



Pumpkin Pie

Pumpkin Pie was declared as the State Pie of Illinois by a law enacted in 2015. **Pumpkins** are winter squash of certain species in the genus *Curcubita*. They have smooth, slightly ribbed skin and a deep-yellow to orange color. Other color varieties have been developed, too. Mature **pumpkins** are often cooked and used in a variety of foods. **Pumpkin pie** is a traditional dessert for the fall and winter holidays in the United States and Canada. **Pumpkins** are a warm-weather crop that is usually planted in early July. According to the Illinois Department of Agriculture, 95 percent of the **pumpkin** crop in the United States intended for processing is grown in Illinois. A single company produces 85 percent of the processed **pumpkin** in the United States at their plant in Morton, Illinois.

