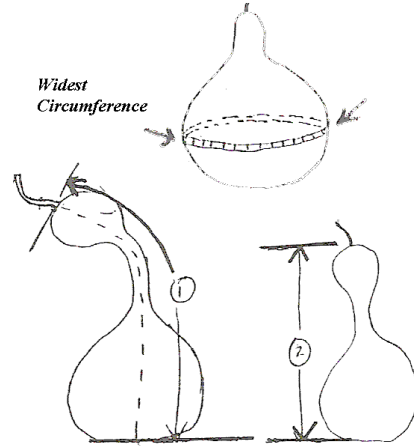


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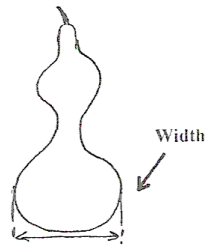
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1. **CIRCUMFERENCE** is measured at gourd's widest point, when standing in an upright position.
2. **HEIGHT** is measured two ways. The longest measurement applies.
 - Measure from the blossom end to the stem protrusion with the gourd's curvature.
 - Measure at highest point when the gourd sits upright, stem not included.

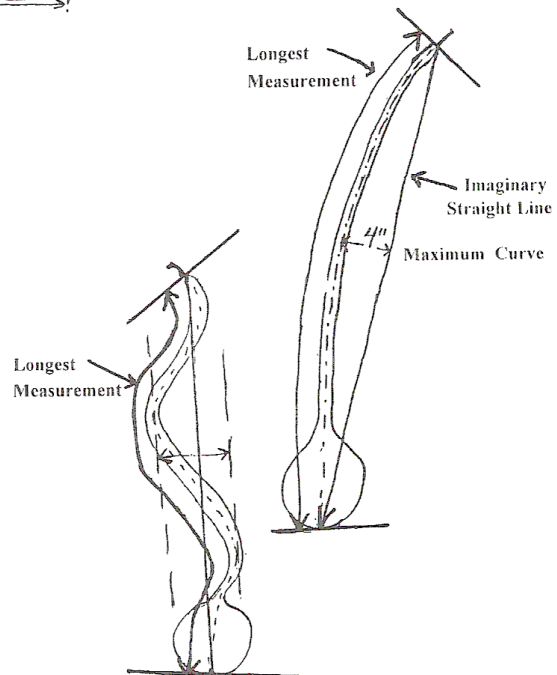


3. **WIDTH** is measured at the gourd's widest point when it sits upright.



4. **LONGEST, WITH LESS THAN 4" OF CURVE**

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 (when measured from gourd center to the imaginary straight line), may not exceed four (4) inches.



5. **LONGEST MEASUREMENT** must have no more than a four (4) inch total curvature. To test this, measure gourd's length from the stem center to the blossom center at the opposite end of the gourd.

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