Plenty of Pumpkins

Do you remember the 1966 television special "It’s the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown"? Poor Linus believed in a strange combination of jack-o-lantern, scarecrow, and Santa Clause named The Great Pumpkin. Well, we all know The Great Pumpkin was just a figment of the imagination of a fictional character. However, pumpkins are very real and very much a part of our U.S. culture in the fall. Learn some cool pumpkin facts by matching the words to the phrases. Then find the words on the Word Search. For more information, try out these web sites.

- www.pumpkinva.org
- www.pumpkinpatch.com
- http://www.urbanext.uiuc.edu/pumpkins/facts.html
- www.pumpkincarving101.com
- www.punkinchunkin.com

A. The name pumpkin is derived from this Greek word meaning “large melon.”
B. Most of Georgia’s pumpkins are sold at these kinds of stands.
C. If you wanted to grow pumpkins in Georgia you would probably live in this region of the state.
D. The safest and longer-lasting methods of illuminating a pumpkin is to place a candle in this.
E. Pumpkins originated in this part of the Northern Hemisphere.
F. Pumpkins are 90% of this substance.
G. Because of the botanical characteristics of the pumpkin, it is included in this food category.
H. 80% of the pumpkin supply in the U.S. is available in this month.
I. The pumpkin is a member of this plant family, which includes squash, cucumbers, and gourds.
J. The Pumpkin Capital of the World is in the city of Morton in this state, which is also the home of Libby corporation’s pumpkin industry. (Libby is a division of Nestle’.)
K. Pumpkins are a good source of Vitamin A and this mineral.
L. In early colonial times, pumpkins were used as an ingredient for this part of the pie.
M. When the Irish settlers came to the U.S. they found that the native pumpkins were larger and easier to carve than this vegetable which they had traditionally used in Europe.
N. Pumpkins were a staple of these first people to inhabit America.
O. This part of the pumpkin is located at the very top and is slightly curved.
P. This part of the pumpkin is green during the growing season and twists around objects on the ground to help anchor the vines and protect them from the wind.
Q. While artists sometimes show this plant part on the stem of the pumpkin, it actually only grows on the vine.
R. This part of the pumpkin is also called the “meat” and used for cooking.
S. Roasting this part of the pumpkin makes a delicious snack which is full of Vitamin A.
T. This part of the pumpkin plant is yellow and has five petals. It is also edible.
U. This state ranked #1 in the value of pumpkin production in 2006, followed by Pennsylvania, New York, Illinois, and California.
V. The World Championship Punkin’ Chunkin’ event is held in Bridgeville, a city in this state, each year.

1. Native Americans
2. Curcurbits
3. Pulp
4. North
5. Pepon
6. Delaware
7. Potassium
8. Fruit
9. Tendril
10. Ohio
11. Roadside
12. Water
13. Turnip
14. Seeds
15. Stem
16. Central America

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