



HELLO FELLOW GARDENERS:

On behalf of the Republic Pumpkin Daze Committee, we would like to update you on this year's annual weigh off for the Republic Pumpkin Daze Event. We hope to welcome you to the event on **the first Saturday in October**, we hope that you all have had a pleasant summer and wish you the best of luck on this year's upcoming event.

You will find at this year's festival Bigger and Better than ever! We have expanded into a two-day event! However, we have kept your involvement as it has been in the past to just SATURDAY. There will be crafts, food, entertainment, and a wide array of outstanding produce. For those of you that are new to this event, it is a national produce weigh off and growers are encouraged to attend and participate. There is no entry fee, and all are welcome to attend and/or participate.

The following is an abbreviated listing of rules. For a full set of rules, further details, or questions, please feel free to contact a Pumpkin Daze Committee member or visit our website at www.republicpumpkindaze.com. Also on the website, you will find a link to the Great Pumpkin Commonwealth (GPC). The GPC is the national governing body for the rules and regulations of our produce competitions.

- *No more than two entries per fixed address per category.*
- *Entries must be registered between 8 am and 10 am on the Saturday morning of the event, **Registration can be accessed from Hwy 174, turn South on Hampton then East onto Hines, the weigh in lot will be off Hines to the South.***
- *Produce must stay on display until at least 4 pm and will need to be removed by 5 pm for clean-up. If you remove your produce prior to receiving prizes/ribbons all winnings will be forfeited.*

Included with this letter is a pre-registration form for your produce that we will be using to streamline this year's registration process. We hope that this will make the registration process faster and more pleasant for all of you.

***Please complete 2 copies of the registration form for each item you plan to enter.** Once you arrive, the forms will be collected, and the judges will complete the weights and measures portion.*

If you are unable to print/copy this pre-registration form or have any questions, we will also have these forms available at the registration tent and weigh-in site where we will be glad to help you complete them.

To try to alleviate the bottle neck at the weigh in area you will receive a number upon registration, and it will be mandatory that you weigh in produce when your number is called. Also take notice that we have shortened the registration time to 2 hours to accommodate enough weigh in time.

Hotel Accommodations; AmericInn Lodge and Suites of Republic at 950 Austin Lane, Republic, Missouri, 417-732-5335.

Thanks again to all the growers. Without you and your support, this event would not be possible. We look forward to seeing you all soon! And always keep in mind that Pumpkin Daze in its entirety is planned, set up, and ran by a dedicated group of volunteers, that includes our local FFA chapter. Please take the time to thank our volunteers for the time they dedicate to this event. And if you have any input as always, we welcome and actively seek new committee members each year.

Sincerely,

The Republic Pumpkin Daze Committee