



The Great Pumpkin Contest



Display your **ORANGE** thumb! Show how big you can grow your pumpkin at the Robeson Regional Agricultural Fair's **GREAT PUMPKIN CONTEST**. You can enter individually or collectively as a 4-H club, FFA Chapter, or church youth group. FFA Chapters, 4-H clubs, and youth groups will be given seeds capable of reaching over **600 pounds** if given proper nutrition, care, and culture. Individuals will be given seeds capable of reaching up to **100 pounds**.

Rules

1. One entry per individual (age 9 - 18), 4-H club, FFA chapter, or youth group.
2. Entries must be grown from seeds supplied by Cooperative Extension.
3. Ribbons and prize money awarded to 1st place (\$100), 2nd place (\$75), and 3rd place (\$40) of each division will be determined by weight at the day of entry.
4. In case of a tie, the winner will be selected by horticultural exhibit judges (pictures and a short narrative may help persuade the judges).
5. All pumpkins will remain on display in the Exhibit Building September 29 through October 7.
6. Pumpkins, ribbons, and prize money will be available for pickup Sunday, October 8, from 1 - 5 p.m. Any pumpkin not picked up by noon on Monday, October 9, becomes property of the fair.
7. For your pumpkin to be eligible, you **MUST** register with Mack Johnson, Extension Horticultural Agent, by **Friday, May 12, 2017**.
8. Your pumpkin entry must represent the varieties selected for this contest or it may be disqualified during weigh in. Worthiness will be determined by the judge or judges of that category.

Entries will ONLY be taken Monday, September 25, and Tuesday, September 26, from 4 - 8 p.m. at the Al Parnell Building at the Robeson County Fairgrounds. It will be YOUR responsibility to deliver your pumpkin to weigh-in registration.

Applications can be downloaded at robeson.ces.ncsu.edu or www.robesoncountyfair.com. Applications must be E-mailed by **5:15 p.m. on May 12, 2017**, to mack_johnson@ncsu.edu or mailed to P. O. Box 2280, Lumberton, NC 28359. Seeds may be picked up the week of May 15 between 8:15 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. at the O. P. Owens Agriculture Center located at 455 Caton Road, Lumberton. If you have questions, please contact Mack Johnson by calling 910-671-3276.

