Long Pie Pumpkin

Cucurbita pepo 'Long Pie'



Long Pie Pumpkin fruit
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 6 feet

Spacing: 3 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Nantucket Pie

Description:

Vigorous vines and high productivity makes this variety a must have bakers; resembling overgrown zucchini, fruit grows upwards of 5lbs each; ready for harvest when dark green with orange blush, ripens to orange while in storage; ideal for pies and baking

Edible Qualities

Long Pie Pumpkin is an annual vegetable plant that is typically grown for its edible qualities. It produces large green long fruit with a orange blush and orange flesh which are usually ready for picking from late summer to early fall. The fruit will often fade to orange over time. The fruits have a sweet taste and a fleshy texture.

The fruit are most often used in the following ways:

- Cooking
- Baking
- Freezing

Planting & Growing

Long Pie Pumpkin will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 3 feet apart. This vegetable plant is an annual, which means that it will grow for one season in your garden and then die after producing a crop.

This plant is typically grown in a designated vegetable garden. It should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.