

Hey there, worm lovers! It's almost summer, which means that it's almost time for your worms to start building their caccoons, and starting their metamorphosis into *butterflies*!



Just kidding! April fools!



Our worms don't really turn into butterflies, but let's talk about their real life cycle. How big do they get? How long do they live? How do they procreate? Read below to find out!

How long does a worm live?

Red wigglers can live for a surprisingly long time... up to ten years! Out in the wild where there are predators (like birds!), they usually only live 1-2 years. Depending on the conditions in their worm bins, domestic red wigglers will average about 2-3 years, though of course they could live for longer if you're taking really good care of them!

How big does a worm get?

Red wigglers stay pretty small compared to larger varieties, like earth worms. Adult red wigglers will average somewhere around 2 inches, though they can range from 1.5-3 inches.

How do worms procreate?

First of all, 'procreate' is a fancy word that means creating offspring, or having babies.

Most animals are either male or female, and usually the female becomes pregnant and delivers offspring in the form of eggs or baby animals. Worms, however, are hermaphrodites, which means that they are both male AND female. You still need two worms to make a baby, but either worm can become pregnant. Worms lay eggs, which are small and white, and those eggs will hatch into baby worms whenever the conditions of the worm bin are ideal. If the worm bin is too crowded, or too dry, or full of too many pests, the eggs won't hatch!

How much will a worm eat in its lifetime?

Each worm eats half their body weight a day. If an average worm lives 2.5 years (912.5 days), and eats half their body weight (1/1000 of a lb) a day, they'll eat about half of a pound of food in their lifetime, or about 225 grams.



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