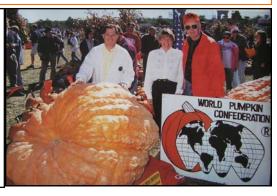
The 129 year Journey to 2000 pounds

Time has a way of blurring the past. And yet it has everything to do with the future. Those who grew before thousands of years before us, ebbed out of the wild a species of Pumpkin which for millennia had been producing 300 or so pound fruits. Their goal was to maximize a food supply per fruit for the masses. But during the last century things changed. Food was more readily available, so "Growers" had some time on their hands.. And curiosity set in. This new breed of growers took the process of Natural Selection and morphed it into the process of Artificial selection, soon after Charles Darwin laid out his foundations of the theory of evolution and transformed the way we think about the Natural World.

| Year | Grower | Location | Wt (lbs) |
|------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| 1883 | Charles Hewitt | Halifax Canada | 292 |
| 1884 | Joseph Dunn | Bryantsville, KY | 226 |
| 1893 | William Warnock | Chicago Worlds Fair | 365 |
| 1900 | William Warnock | Paris Worlds Fair | 400 |
| 1904 | William Warnock | St Louis Worlds Fair | 403 |
| 1905 | A. W. Roel | Brattleboro, VT | 289 |
| 1906 | A. W. Roel | Brattleboro, VT | 322.5 |
| 1976 | Bob Ford | Pennsylvainia | 451 |
| 1977 | Howard Dill | Windsor, Nova Scotia | 287 |
| 1978 | Edgar Van Wick | Roland, MB | 382 |
| 1979 | Howard Dill | Windsor, Nova Scotia | 438.5 |
| 1980 | Howard Dill | Windsor, Nova Scotia | 459 |
| 1981 | Howard Dill | Windsor, Nova Scotia | 493.5 |
| 1982 | Howard Dill | Windsor, Nova Scotia | 445 |
| 1983 | Owan Woodman | Falmouth, Nova Scotia | 481 |
| 1984 | Norm Gallagher | Chelan, WA | 612 |
| 1985 | Michael Hodgson | River Phillip, NS | 531 |
| 1986 | Robert Gancarz | Wrightstown, NS | 671 |
| 1987 | Don Fleming | Morrisville, VT | 604.5 |
| 1988 | Keith Chappel | Upper Granville, NS | 651 |
| 1989 | Gordon Thompson | n Hemmingford, PQ | 755 |
| 1990 | Ed Gancarz | Wrightston, NJ | 816.5 |
| 1991 | Ray Waterman | Collins, NY | 780.5 |
| 1992 | Joel Holland | Puyallup, WA | 827 |
| 1993 | Donald Black | Winthrop, NY | 884 |
| 1994 | Herman Bax | Brockville, Ontario | 990 |
| 1995 | Paula Zehr | Lowville, NY | 963 |
| 1996 | Paula/Nathan Zehr | r Lowville, NY | 1061 |
| 1997 | Chris Anderson | Moraga, CA | 977 |
| 1998 | Gary Burke | Simcoe, Ontario | 1092 |
| 1999 | Gerry Checkon | Spanglar, PA | 1131 |
| 2000 | Dave Stelts | Leetonia, OH | 1140 |
| 2001 | Geneva Emmons | Sammamish, WA | 1262 |
| 2002 | Charlie Houghton | Goffstown, NH | 1337.6 |
| 2003 | Steve Daletas | Canby, OR | 1385 |
| 2004 | Al Eaton | Ontario, Canada | 1446 |
| 2005 | Larry Checkon | Altoona, PA | 1469 |
| 2006 | Ron Wallace | Greene, RI | 1502 |
| 2007 | Joe Jutras | North Smithfield, RI | 1689 |
| 2008 | Jake VanKooten | Port Alberni, BC | 1536.5 |
| 2009 | Christy Harp | Massillon, OH | 1725 |
| 2010 | Chris Stevens | New Richmond, WI | 1810.5 |
| 2011 | Jim Bryson | Ormstown, Quebec | 1818.5 |
| 2012 | Ron Wallace | Greene, RI | 2009 |
| 2013 | Tim Matheson | Napa, CA | 2032 |

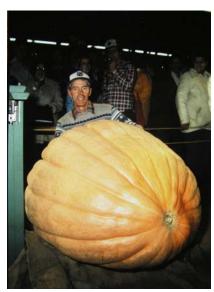
Paula and Nathan Zehr in 1996 with Ray Waterman in Collins, New York, with the first 1000 pounder. This Giant Pumpkin weighed 1061 pounds.



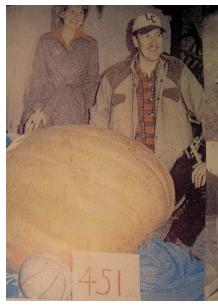




Robert Gancarz with 671 WR in 1986.



Howard Dill and his 493.5 WR in 1981.



Bob Ford with 451 lb WR in 1976.



Joe Jutras with 1689 WR in 2007.



Chris Stevens with 1810.5 WR in 2010.