First Prize Pumpkin

Cucurbita maxima 'First Prize'



First Prize Pumpkin fruit
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 8 feet

Spacing: 3 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Description:

Supersized pumpkins show off on vigorous vines in large gardens; extra large, deep orange pumpkins that can grow to 50lbs and larger; golden orange flesh, tasty and well suited for stews and soups; seeds can be roasted and salted for a delicious snack

Edible Qualities

First Prize Pumpkin is an annual vegetable plant that is commonly grown for its edible qualities. It produces gigantic orange round fruit with orange flesh which are typically harvested when mature. The fruits have a pleasant taste.

The fruit are most often used in the following ways:

- Cooking
- Baking

Planting & Growing

First Prize Pumpkin will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 feet. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 3 feet apart. This vegetable plant is an annual, which means that it will grow for one season in your garden and then die after producing a crop.

This plant is typically grown in a designated vegetable garden. It should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. This is a selection of a native North American species.; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.