Size	Variety	lbs	oz.
1. _____				
2. _____				
3. _____				
4. _____				
5. _____				
6. _____				
7. _____				
8. _____				
9. _____				
10. _____				
11. _____				
12. _____				
13. _____				

I used an accurate scale to weigh the county winning entry.

County County Extension Agent County Agent Email

You should receive a confirmation email verifying that I have received your submissions.