

Pumpkin Palooza

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PUMPKIN STATS

- Illinois is the number one pumpkin producer in the United States
- The top ten pumpkin producing counties in Illinois are: Tazewell, Mason, Wayne, Peoria, Stark, Moultrie, Logan, Kane, McHenry, McLean
- Pumpkin is a fruit because they are part of the plant that contains seeds
- There is a difference between pumpkins you cook and the pumpkins you carve
- Pumpkins are grown primarily for processing with a small percentage grown for ornamental sales through you-pick farms, farmers' market, and retail sales
- It takes 110 days for a pumpkin vine to produce mature pumpkins
- Pumpkins are low in calories, fat, sodium and high in fiber
- 80 percent of the pumpkins produced commercially in the United States are produced within a 90-mile radius of Peoria.
- Giant pumpkins can grow five pounds a day
- Pumpkins can range in size from less than a pound to over 1,000 pounds
- For more pumpkin facts, visit <http://www.extension.illinois.edu/pumpkins/facts.cfm>



GROWING PUMPKINS

When to plant: Late May for northern locations, Early July for southern locations.

- Vine pumpkins require at least 50 to 100 square feet for growth; plant seeds one in deep in the ground.
- **Bush varieties:** Plant seeds one inch deep, and three feet apart
- Bees are needed to pollinate pumpkins
- Pumpkins are ready to be picked with the rind is hard and a deep orange color

For more pumpkin growing tips, visit

<https://extension.illinois.edu/pumpkins/growing.cfm>



PUMPKIN PATCHES & FARMS (always call to verify hours of operation)

Curtis Orchard – Champaign County <http://www.curtisorchard.com>

Broom Orchard – Macoupin County <http://www.broomorchard.com/>

Ackerman Farms – Tazewell County <http://www.ackermanfarms.com/>

Gail's Pumpkin Patch – Logan County <http://www.gailspumpkinpatch.com/>

Bomke's Patch – Sangamon County <http://www.bomkespatch.com/>

The Great Pumpkin Patch – Moultrie County <http://www.the200acres.com/>

Rader Family Farms – McLean County <https://www.raderfamilyfarms.com/>

Eckert's Farm – St. Clair County <http://www.eckerts.com/>

Wagon Wheel Pumpkin Farm – Dewitt County

<http://www.wagonwheelpumpkinfarm.com/>

All Seasons Orchard – McHenry County <http://allseasonsorchard.com/>

Bandy's Pumpkin Patch – Williamson County <http://www.bandypumpkinpatch.com/>

Bengtson's Pumpkin Farm – Will County <http://pumpkinfarm.com/>

There are more than **500 pumpkin farms in Illinois**, many with you-pick options:

To find more farms and patches check out this google search:

<https://www.google.com/#q=illinois+pumpkin+patches>



Fall Decorating Tips: <https://www.pinterest.com/idoamarkets/>

- Check out our pinterest page for fall decorating tips and Jack-O-Lantern patterns

Pumpkin Recipes: <https://www.pinterest.com/idoamarkets/>

- Check out our pinterest page for delicious recipes, including one for the official pie of the state of Illinois!

Kids Page:

Free Printable Coloring Pages:

<http://www.supercoloring.com/coloring-pages/vegetables/pumpkins>

http://www.hellokids.com/r_3/coloring-pages

Free Downloadable Coloring Pages:

<http://www.selfcoloringpages.com/halloween-treats-coloring-pages/>

<http://www.coloring.ws/halloween-pumpkins.htm>

Jack-O-Lanterns:

<http://web.extension.illinois.edu/dmp/palette/101031.html>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b3fKkCRNvBM>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5xJ5l8wfUtl>

Other Links:

<https://extension.illinois.edu/pumpkins/>

<http://www.pumpkinpatchesandmore.org/ILpumpkins.php>

http://www.agmrc.org/commodities_products/vegetables/pumpkins/

<http://www.igpga.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Illinois-Giant-Pumpkin-Growers-Association-156996001057632/timeline/>

