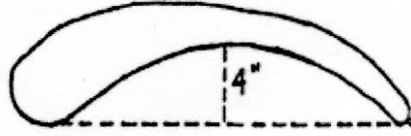


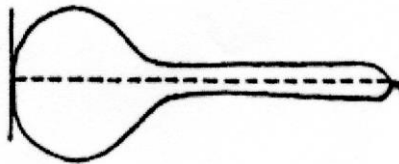
12. MEASURING GOURDS

- 12.1 Differentiation between straight and curved/crooked gourd is accomplished by measuring the maximum above ground clearance of the gourd:

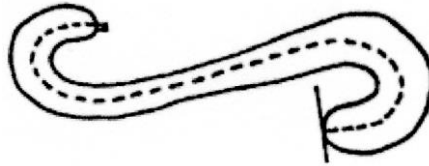


- 12.1.1 The stem is not a part of the measurement. Straight gourds must be 4 inches or less; curved/crooked gourds are more than 4 inches.

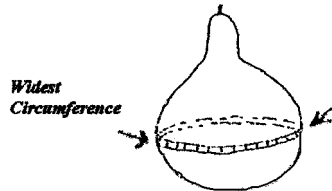
- 12.2 A straight gourd is measured from blossom end to stem. The stem is not included in the measurement:



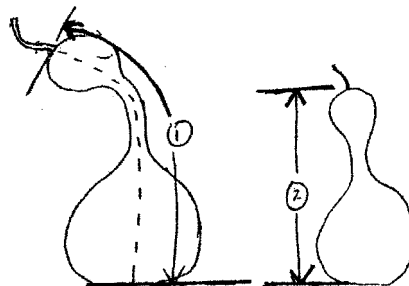
- 12.3 Curved/crooked gourds are measured along the center top of the gourd from the blossom end to the stem:



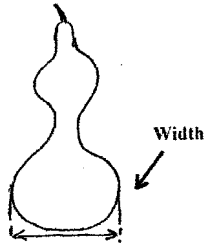
- 12.4 The circumference is measured at the gourd's widest point, when standing in an upright position:



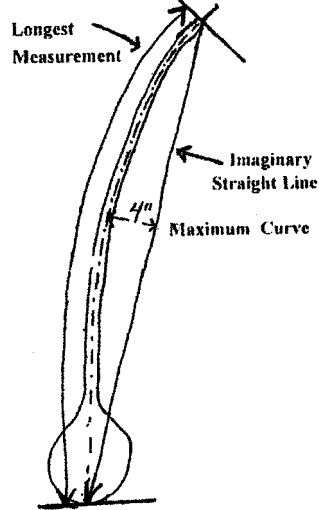
- 12.5 The height is measured two ways. The longest measurement applies. First, measure from the blossom end to the stem protrusion with the gourd's curvature. Then measure at the highest point when the gourd sits upright, stem not included:



- 12.6 The width is measured at the gourd's widest point when it sits upright:



12.7 The longest measurement, with less than 4 inches of curve measurement: The imaginary straight line runs from the blossom end to the stem protrusion of the gourd, stem not included. The deepest point of the curve (as defined in section 12.1) may not exceed 4 inches:



12.8 Longest Measurement must have no more than 4 inch total curvature. To test this, measure the gourd's length from blossom end to stem end in a straight line; then measure the gourd's length from stem center to blossom center, following the natural curvature of the gourd. The difference between the two measurements cannot exceed 4 inches:

