

## **LULING WATERMELON THUMP BACKYARD GROWERS COMPETITION**

1. All participants must be 15 years of age or older.
2. All participants must register in person or by proxy (send someone to register in your absence) on Saturday, March 1, 2025 at The Station between 9:30 and 2:00.
3. Growers may participate in the Backyard Growers Competition or the Champion Grower's Competition, but NOT both.
4. Growers must reside in Caldwell, Gonzales, or Seguin counties to participate. Identification with address must be displayed at registration.
5. There is a \$10 registration fee. This fee will be paid in CASH. No credit cards or checks will be accepted.
6. At registration a seed packet containing 20 Charleston Grey seeds will be issued to each grower. The melon grown for the competition must be grown from these seeds.
7. A picture must be taken of your growing site prior to planting. A second mid-season picture must be taken as well. This allows judges to see where you are growing your watermelons. (SAVE THE PICTURES AS THEY WILL BE NEEDED AT TURN IN.)

### **HARVEST AND TURN IN DAY**

1. Growers must select a shipping quality melon from their vines. Shipping quality means that the melon you select must be free of sunburns, hail marks, animal bites, and any noticeable diseases or defects. No cross breeding of varieties will be accepted. Final acceptance will be made by the designated competition judge.
2. Take a picture of the vines to show where on the vines your watermelon is being harvested from.
3. You will show the photos that display your growing site prior to planting, mid-season, and at harvest when you turn in your melon. There should be a total of ONLY three photos.
4. All watermelons must be turned in for judging at the Watermelon Thump Pavilion between 3:30 and 4:00 on Thursday, June 26, 2025. Weigh in will begin at 4:00.
5. Once all of the watermelons have been weighed in, a Champion, Reserve Champion, and Third Place Melon shall be selected based upon the weight of the watermelons. These Champion Growers shall be given an award for their accomplishments.
6. Winners shall be publicly announced at the start of the Queen's coronation which begins at 7:00 that evening.
7. No auction or monetary compensation will take place in this competition.
8. At the end of the competition, you may take your watermelon home, or you may donate it to the Thump.

I ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE RULES AND SHALL ABIDE BY THE WRITTEN RULES.

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PRINTED NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE