

**‘El Dorado’ and ‘La Estrella’: New tropical pumpkins (*Cucurbita moschata*)**

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Tropical pumpkins are grown throughout the Caribbean and Tropical America for local use and for export to the United States. For the most part, farmers saved seed of local selections is used. The land races are typically long-vined and fruit over an extended period. We have developed two compact plant hybrids using ‘Bush Butternut’, Burpie’s ‘Butterbush’, and Cornell 89-441-3 as sources of the short-vined character. The compact plot hybrids produce higher yields than the open-pollinated selections because of hybrid vigor and the higher plant populations that are possible. Seeds of the compact vine hybrids ‘El Dorado’ and ‘La Estrella’ are available from Rupp Seeds (<http://www.ruppseeds.com>).