

# Indiana STATE FAIR

★ AUG. 1-17, 2014 ★

*A Time to Celebrate!*

## GIANT PUMPKIN CONTEST GIANT WATERMELON CONTEST GIANT TOMATO CONTEST

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 2014

Indiana State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis, IN  
Agriculture & Horticulture Building

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### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ★ ★

#### Tuesday, July 15, 2014

Entry Deadline – July 15 (Postmarked)

Late entries Accepted – July 16 – July 31 (Postmarked)

Late Entry Fee – additional \$25.00

#### Saturday, August 9, 2014

Delivery to Indiana State Fairgrounds for judging

7:00 am – 9:30 am: Pumpkins

8:00 am – 10:00 am: Watermelons & Tomatoes

Delivery site: Davis Homes parking lot. (North of Fairgrounds on 42nd Street) Exhibitors will be allowed to leave their vehicles parked in the Davis Homes parking lot on Saturday, August 9. The Indiana State Fairgrounds is located at 1202 E. 38th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46205.

A forklift will be available so pumpkins and watermelons can be delivered to the Indiana State Fairgrounds on pallets. They will be loaded on hay wagons and driven to the Ball State Agriculture & Horticulture building inside the Fairgrounds for weigh-in. Tomatoes should be delivered by exhibitor to the Indiana State Fairgrounds Ball State Agriculture & Horticulture Building

#### INSPECTION & WEIGH-OFF

10:00 am – Noon: Pumpkin inspection & weigh-off

11:00 am: Watermelon inspection & weigh-off

Noon: Tomato inspection & weigh-off



The Indiana State Fair Giant Pumpkin Weigh-Off has been approved as part of the Great Pumpkin Commonwealth (GPC). Indiana State Fair Giant Pumpkin exhibitors are eligible for extra prize money from GPC if they qualify at the end of the growing season.

### AWARDS PRESENTATION ★ ★

Pumpkins (Top 10 only)

Watermelons (Top 5 only)

Tomatoes (Top 5 only)

The top 10 pumpkins, all the watermelons and all tomatoes will remain on display from Saturday, August 9 – Sunday, August 17. Pumpkins and Watermelons will be released and growers can pick them up on Monday, August 18, 8:00 am until Noon. All tomato entries will be released on Sunday, August 17, 9:00 pm to 11:00 pm or may be picked up Monday, August 18, 8:00 am until Noon. All non-winning pumpkin entries will be put on wagons and taken back to trucks/trailers in Davis Homes parking lot on Saturday after weigh-off has been completed. All pumpkins, watermelons and tomatoes left at Indiana State Fair after Noon, Monday, August 18 will be disposed of.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION ★ ★

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# ★★★ TERMS AND CONDITIONS ★★★

**It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to be familiar with and understand all terms and conditions concerning exhibition.**

1. The specimens must be grown and cared for by the exhibitor. Growers from any state can compete.
2. Exhibitor must have completed entry form with fees or valid credit card information postmarked by July 15, 2014 to the Indiana State Fair Entry Department. Late entries accepted July 16 – July 31 with an additional \$25.00 late fee. Entry fee \$15.00 for (1) one class and exhibitor will receive 3 - 1 day passes. Entry fee of \$30.00 for (2) two or more classes and exhibitor will receive 6 – 1 day passes. Each entrant must pay all fees at time of making entry.
3. An exhibitor can only enter up to 2 specimens in each class per address. Exhibitor/grower must be present for weigh-off and judging.
4. Specimens that have been previously weighed at a weigh-off contest other than the Indiana State Fair's will not be eligible for Indiana State Fair competition.
5. Cooperative Extension Agents and/or government representatives will be on site to serve as judges and to inspect entries and supervise weighing.
6. Each Specimen must be sound, healthy and undamaged. Entries must be free of rot, holes and/or cracks through to the interior cavity, chemical residues and serious soft spots. Cracks, holes and openings shall be free of any foreign material. The judges will probe any crack, hole or opening into the specimen which visually appears to extend into the interior cavity. A 36" by 1/16" probe will be provided to the judge to probe any suspect cracks, openings or holes. An opening where the probe meets no resistance into the interior cavity will disqualify the specimen from the competition. The decision of the judges is final.
7. Chemical residues and soil must be cleaned from the specimen before arrival at the Indiana State Fair for the protection of judges, lifters and spectators.
8. The judges have the right to fully inspect each specimen before the official weight is announced. Refusal to allow a thorough inspection of the specimen will result in disqualification.
9. Specimens must clear the scale in sound condition in order for the weight to be official and grower eligible for prize money.
10. In the event of ties, the prize money for that placing and the placing under it will be combined and split equally.
11. Parking for trucks/trailers will be provided at the Davis Homes parking lot on Saturday, August 9.
12. The Indiana State Fair retains the rights to all entries exhibited. If the Indiana State Fair does not want to retain rights, specimens are the responsibility of the growers.
13. Growers can pick up specimens on Monday, August 18. All specimens left at the Indiana State Fair after noon on August 18 will be disposed of.
14. Prize money will be awarded based on each entry clearing inspection and weight. Prize money sponsored by the Indiana State Fair.

