

2010 Heirloom Tomato Plants at Topmost

Indeterminate plants will grow and continue producing fruits throughout the summer until frost kills them.

***Determinate** plants will produce all their fruit at one time during the summer, then the plants will die.
The only 2 determinate plants on this list are Glacier and Principe Borghese.

RED AND PINK

Anna Russian

Pink, 10-16 oz. heart shaped fruit, whose best use is in cooking.

Box Car Willie

Named after the King of the Hoboes, Box Car Willie delivers beautiful and delicious 10-12 ounce smooth red tomatoes. Very prolific over a long season.

Brandywine

All-purpose meaty slicer, with rich flavor and the perfect hint of tartness, avg over 1 lb. This is the Suddoth's Strain, believed by many to have the best flavor and has been consistently a customer favorite. Subject to catfacing.

Caspian Pink

Late, slightly oblate 12-16 oz. fruits. Very sweet and rich.

Cosmonaut Volkov

True tomato taste, rich and deep, always good, occasionally sublime. Fairly early, deep red, slightly flattened 8-12 oz. globes. From the Ukraine.

Eva Purple Ball

Perfect globes, more pink than purple. Originally from the Black Forest of Germany in the 1800s. Sweet and juicy, the 4-5 oz. fruits are crack-resistant but soft and tender inside. Great in salads, sandwiches and sauce, peels easily.

German Johnson

Probably originated in Virginia or North Carolina. Copious yields of mild, pink, meaty fruit with more than a touch of sweetness. Often exceeds 1 lb.

***Glacier**

Average 2-inch fruits with rich tomato flavor, originally from Sweden. Occasionally has yellow shoulders. Early producer on determinate plants

Moskvich

Slightly earlier than most, smooth deep red globes with a small stem scar. Rich taste. Avg 4-6 oz.

Prudens Purple

The kind of tomato legends are made of; pink skin, red flesh, perhaps from Kentucky or W. Virginia, maybe Oklahoma or even Canada. A great sandwich tomato with rich taste, silken texture and very few seeds. Prolific producer, avg 1 lb.

Radiator Charlie's Mortgage Lifter

Pink, with cherry red flesh, most tomatoes avg over 1 lb. Many tomatoes are named "Mortgage Lifter" but Charlie's is the original, developed by Charlie Byles in the 1930s in West Virginia. He owned an auto repair shop and though he had no formal education, he had an abiding interest in plant breeding and a love of tomatoes. By the 40s, his plants were famous and each spring people would come from as far away as 200 miles to buy them for \$1 each, enabling him to pay off his mortgage of \$6,000 within the next 6 years.

Rose

Deep pink, meaty and flavorful. 10 oz. fruits are said to rival Brandywine for flavor.

Russian Rose

Rosy pink large fruits. Plants have lush foliage and good blight tolerance. Avg 1 lb.

Rutgers

Red, all-purpose, heavy producer with long season reliability. 6-8 oz with pleasing texture and old-fashioned flavor.

Soldacki

From Poland to America in the early 1900s. Hard to find a better sandwich tomato with such a superb mix of sweetness and tartness. Good producer of 14 oz. pink globes.

Thessaloniki

Originally from Greece, this high-yielding sandwich and salad tomato has outstanding flavor.

Tiffen Mennonite

Crack-resistant slicer, avg over 1 lb. A superb sandwich tomato with rich, old fashioned taste.

YELLOW

Lillians Yellow

All-purpose tomato with creamy, meaty flesh. Complex, rich, delicious deep flavors. A bit lopsided, but she makes up in flavor what she lacks in beauty. Avg 1 lb.

Mandarin Cross

Fruits vary from yellow to deep orange. Very thick and meaty, avg 10 oz.

WHITE

Great White

Big, light yellow-white fruits with a mild taste. Meaty, with few seeds, creamy texture and non-acid flavor. Flavor is reminiscent of fresh cut pineapple, melon and guava. A favorite for eating out-of-hand.

