

BIG Pumpkins!

Name _____ Date _____

The chart below shows ten of the biggest pumpkins ever recorded. Each pumpkin weighed more than half a ton!

Pumpkin Grower	Pumpkin Location	Pumpkin Weight	Year Grown
Charlie Houghton	New Boston, New Hampshire	1338 pounds	2002
Geneva Emmons	Sammamish, Washington	1262 pounds	2001
Brittany & Craig Weir	Salisbury, Massachusetts	1260 pounds	2001
Al Eaton	Richmond, Ontario (Canada)	1235 pounds	2002DQ
Steve Daletas	Pleasant Hill, Oregon	1230 pounds	2001
Ben Hebb	Bridgewater, Nova Scotia (Canada)	1215 pounds	2002
Rock Rivard	St. Etieneces, Quebec (Canada)	1178 pounds	2002
Bill Greer	Richmond, Ontario (Canada)	1172 pounds	2002
Dave Stelts	Canfield, Ohio	1140 pounds	2000
Gerry Checkon	Spangler, Pennsylvania	1131 pounds	1999

Source: The Pumpkin Patch (<http://www.backyardgardener.com/pumpkin.html>)

Use the chart to help you solve the math word problems below.

- Charlie Houghton grew the biggest pumpkin. How many pounds bigger was his than the one grown by Geneva Emmons? _____
- If you put the big pumpkins grown by Charlie Houghton and Geneva Emmons on a scale at the same time, the scale would probably break! If it didn't break, what is the total weight the scale would record for the two pumpkins? _____
- Whose pumpkin weighed more -- the one grown by Dave Stelts or Gerry Checkon? How much more did it weigh? _____
- Three of the big pumpkins were grown in 2001. What is the total weight of those three pumpkins?

- Two of the pumpkins were grown in Richmond, Ontario in Canada. How much more did the biggest of those two pumpkins weigh? _____

CHALLENGE QUESTION!

What is the total weight of all ten pumpkins? _____ (Double-check your math!)

If one ton is equal to 2000 pounds, estimate how many tons those pumpkins weigh.

Write your estimate on the line: _____ tons.