



## **Pumpkin Facts**

1. A pumpkin is a vegetable related to the squash and belongs to the gourd family.
2. The top pumpkin production states are Illinois, Ohio, Pennsylvania and California.
3. They can weigh from 15 - 30 pounds. Some can weigh up to 200 lbs.
4. Pumpkins are mostly orange, but many pumpkins are white, yellow or other colors.
5. Pumpkins provide a rich source of vitamin A and potassium. Most farmers use pumpkins as livestock feed.
6. Pumpkins grow on vines and bushes. It takes about 4 months for a pumpkin to reach maturity.
7. The largest pumpkin pie ever made was over five feet in diameter and weighed over 350 pounds. It used 80 pounds of cooked pumpkin, 36 pounds of sugar, 12 dozen eggs and took six hours to bake.
8. Pumpkins have hard outer shells and course, stringy pulp
9. People cook pumpkins in a variety of ways.
10. Pumpkin seeds can be roasted and used for a snack.