

FARM FRIDAY FUN

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PUMPKIN FACTS



The name pumpkin comes from the Greek word “pepon” which means large melon.



Colonists sliced off pumpkin tops; removed seeds and filled the insides with milk, spices and honey. This was baked in hot ashes and is the origin of pumpkin pie.



Pumpkins are a fruit because they contain seeds. However, when they are cooked, they are soft and referred to as a vegetable.



Over 1 billion pounds of pumpkins are produced in the US every year.



Pumpkins are usually orange but can sometimes be yellow, white, green or red.



A pumpkin is a squash and a member of the Cucurbita family.



Pumpkin flowers are edible.



Pumpkins are 90 percent water.



80% of the pumpkin supply in the US is available in October.



Native Americans used pumpkin seeds for food and medicine.



The world’s largest pumpkin weighed in at 2,323 pounds



The largest pumpkin pie ever made was 5 feet in diameter and over 350 pounds.



Six of the seven continents can grow pumpkins, Antarctica is the only continent that they won’t grow in.

