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Giant pumpkin growers know the secret. The only way to grow really big pumpkins is to start with really good seed. That's what Jill Duncan winner of the 2006 Great Pumpkin Contest did when she planted her seeds in the spring of 2006. Jill specially selected seed from a known giant "811 Stucker" from Napa, CA which grew into an enormous plant which produced her 714 pound giant. Second place went to Brenda Cavanaugh who specially selected her seed from a secret source which produced her 694 pound Cavanaugh giant. It is evident to compete with these growers you need special seeds.

So how do you get your hands on a few of these and many other priceless seeds? The San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau will host a giant pumpkin seed trading and growing workshop at the Farm Bureau conference room on February, 15 from 3 – 5p.m. This meeting and exchange is an excellent opportunity for future giant pumpkin enthusiasts to come meet the growers and learn the secrets of growing giant pumpkins.

2006 was an exciting year for pumpkin growers who saw two hefty records broken. The new heaviest pumpkin grown in California record was recorded at 1260 pounds while a new world record was recorded at 1,504 pounds.

San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau with the support of our sponsors Coast National Bank, Farm Supply and Whiz Kids awarded \$800 in cash and prizes to winners of the first annual Great Pumpkin contest. The second annual Great Pumpkin contest, scheduled for Thursday, October 18, will be no different. Growers and spectators alike can expect heavier pumpkins and bigger prizes. Visit the Farm Bureau website for more information on growing giant pumpkins <http://www.slofarmbureau.org/Events/Great-Pumpkin.htm>.

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