

Pumpkin Farming Practices

STEP 1: READ THE DIRECTIONS

Directions: Create a presentation about the **farming practices used in pumpkin production**. Include information about:

- Types of equipment used
- Planting and harvesting methods
- Irrigation, pest management in pumpkin production
- Important vocabulary terms
- Fun or interesting facts about pumpkin farms!

STEP 2: TEAM MEMBER JOB ASSIGNMENTS

Team Member Job Assignments: *Write the team member name next to their job.*

Project Manager: _____

Artistic Director: _____

Information Manager: _____

Salesperson: _____

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STEP 3: REVIEW THE RUBRIC

Poster Presentation Rubric: Farming Practices in Pumpkin Production

Criteria	1 Point	2 Points	3 Points	4 Points	5 Points
Content Accuracy	Information is mostly inaccurate or irrelevant to farming practices.	Some accurate information about farming practices, but many inaccuracies.	Generally accurate; identifies some key practices with minor errors.	Mostly accurate; identifies and explains 3-4 key practices with few errors.	Information is entirely accurate, covering 5+ key practices comprehensively.
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Visual Appeal	Lacks visuals or is poorly designed; unappealing.	Some visuals, but they are not effective or relevant.	Adequate visuals; somewhat engaging.	Good visuals that enhance understanding.	Excellent use of visuals; very engaging and eye-catching.
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Scoring:

- **5-7 Points:** Needs Improvement
- **8-12 Points:** Satisfactory
- **13-17 Points:** Good
- **18-20 Points:** Excellent

Pumpkin Growing Conditions

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Directions: Create a presentation about the **necessary growing conditions for pumpkin production**. Include information about:

- Ideal climate for growing pumpkins
- Best soil types for growing pumpkins and soil properties
- Other growing conditions needed for growing pumpkins
- Important vocabulary terms
- Fun or interesting facts about growing pumpkins!

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Varieties of Pumpkins

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Directions: Create a presentation about the **types of pumpkins grown in Illinois**.

Include information about:

- What the different varieties of pumpkins are used for
- Fun or interesting facts about pumpkin varieties
- Important vocabulary terms
- The most popular varieties

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Pumpkin Processing in Illinois

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Directions: Create a presentation about **pumpkin processing**. Include information about:

- Where pumpkins are processed
- How pumpkins are processed
- Important vocabulary terms
- Fun or interesting facts about pumpkin processing

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STEP 4: GET STARTED!

Suggested Research Sources

Ag in the Classroom Pumpkin Ag Mag

<https://tinyurl.com/aitcpumpkin>



Buy Fresh, Buy Local in Illinois (search
“Pumpkins” in the toolbar above the map)

<https://buyfreshbuylocal.org/illinois/>



Pumpkins: Background & Statistics

<https://tinyurl.com/usdapumpkins>



How Morton Crowned Itself Pumpkin
Capital of the World

<https://tinyurl.com/pumpkincapital>



Illinois: The Great Pumpkin State

<https://tinyurl.com/ilfbpumpkins>



America’s ‘Great Pumpkin’ patch

<https://tinyurl.com/farmprogresspumpkin>

