



Giant Pumpkin & Watermelon Weigh-off

Division 288

Chairman UT/TSU Extension Michael Barry
Scale Sponsor System Scale, Nashville, TN
Total Premium Offered \$3,000.00

Entry Fee: \$2.00 per entry

Check-in: Thurs., Sept 7th, 7:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.

Release: Mon., Sept. 18th, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Premiums Offered \$1,606.00

Premium Schedule: 1st-\$600; 2nd-\$400; 3rd-
\$250; 4th-\$150; 5th-\$100

Rules

1. Weigh-off competition is open to anyone.
2. Pumpkin entries must arrive loaded on a skid/pallets.
3. Minimum weights: Pumpkin - 300 lbs & Watermelon - 50 lb.
4. Employees/staff/or volunteers of the Tennessee State Fair shall not be responsible for any accidents, losses or breakage of any grower's specimen (s).
5. All exhibitors agree that the use of his/her name and or photograph may be used for promotional purposes without further compensation.
6. All exhibits not claimed will become the property of the Tennessee State Fair Association.



Weigh—Off Rules

1. Specimens must have been grown and cared for by the exhibitor.
2. Exhibitor (Grower) must be present the day of weigh-off
3. Individuals may have one entry per class. A family may have a total of two entries per class.
4. Pumpkin Color: All fruit, not solid green or gray, will be judged as a pumpkin.
5. Watermelon requirements - any variety or shape.
6. Specimens must be sound, healthy and undamaged. Entries must be free of rot, holes/cracks through to the cavity, chemical residue and serious soft spots. Entries that are deemed unsound at the weigh-off by the Chairman or his designated officials may not be accepted as entries in the Fair.
7. No foreign material is permitted to be included in the weighing. Vines must be trimmed to one inch from the stem of the fruit. The judges reserve the right to fully inspect each specimen before the weigh-off begins and before the weight is announced and becomes official.
8. In the event of a tie, the prize money for those placing will be combined and split equally.
9. The decisions of the judges are final.

Class	Description
01	Pumpkins
02	Watermelons

Winners of Years Past Pumpkins

2005
669 lbs.
Frank Mudd, Flaherty, KY

2006
1078 lbs.
Lawrence County 4-H Club

2007
1,065.5 lbs.
George Kopsell, Maryville, TN

2008
1,089 lbs.
Frank Mudd, Flaherty, KY

2009
1,119.5 lbs.
John Vanhook, Summerset, KY

2010
956 lbs.
Jim Sowers, Stanford, KY

2011
1,014 lbs.
Frank Mudd, Flaherty, KY

2012
932.5 lbs.
John Thompson, Louisville, KY

2013
524 lbs.
Freddie Burcham, Ashland City, TN

2014
1,269 lbs.
Jason Terry, Onedia, TN

2015
1,389 lbs.
Bill Brinkely, Russeville, KY

2016
1,311 lbs.
Jason Terry, Onedia, TN

Winners of Years Past Watermelons

2005
207 lbs.
Bill Brinkely, Auburn, KY

2006
198 lbs.
Zach Brinkley, Auburn, KY

2007
214 lbs.
Freddie Burcham, Ashland City, TN

2008
208.5 lbs.
Freddie Burcham, Ashland City, TN

2009
239 lbs.
Chris Kent, Sevierville, TN

2010
264 lbs.
Chris Kent, Sevierville, TN

2011
225 lbs.
Chris Kent, Sevierville, TN

2012
217 lbs.
Matt Burcham, Pleasant View, TN

2013
273.5 lbs.
Frank Mudd, Flaherty, KY

2014
255.5 lbs.
Frank Mudd, Flaherty, KY

2015
231 lbs.
Jeremy Lindley, Wynne, AR

2016
248 lbs.
Chris Kent, Sevierville, TN

