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It is with a sad heart that we announce the decision to cancel the 2009 Punkin Chuckin' contest, which was scheduled for October 17th & 18th. As you know, Central Illinois has experienced one of the coolest and wettest summers for decades. The farmers are several weeks behind on their harvesting efforts as the crops are not ready; the fields are extremely wet, with more rain forecasted this week. There is very little chance that the crops are going to be out of the field used for Punkin Chuckin' by next week's scheduled contest. We appreciate our farmers letting us use their land for Chuckin' over the years, and we do not want to put any more pressure on them just so that we can hold our event this year.

The Morton Punkin Chuckin Contest has been held for the past 12 years with only 1 Sunday being cancelled due to heavy rains. This feat is remarkable for an event that is held the 3rd weekend of October, in the center of the State of Illinois... where we know that the weather can sometimes change on an hourly basis!

The decision to cancel Punkin Chuckin' was made with a lot of thought. The planning committee researched the possibilities of holding this event safely at another location or time...but, unfortunately, there were no other options available to us. We will miss seeing all the contestants and the spectators who come out to see pumpkins fly and look forward to seeing them all back next year. To our event sponsors, we say thank you for your continued support. So, now we begin planning our 2010 Punkin Chuckin' Contest and working to make it even better. This choice was a difficult one to make, but we think it is the right one for us right now.

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