

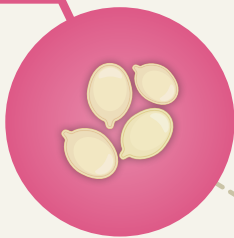


NATIONAL PUMPKIN DAY

5 Fun Facts About Pumpkins

The tradition of **carving pumpkins** began in Ireland, though they initially carved turnips. (They later realized pumpkins were much easier to work with.)

There are roughly **500 seeds** in the average pumpkin.



Pumpkin flowers are edible!



The **biggest pumpkin ever** recorded was **over 2,000 pounds!**



The name "**pumpkin**" is derived from the Greek word "**pepon,**" which means "**large melon.**"



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