

**TO: ALL COUNTY EXTENSION COORDINATORS AND COUNTY EXTENSION AGENTS**

**FROM: Lindsey Fodor, State 4-H Program Assistant**

**RE: 4-H WATERMELON GROWING CONTEST**

**Additional Information:** [www.georgia4h.org/public/edops/nationalfair/pumpkincontest/](http://www.georgia4h.org/public/edops/nationalfair/pumpkincontest/)

The Georgia Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association along with the Georgia Watermelon Association are sponsoring this year's 4-H Watermelon Growing. The state winner will receive \$100. 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 Watermelon Contest T-shirt for the top watermelon grower in their county. If 50 counties do not submit entries, the first 50 entries will receive t-shirts.

***Final weights must be received by fax or mail by August 1<sup>st</sup>.*** Send or fax the weigh in certification form below to the State 4-H Office. The heaviest watermelon will then be named and awards determined. Each 4-H'er must grow his or her own watermelon 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 watermelon.

Winners will be announced within a couple of days of the deadline, **August 1<sup>st</sup>**. Although the new deadline is after the Cordele Watermelon Festival, winners will also be announced the following year at the [Cordele-Crisp Watermelon Days Festival](#) in July, instead of the year in which they won. Attendance at the festival is not required for the 4-H contest, but we encourage everyone to attend the festival and show support for a proud sponsor of the Georgia 4-H.

Any variety of watermelon may be used, but Carolina Cross is a highly recommended variety. Seeds are available at <http://www.giantwatermelons.com> but may be available locally. You will need as much time as possible for your watermelon to grow to its full size so you may want to start your seeds indoors and transfer outside after the last frost.

You may refer to the Pumpkin Growing Contest Website for growing tips. The Watermelon Contest will share the site with Pumpkin Contest for now. You may also contact Kevin Phillips, Wilcox County Extension Agent for growing tips at [jkphill@uga.edu](mailto:jkphill@uga.edu) or (229)365-2323.

Please contact me with any other suggestions, comments or questions.

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 August 1<sup>st</sup>.***

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**Entries must be received by  
August 1<sup>st</sup>**

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

**<http://www.georgia4h.org/public/edops/nationalfair/pumpkincontest/watermelon/index.htm>**

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.

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County                      County Extension Agent                      County Agent Email

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