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Nothing is left out.

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# What are they saying?



“This book, about organic gardening and giant pumpkins, is going to be the most influential, talked about, Cucurbit book in years. It is so full of dazzling, yet common sense practical insights – and so engaging – that once I started reading it I could not put it down.”

Steve Connolly  
SNGPG Newsletter Editor

“I’m going to wear the pages out.”

Don Young  
Grower of the 2nd largest pumpkin ever at 1662 pounds

“I can guarantee that all who peruse this luscious and stunningly illustrated book will find a detailed and authoritative history of the giant pumpkins with records dating from 1857, and pictures ranging from William Warnock, the legendary Pumpkin King of 1904, to jovial Joe Jutras, the wizard of Rhode Island, who’s unbelievable 1689 pound bonanza, achieved in 2007, still remains unbroken. Truly, Don Langevin has become the Herodotus of Giant Pumpkins.”



Jules Janick  
James Troop Distinguished Professor of Horticulture  
Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

“I [note] the extraordinary feat of these unbelievable gardeners. They have mastered the ability to naturally breed characteristics into plants and to do it quickly. Every year the pumpkins seem to get bigger and bigger. Its not just the seed, of course. These growers have developed specialized techniques for reaching their quest of adding mass. These are the folks who show that mycorrhizal fungi work. They show the worth of no till. They demonstrate that a large plant can be grown without chemicals. They are examining and advancing the science of growing in ways that involve soil structure building, cellular nutrition and on and on. Pumpkin grower or not, I am sure you will apply some of these things to your garden after reading this book.”



Jeff Lowenfels  
*Teaming With Microbes: A Gardener's Guide to The Soil Food Web* (Timber Press, 2006)

“Don Langevin has done it again! How-To-Grow World Class Giant Pumpkins – The All-Organic Way is the latest in a four-part series dedicated to the pursuit of growing giant pumpkins. This book will once again ‘level the playing field’ in extreme vegetable growing. The information is useful for all skill levels of giant vegetable gardening, and in true Langevin fashion, is in an easy-to-read format. Don teaches everyone the most in-depth practices of growing technique and soil science, from the state of the art mycorrhizal inoculants and biological controls, to the basics of composting and organic matter. This book is an instant classic that will propel even a novice gardener to world record heights.”



Ron Wallace  
SNGPG Director  
2006 World Record Holder



Don Young with his 2007, 1662.

# Excerpt

## Average Times

Below is Al Eaton's averages from 1989-1997 of the occurrence of significant events in the giant pumpkin growing season. Compare them with Ron Wallace's weight goals. The Atlantic Giant of today is a far more aggressive plant, and much quicker in bulking up fruit than those of the 1990s. This is due in part to better growing techniques, but mostly the result of genetic improvements contained in the current Atlantic Giant seed stocks.

### Eaton Averages for 1989-1997

Day*	Event	Date	lbs/day	Eaton wgt.
	Seed started	5/2		
	Germination	5/6		
	First true leaf	5/8		
	Transplanted	5/11		
	Five true leaves	5/22		
	1' vine	6/4		
	4' vine	6/13		
	6' vine	6/18		
	1st male blossom	6/24		
	1st female blossom	7/3		
9	15" circumference	7/12		3
14	30" circumference	7/17	2	12
19	50" circumference	7/22	7	45
25	70" circumference	7/28	11	108
30	90" circumference	8/2	19	204
42	110" circumference	8/14	11	337
49	120" circumference	8/21	12	420
59	130" circumference	8/31	11	527



### What you need to get to 1500 pounds

Day*	lbs/day	Gain	Wallace wgt.
20	10	200	200
27	22	154	354
34	35	245	599
41	36	252	851
48	30	210	1061
54	23	138	1199
61	15	105	1304
68	10	70	1374
75	10	70	1444
82	3	21	1465
89	3	21	1486
96	2	14	1500

### What you need to get to 2000 pounds

Day*	Day Avg.	Gain	Goal Avg.
20	14	280	280
27	26	182	462
34	38	266	728
41	44	308	1036
48	42	294	1330
54	30	180	1510
61	22	154	1664
68	17	119	1783
75	12	84	1867
82	10	70	1937
89	6	42	1979
96	3	21	2000

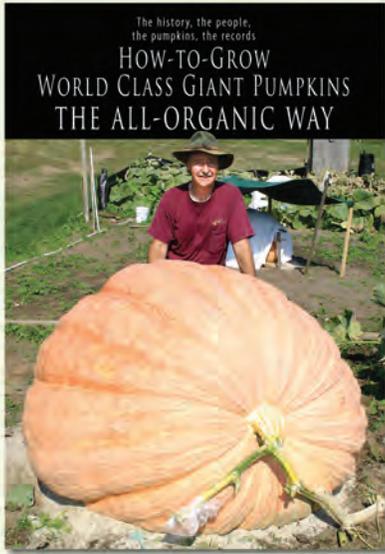
\* Days from pollination



1086 Carlson	
Muller's 502 Sherwood Fathers, Bedford	
Pollinator:	873 Latham
Pollination Date:	July 16, 2005
Measurement as of 8/19/05	
Circumference	90
Seed to Seed	63
Seed to Stem	64
Total DWT	227
Estimated Weight	238
Seed Name:	Atlantic Giant



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