

Kenova Pumpkin House

Giant Pumpkin Competition Rules

1. All exhibitors must currently be an enrolled student (up to 12th grade) in West Virginia and provide their mentor/teachers name.
2. Pumpkins must be grown and cared for by the person(s) entering the contest.
3. Pumpkins must be grown in West Virginia.
4. The specimen must be sound, healthy, and undamaged; free of rot, holes/cracks through to the cavity, chemical residue (fungicides), and serious soft spots.
5. No foreign material is permitted to be included in the weighing.
6. Vine must be no longer than one inch from the stem of the fruit.
7. The judges reserve the right to fully inspect each specimen before, or after, the weight is announced. Refusal to allow the inspection of an entry will cause said entry to be deemed “exhibition only”.
8. Two categories will be judged:
 1. The heaviest fruit.
 2. The fruit with the largest OTT measurement. Winners are deemed officially determined upon the close of the Weigh-Off.
9. Growers will not be permitted to challenge or touch any other competitor’s pumpkin.
10. Decisions of the judges are final in all cases.
12. The Kenova Pumpkin House shall not be liable for compensation for loss or damage to any exhibit or personal property.

*exhibitors entering contest category 1. The heaviest fruit that can not have pumpkins physically present at the Kenova Pumpkin House will also be eligible to compete in the category 1 competition by taking their fruit to an official GPC weigh-off and submitting the official weight to the Kenova Pumpkin House. Here is a direct link to the GPC weigh-off calendar
<https://gpc1.org/weigh-off-locations/south/>

*exhibitors entering contest category 2. The fruit with the largest OTT measurement must measure their fruit according to the instructions below with their teacher or mentor present to verify measurement on video. Videos and OTT measurements must be submitted to the Kenova Pumpkin House by Saturday, October 21st.



<https://giantpumpkins.co.nz/giant-pumpkin-weight-estimation-calculator/>

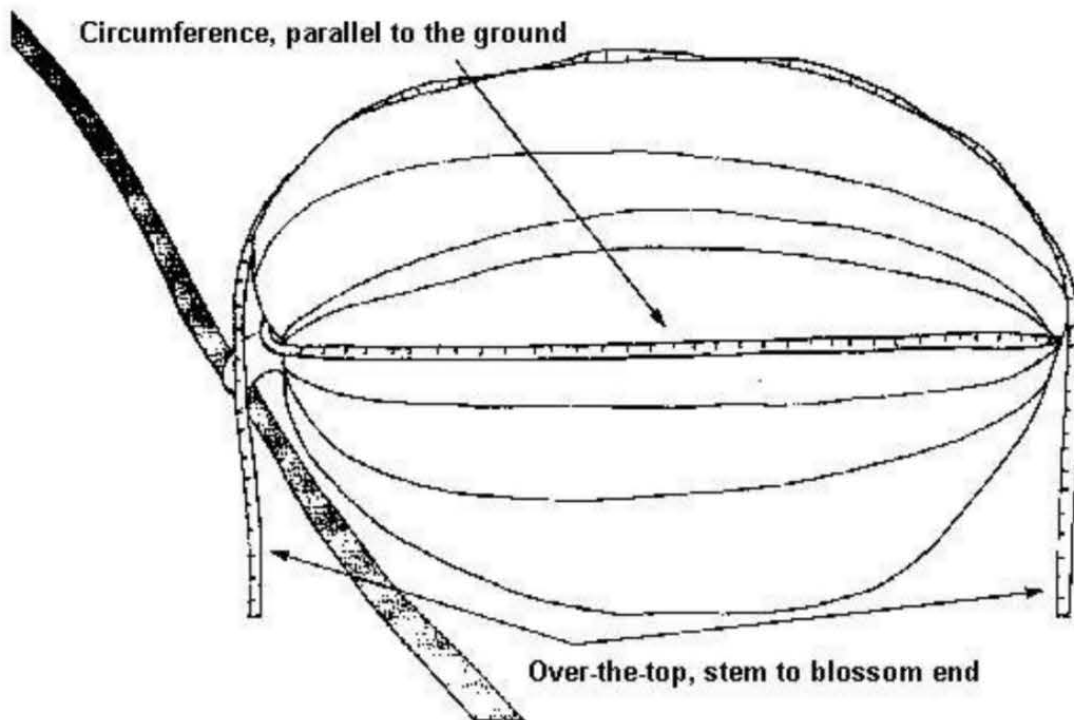
How to Measure a Fruit.

