



## Pumpkin Timeline

Seed to mature fruit in 108 days and nights



Preparing the field



12,200 Pumpkin seeds per hectare are planted in May in order to harvest 14,640 pumpkins per hectare in October



Drilling (planting) the seed



First stage of growth starts to appear in June



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After a few weeks of rain and sunshine, the leaves and flowers start to appear



In July a yellow shaped flower creates a bulb, which gradually become a pumpkin



Pumpkins flower mainly in June when local beekeepers place their hives containing bees in the field to help with pollination



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Flower starts to shrivel



Small fruits start to appear



Fruits getting large



Some fruits change shape





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In late September, the huge green leaves are starting to shrivel away. This is very exciting as you start to see these amazing fruits appear in all shades of green, orange and yellow.



The bright orange pumpkins are the Harvest moon and Mars variety. Other varieties grown in the field are small munchkins, neon, cargo, knuckle head, monster smash, ghost and many more.



Snipping off in August and leave in field, canopy (leaves) dies back and sun gets to pumpkin- Starts the curing process and September – October Harvesting.



At the beginning of October, the pumpkins that are destined for the supermarkets, are all handpicked, washed, dried and transported ready for us to purchase ready for Halloween.