



Pumpkin Patch Facts

-  The name pumpkin originated from “pepon”, the Greek work for “*large melon*”
 -  Giant pumpkins can weigh over **1,000 lbs.** In fact, the largest pumpkin grown in North America weighed **2,528 lbs.** (as of 2018)
-  **Pumpkins are, scientifically, a fruit**
 -  Over **1.6 billion pounds** of pumpkins are grown on over **65, 900 acres** in the U.S. each year, and 80% of those are available in October
-  **Virginia** has more than **200 commercial pumpkin growers** that grow approximately **3,900 acres of wholesale pumpkins.** **West Virginia** harvested **191 acres** of pumpkins (in 2017)
-  Pumpkin can be used in many ways: *pumpkin flowers* are edible, the *seeds* can be roasted for a snack (in fact, Native Americans used pumpkin seeds for food and medicine) and pumpkins can also be used as *feed* for animals!