

Good afternoon,

The 3rd Annual River Prairie Ginormous Pumpkin Festival Weigh-Off Registration is now live. The River Prairie Ginormous Pumpkin Festival celebrates giant pumpkins and their growers!

Click here to view the online registration form >> <https://forms.gle/wyceXjBVT26uoNPk7>

I have attached the weigh-off prize structure below as a PDF. This year the event has a \$13,000+ prize purse.

We crafted a **What Growers Need To Know** section, which can be read below:  
River Prairie Giant Pumpkin Festival Weigh-Off // What the Growers Need to Know

Thank you for your interest in entering your prize pumpkin or other fruit/vegetable in the River Prairie Ginormous Pumpkin Festival. We are providing you an overview of the weigh-off logistics so everyone knows what to expect. We are grateful that our sponsors have stepped up, providing the Festival with even more prize money than last year.

1. Every grower that attends will be asked to pre-register for the event. Registration is free. A registration form will be required for EACH AND EVERY ENTRY, whether it be a pumpkin, squash, tomato, long gourd etc. The registration form includes a place for providing your over-the-top (OTT) measurements for your pumpkins and squash.
2. Included in the registration packet is a sign-up form for scheduling an unloading time slot if you are entering a Giant pumpkin or squash (Atlantic Giant). Unloading will happen between 6 AM and 11 AM and growers will sign up for 5-minute time slots to unload their pumpkins, meaning there will be 60 unloading slots available. If there are more than 60 registrants, we will make adjustments to our sign-up sheet as necessary. We ask that growers living near the weigh-off sign up for the early slots to allow travel time for those coming from farther away.
3. The site coordinator reserves the right to not weigh exhibition fruit (Atlantic Giants) if there are so many fruit registered that weighing all the fruit is not possible before 2 pm, as determined in the sole discretion of the site coordinator, exhibition fruits may not be weighed and all growers with exhibition fruit will be notified a minimum of 2 days before the contest.
4. Unloading will be on the street on Front Porch Place. During unloading, the road will be closed to traffic except for growers. Growers are asked to enter from the northwest end of Front Porch Place. A map will be provided to all those that register.
5. Weighing will begin immediately after unloading for pumpkins and squash that tape out at less than 1000 pounds. Most pumpkins less than 1000 pounds will be reloaded after weighing for the sake of efficiency. Pumpkins taping out over 1000 pounds will be reloaded when the weigh-off ends.
6. Atlantic Giant - Pumpkins and Squash measuring over 1000 lbs will be set aside and will be weighed immediately after the other registered fruit measuring under 1000lbs.

7. The City will provide lunches for the growers.
8. There will be a photo opportunity for each grower with their fruit while on the scale, but in the interest of efficiency, not all the growers will be interviewed.
9. Grower parking will be available behind 44 North and Prairie Place Apartments. Again, a map will be provided to all those that register.
10. At this time we do not anticipate having special requirements in place for COVID safety. However, consistent with CDC guidelines, masks are encouraged when social distancing of 6 feet or greater is not possible, especially for those that are not vaccinated. If conditions change, COVID safety protocols may be required to maintain safety for the workers, growers, and spectators.

**River Prairie Ginormous Pumpkin Festival Event Rules (Changes highlighted in BOLD)**

- 1. An exhibitor can only enter one specimen per class and there can be only 2 entries per family (household), but only one entry will be eligible for an award, the other will be an exhibition. The grower must specify what pumpkin will be their exhibition pumpkin when they are unloaded.**
- 2. Exhibition Pumpkins are not eligible for the Howard Dill Award.**
3. Each specimen must be grown and cared for by the exhibitor.
4. The exhibitor must be present for the competition unless prior approval for a legitimate reason is made with a site coordinator via email or phone call. Site coordinators are Mike Golat ([michaelg@ci.altoona.wi.us](mailto:michaelg@ci.altoona.wi.us)) and Roy Atkinson ([roya@ci.altoona.wi.us](mailto:roya@ci.altoona.wi.us)) and they can be reached at 715-839-6092.
5. All pumpkins and squash must be on a pallet.
6. Any entry weighed in a previous competition will not be eligible for prize money.
7. This weigh-off is a Great Pumpkin Commonwealth (GPC) sanctioned event and all GPC rules will be followed.

For additional information, please visit [www.rpgiantpumpkinfest.com](http://www.rpgiantpumpkinfest.com)!

We hope to see you and your beastly fruits at our weigh-off.

Best Regards,

Roy



## RIVER PRAIRIE GINORMOUS PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

# River Prairie Ginormous Pumpkin Festival

Presented by Group Health Cooperative of Eau Claire

Saturday, September 25, 2021  
www.rpgiantpumpkinfest.com

2021 Prize Structure  
Total Purse: \$13,000+

Pumpkins			Watermelon			Squash		
Place	Prize		Place	Prize		Place	Prize	
1st	\$4,000	Plaque	1st	\$300	Ribbon	1st	\$1,000	Plaque
2nd	\$2,000	Ribbon	2nd	\$150		2nd	\$500	
3rd	\$1,000	Ribbon	3rd	\$75		3rd	\$250	
4th	\$500	Ribbon						
5th	\$250	Ribbon						
6th	\$200	Ribbon						
7th	\$100	Ribbon						
8th	\$90	Ribbon						
9th	\$80	Ribbon						
10th	\$70	Ribbon						
11th -20th	\$50							
			Long Gourd			Tomato		
Place	Prize		Place	Prize		Place	Prize	
1st	\$100	Ribbon	1st	\$100	Ribbon	1st	\$100	Ribbon
2nd	\$50		2nd	\$50		2nd	\$50	
3rd	\$25		3rd	\$25		3rd	\$25	
			Field Pumpkin			Marrow		
Place	Prize		Place	Prize		Place	Prize	
1st	\$100	Ribbon	1st	\$100	Ribbon	1st	\$100	Ribbon
2nd	\$50		2nd	\$50		2nd	\$50	
3rd	\$25		3rd	\$25		3rd	\$25	
			Bushel Gourd					
Place	Prize		Place	Prize				
1st	\$100	Ribbon	1st	\$100	Ribbon			
2nd	\$50		2nd	\$50				
3rd	\$25		3rd	\$25				

### Other Awards:

- Mayors Choice Big and Beautiful Pumpkin aka Howard Dill GPC Site Award
  - Judged by size, color and symmetry // Minimum 300 lbs to enter.
  - Prize: \$1000
- Site Record Bonus for Atlantic Giant Pumpkin Category - \$500

Questions? Please email or call the site coordinators:

Mike Golat - michaelg@ci.altoona.wi.us // Roy Atkinson - roya@ci.altoona.wi.us  
Phone: 715-839-6092

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