



## Expert Pumpkin

*Cucurbita pepo 'Expert'*

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 8 feet

Spacing: 3 feet

Sunlight: ☉

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

### Description:

Upright, blocky pumpkins show off on vigorous vines in large gardens; medium-large sized, deep orange pumpkins with golden orange flesh grow upwards of 30lbs; versatile and delicious, use for baking or roasting, carving at Halloween or any harvest décor

### Edible Qualities

Expert Pumpkin is an annual vegetable plant that is typically grown for its edible qualities. It produces large orange round fruit with orange flesh which are typically harvested when mature. The fruits have a pleasant taste and a firm texture.

The fruit are most often used in the following ways:

- Cooking
- Baking
- Preserves
- Freezing

### Planting & Growing

Expert 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.



*Expert Pumpkin fruit*  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



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 may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. 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.