**Entry fees are non-refundable. Each Exhibitor must pay all fees at time of making entry. Incomplete entries without correct fees, valid credit card information or signature will be returned. No additions may be made.**

## Class Description

### Class 1 – 112-GC-1 Giant Pumpkin - largest single, sound specimen by weight

Prize money will be awarded to the top 10 pumpkins. 1st place - \$1000, 2nd place - \$500, 3rd place - \$250, 4th place - \$100, 5th place - \$75, 6th place - \$50, 7th place - \$50, 8th place - \$25, 9th place - \$25, 10th place - \$25  
\_\_\_\_\_ 1 pumpkin minimum weight of 200 pounds \_\_\_\_\_ 2 pumpkins minimum weight of 200 pounds each.

1. Pumpkins must weigh a minimum of 200 pounds to be considered for exhibition at the Indiana State Fair.
2. Pumpkins must be on pallets when delivered to the Indiana State Fairgrounds. A forklift will be available to unload and load pumpkin(s).
3. Any entry from the genus Cucurbita of the family Cucurbitaceae, a group that includes the pumpkins and squashes, will be considered a pumpkin.
4. If a grower brings two pumpkins, only one pumpkin will be eligible for prize money.

### Class 2 – 112-GC-2 Giant Watermelon – largest single, sound specimen by weight

Prize money will be awarded the top 5 Watermelons. 1st place - \$100, 2nd place - \$75, 3rd place - \$50, 4th place - \$35, 5th place - \$20  
\_\_\_\_\_ 1 watermelon minimum weight of 90 pounds \_\_\_\_\_ 2 watermelons minimum weight of 90 pounds each

1. Watermelons must weigh a minimum of 90 pounds to be considered for exhibit at the State Fair contest.
2. Watermelons must be on pallets when delivered to Indiana State Fairgrounds. A forklift will be available to unload and load watermelon(s).
3. Any entry from the genus Citrullus lanatus, a group that includes the Watermelon, will be considered a Watermelon.

### Class 3 – 112-GC-3 Giant Tomato – largest single, sound specimen by weight

Prize money will be awarded to the top 5 Tomatoes. 1st place - \$50, 2nd place - \$35, 3rd place - \$25, 4th place - \$15, 5th place - \$10  
\_\_\_\_\_ 1 tomato minimum weight of 2 pounds \_\_\_\_\_ 2 tomatoes minimum weight of 2 pounds each

1. Tomatoes must weigh a minimum of 2 pounds to be considered for exhibit at the State Fair contest.
2. Any entry from the genus Lycopersicon esculentum, a group that includes tomatoes, will be considered a tomato.

Entry fee for 1 class (see above) Example – Class 1 Giant Pumpkin	\$15.00
Exhibitor will receive 3 – 1 day passes to the Fair	
Entry fee for 2 or more classes: Example – Class 1 & Class 2 Giant Pumpkin & Giant Tomato	\$30.00
Exhibitor will receive 6 – 1 day passes to the Fair	



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