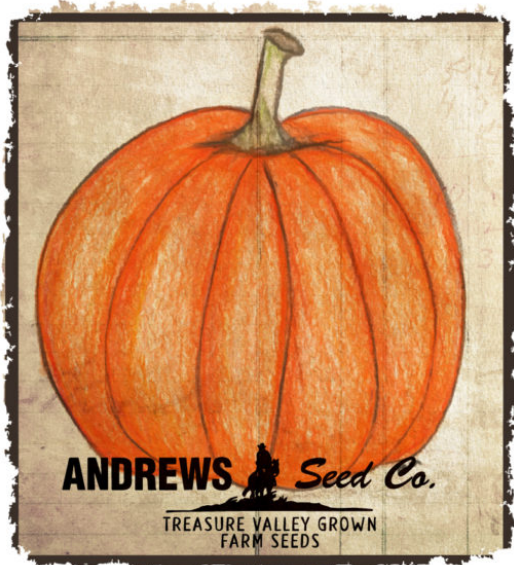


BIG MAX

Large Pumpkins

If given plenty of moisture, fertilizer and space, Big Max will live up to its name. Huge pumpkins can reach 20" diameter and 100 pounds or more! 'Big Max' was introduced in 1964. Heirloom. Open-pollinated.



NOTES

VARIETY INFO

Botanical Name: *Cucurbita maxima* "Big Max"

Plant Dimensions: 10'–15' vines. 'Big Max' needs lots of room to grow!

Days to Maturity: 120

Zone: 3-9

SOWING & GROWING

Sow Outside: RECOMMENDED. 2 to 4 weeks after your average last frost date, and when soil temperature is 70°–90°F.

Start Inside: Not recommended except in very short growing seasons, 2 to 4 weeks before your average last frost date. Transplant after your average last frost date.

Days to Emerge: 7–14 days

Seed Depth: 1"

Seed Spacing: 2–3 seeds per mound

Row Spacing: 8'–10'

Thinning: When several leaves, thin to 1 per mound

HARVESTING INFO

Harvest: Harvest pumpkins before the first fall frost, and when foliage has begun to dry out. Cut stem with a knife, leaving 3"–4" of stem on the pumpkin. Do not hold the pumpkin by the stem; if stem attachment gets broken, or any part of the pumpkin bruises, the pumpkin may rot. Brush off any dirt or leaves. Ideally, cure at in a warm and sunny spot with good air circulation for 1 to 2 weeks before eating or storage.

Fruit: Bright orange skin with 3"–4" thick yellowish-orange flesh. Huge pumpkins can reach 20" diameter and 100 pounds or more!