ORANGE

Goldie

Stupendously rich flavor and extraordinary velvety texture. Orange fruits avg over 1 lb. Pick them when there is a distinct rosy blush on the bottom. Dates back to 1870.

Orange Banana

Originally from Moscow. 3-4" long, avg 4-5 oz. Dries well and also makes the most fantastic sauce, sprightly sweet flavor with fruity complexity.

PURPLE

Black From Tula

High yield of dark reddish-black fruits with green shoulders. Sweet and spicy, rich old-fashioned flavor. Avg 8-12 oz.

Black Krim

"Czerno Krimski" hails from the Isle of Krim in the Black Sea off the coast of the Crimean peninsula. Purple slicer with green shoulders. Flesh is brown and pink with an intensely unique taste, meaty and juicy, ideal for slicing. Due to their natural salty taste, sliced Krims do not require salting, just a hint of pepper. Avg 12-18 oz. Be vigilant about watering during the summer and keep watered evenly as this variety is subject to splitting. Harvest when half green.

Cherokee Chocolate

Reddish-bronze fruits in the range of 10-12 oz. High yields of delicious rich fruits.

Cherokee Purple

Dusky brownish-purple skins, dark green shoulders, brick-red flesh. Rich, smoky and deliciously sweet. Delicate fruits sunburn easily. Avg 10-13 oz.

GREEN

Aunt Ruby's German Green

Hard to believe a green tomato could be this good. Fruits blush lightly yellow and develop an amber-pink tinge at blossom end when ripe. Sweet and tart, rich and spicy. Avg 16 oz. or more.

Green Zebra

Yellow-green skin with dark green vertical stripes and emerald-green flesh. Remove suckers, but don't pinch back the top. Unusual and exquisite, they are mild, tart-sweet with a hint of lemon. Marvelous in mixed salads and salsa. Medium size fruits on prolific plants.

SAUCE TOMATOES – ALSO DELICIOUS SLICED FRESH

Amish Paste

Cherry red, ultimate sauce tomato; meaty, superb flavor for slicing and salad. Good production. Avg. 8 oz.

Opalka

Polish heirloom brought to NY around 1900 by the Opalka family. Fruits have few seeds and a pleasing texture with full-bodied mellow flavor.

Speckled Roman

Rich tomato sweetness. Cherry red with carrot-color stripes and blood-red flesh High yields of 4-5 oz fruits

A VARIETY OF TOMATO COLORS

Big Rainbow

They resemble a rainbow while ripening - green on the shoulders, yellow in the middle and red on the blossom end. When ripe, they are yellow with red blush at blossom end. When sliced, yellow flesh has neon red streaks. Early fruit can avg up to 2 lbs.

Japanese Black Trifele

Unusual pear shape, dusky burgundy with green shoulders. Incredibly rich flavor in small 4-6 oz fruits. One of the most popular varieties found at high-end markets in the Russian Republic today, often commanding high prices.

Pineapple

Striped skin, flesh has yellow and red marbling with unique mild low-acid fruity sweetness. Avg 1 lb.

CERRY TOMATOES

Black Cherry

Prolific, ebony-purple 1-inch perfectly round with incomparably sweet and complex flavor.

Gardener's Delight Cherry

Bright red bite-size, extra sweet fruits, full of flavor. Many clusters of 6-12 tomatoes all summer long.

Jaune Flammeé

Deep orange cherry from France. Rich wonderful taste.

Koralik Cherry

From Russia, a prolific producer of early red fruits.

***Principe Borghese**

From Italy, delicious fresh or cooked, deep rich taste makes it perfect for drying. Small, plum shape ruby-red fruit. Heavy producer on vigorous determinate plants.

Tiger Tom Cherry

Large size orange cherry tomato with red stripes.

Tom Boy Cherry

Early red cherry, average size with good flavor.