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Cucurbita is a classical Latin name for a type of gourd.

Archaeologists have found the remains of some species of squash *Cucurbita maxima* and pumpkin *Cucurbita moschata* in Mexico that date back to about 7000 BC.

Pumpkins and squashes were first introduced to Europe in the 16th Century.