

Drought causing pumpkins to ripen early

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DIXON – A Dixon farm says the drought is certainly affecting this year's pumpkin crop and some other holiday favorites.

Usually owners at Cool Patch Pumpkins tell customers not to buy their pumpkin now because they aren't ready. But this year, the advice is the exact opposite.

Matt Cooley says it's almost frightening how fast his pumpkins are turning this year.

"Usually the bigger ones take longer, but this year they are already ready," he said.

The persistent drought and lack of winter rain has caused his pumpkins to ripen two to three weeks early.

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