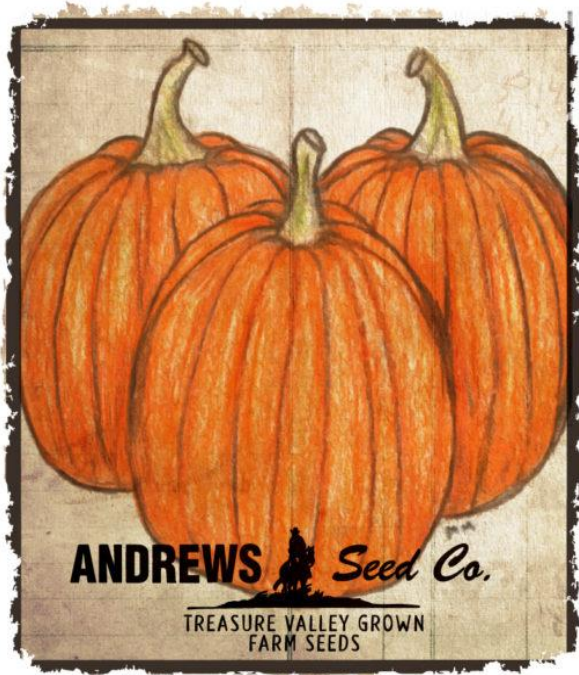


# HOWDEN FIELD

## Large Pumpkins

Developed by John Howden of Massachusetts in the early 1970s, it defined "the look" in big Halloween pumpkins — deep orange color, defined ribs, and good handles. Fruits vary in shape and weight, typically averaging 18–26 lb. or larger.



## NOTES

### VARIETY INFO

**Botanical Name:** *Cucurbita pepo* "Howden"

**Plant Dimensions:** 10'–15' vines

**Days to Maturity:** 110

**Zone:** 3-10

### SOWING INFO

**Sow Outside:** Sow in late spring when soil is at least 70°F (21°C) and frost danger has passed. Sow 2 seeds at the appropriate spacing interval for the variety's vine length, 1/2-1" deep.

**Start Inside:** Sow 2-3 seeds per 2" container or plug flat about 3 weeks prior to transplanting. Germinate at 75-95°F (24-35°C). Thin with scissors to 1 plant/container. Harden plants 4–7 days. After danger of frost has passed, transplant out.

**Days to Emerge:** 7–14 days

**Seed Depth:** 1"

**Seed Spacing:** 2–3 seeds per mound

**Row Spacing:** 4'–6'

**Thinning:** When several leaves, thin to 1 –2 per mound

### GROWING INFO

**Harvesting:** Fruits can tolerate 1-2 light frosts. When fruit color is fully developed, clip handles close to the vine. Sun cure in the field for 5-7 days or cure indoors by keeping fruits at 80-85°F with good air ventilation. White varieties should be brought out of direct sunlight once foliage starts to die back; cure inside and keep out of sun to avoid yellowing.

**Fruit:** Up to 25 lbs.