



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 October 7th, 2017. 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 many of the favorite events and sites that you have hopefully enjoyed in the past. We will again this year be seeking new vendors, entertainment, and activities that will appeal to the whole family. 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 from anywhere 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.pumpkindaze.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 October 1st, 2016. Registration can be accessed at the corner of Grant and Walnut.*
- *Produce must stay on display until at least 2 pm and will need to be removed by 4 pm for clean up. If you remove your produce prior to receiving prizes/ribbons all winnings will be forfeited.*

Don't Forget!—Field Pumpkin Category: 2016 we had a few entries in this category and hope to see more this year. ... so if your growing some throw them in and bring them with you.

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 in order to accommodate enough weigh in time.

Anyone who is in need of hotel accommodations, feel free to call AmericInn Lodge and Suites of Republic at 950 Austin Lane, Republic, Missouri, 417-732-5335. They will be happy to make reservations for you and your family.

Also, it's not too late to get a booth. If interested, call Linda Womack at (417)732-6210.

Thanks again to all of 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, setup, 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