The measurements also should be recorded; We use the three way measure system for determining the estimated weight. Here is a breakdown and illustrations.

To calculate your pumpkin weight, you need to obtain three measurements.

Measure the circumference of the fruit parallel to the ground at stem height.

This is measurement number 1.



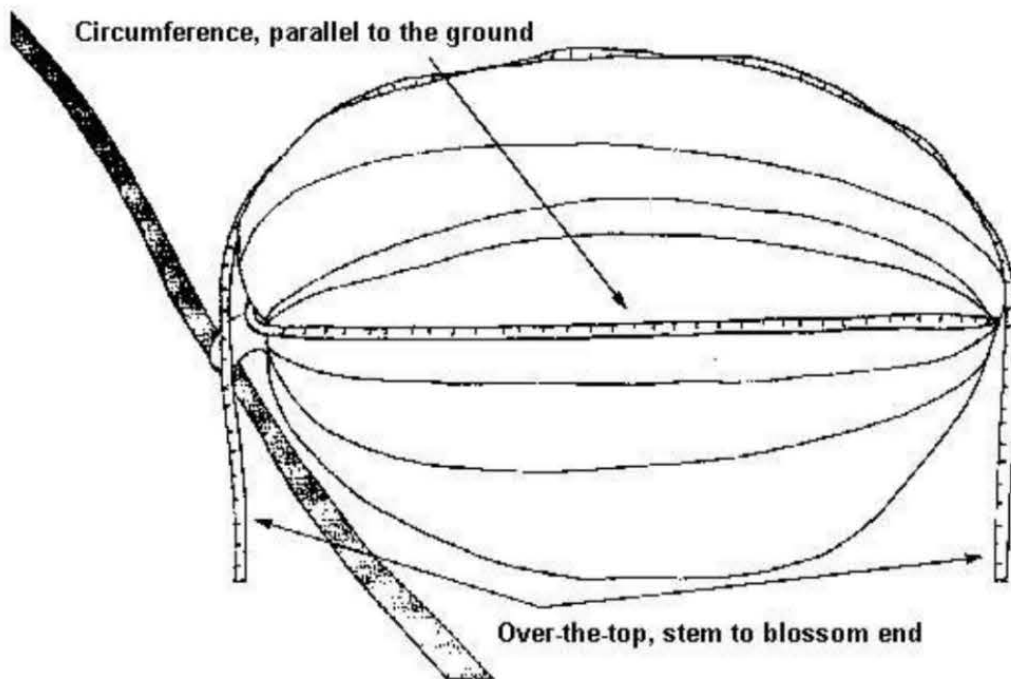
Take the circumference measurement only and find your weight on the Circumference Chart.

The circumference measurement should be taken where you have the largest circumference. It will not always be parallel to the ground. It may be above or below the stem and above or below the blossom point. On most large pumpkins the largest circumference is not at the stem/ blossom level. The largest circumference is necessary to obtain the most accurate weight estimate as most of the circumference measurements used to obtain the weight equations were the largest circumference.

Here are two videos on how to measure OTT:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cd1S8gUC-Ew>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zAY498hHkc4>



Take the circumference measurement only and find your weight on the Circumference Chart.

Now place your tape at the plant stem to the ground and to the blossom end to the ground. What is the distance from ground to ground? This is measurement number 2.

Now place your tape perpendicular to the plant stem at the widest portion of the pumpkin. Place the tape at the ground on both sides at this wide spot. Is it perpendicular to the plant stem? Now measure the distance from ground contact to ground contact. This is measurement number 3.

Add the three measurements and find your total and estimated weight on the Over-the-Top chart.

