

TOMATO VARIETIES

Swansons is pleased to offer a wide variety of heirloom, as well as hybrid tomatoes. Please note that not all varieties are available at the same time, and some newer varieties may not be listed.

Heirloom varieties, denoted by an (H), are those whose seed strain has been preserved intact (i.e., not hybridized out of existence) for 85 years or more.

Determinate varieties tend to produce fruits which ripen all at once, and are good choices for canning. Plants are typically smaller and usually do not require staking.

Indeterminate varieties keep growing and producing fruit over a very long season. They need to be staked or put in cages and can be grown in containers or in the ground.

Number of days is the typical interval from planting to ripening.

All tomatoes do best in rich, moist, well-drained soil in a hot, sunny (6 hours minimum) location. Water deeply and consistently (but don't keep constantly wet) and fertilize with vegetable food or a complete, water-soluble mix. We also recommend foliar feeding with seaweed extract.

FULL-SIZE TOMATOES

'ANNA RUSSIAN' (H)

A pinkish red tomato with sweet overtones. Expect high yields of 12 to 16oz. fruit.

Indeterminate~ 65 days

'ANANAS NOIRE'

Open-pollinated. Has shades of green, purple, orange, and yellow. Flesh is bright green with red streaks. Outstanding sweet-tart flavor!

Indeterminate ~ 85 days

'AUNT RUBY'S GREEN' (H)

Green beefsteak-type yielding up to 16 oz fruits. Aromatic, sweet, spicy flavor.

Indeterminate~80 days

'BETTER BOY'

Very large, juicy, delicious red fruit produced over a long period. Keep coming back for more! Indeterminate vines have good disease resistance.

Indeterminate ~ 75 days

'BIG BEEF'

How big? Very big! 4-6 inch, crack-resistant fruit with firm meat and a sweet, slightly acid flavor are produced over a long period. This All American Winner even stores well.

Indeterminate ~ 80-90 days

'BLACK FROM TULA' (H)

A Russian heirloom slightly flattened 8-12 oz. fruits. Sweet, complex flavor, a hint of smokiness. Very productive.

Indeterminate~80 days

'BLACK KRIM' (H)

This heirloom from eastern Europe generously produces medium size handsome fruit that has a unique, dark reddish grey-black skin with green shoulders. The strong red and green inner fruit is moist and sweet with firm texture

Indeterminate ~ 69 days

'BLACK PRINCE' (H)

Russian heirloom producing very juicy, flavorful, medium-sized fruit. When ripe, skin and flesh range in color from greenish brown to deep garnet. Best sliced or chunked.

Indeterminate ~ 70 Days

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- 'BRANDYWINE' (H)** Indeterminate ~ 80 -90days
Very large, luscious, pinky-rose fruit with a delicious, sweet, rich and spicy flavor. This famous Amish heirloom variety
- 'CARMELLO' ('FRENCH CARMELLO')** Indeterminate ~ 70 days
This French hybrid is disease resistant, crack resistant and produces large yields of juicy, meaty tomatoes. Fruits weigh about 8 ounces and make excellent fresh eating.
- 'CASPIAN PINK' (H)** Indeterminate ~ 80 days
Succulent fruits 10 to 12 ounces, slightly flattened shape from Caspian Sea in Russia. Introduced to U.S. in 1999.
- 'CELEBRITY'** Determinate ~ 70 days
An award winner with good flavor and high resistance to disease and cracking.
- 'CHAMPION'** Indeterminate ~ 65 days
A very early, full-size slicer with classic solid texture and excellent flavor. Indeterminate. Good disease resistance.
- 'CHEROKEE PURPLE' (H)** Indeterminate ~ 90+ days
Green shoulders blend into a pinky purple (brown) body on this heirloom tomato. Fruits may weigh 8 to 12 ounces and are quite tasty and luscious.
- 'CHEROKEE CHOCOLATE' (H)** Indeterminate ~ 80 days
Chefs love this 4" beefsteak for its exceptionally rich flavor and wonderful chocolate color.
- 'DONA'** Semi-indeterminate ~ 65-70 days
Medium small fruits to 6 ounces produced in abundance on disease resistant vines. This French hybrid has been described as having a 'near perfect' sweet/acid balance.
- 'DR. WYCHEES YELLOW' (H)** Indeterminate~78 days
Slightly flattened yellow fruits with few seeds. Firm texture, sweet, full tomato taste.
- 'EARLY CASCADE'** Indeterminate ~ 65 Days
Highly productive vines produce tasty 4 oz. fruits. Good fresh, in stews, sauces, and canned.
- 'EARLY GIRL'** Indeterminate ~ 65 Days
Older variety, probably most popular tomato in the NW, producing 4-6 oz. fruits in a short season. Great for slicing.
- 'EARLY GIRL BUSH'** Determinate ~ 63 days
A true bush-type plant, Bush Early Girl is perfect for large patio pots – amazingly compact yet productive. Growing only 18 in. tall, this plant produces tasty red fruits measuring almost 4 in. across.
- 'FANTASTIC'** Indeterminate ~ 65 days
Tasty, medium to small fruits that are almost crack-free. Expect heavy yields. Excellent for canning.
- 'GREEN ZEBRA'** Determinate ~ 78 days
Ripe fruits are a bright spring green with lighter green stripes and are produced on vigorous vines. These unusual 2 to 4 ounce round fruits have a tasty true tomato flavor.
- 'JAPANESE BLACK TRIFELE' (H)** Indeterminate ~ 80 days
Rich and complex tomato sweetness inside blackish ruby skin. Fruit is hape and size of a Bartlett pear.
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- 'JUANE FLAMME'** Indeterminate ~ 75 days
Sweet flavor in a small 2-3 oz. orange skinned fruit with reddish flesh. Expect high yields from this juicy tomato with a touch of tartness.
- 'LEMON BOY'** Indeterminate ~ 72 days
Clear lemon yellow skin and flesh with a mild, yet tasty, slightly tangy flavor. Very high yields of 6 to 8 ounce fruits. Great for those of us who dislike the acidity of red tomatoes.
- 'MARMANDE' (H)** Indeterminate ~ 68-72 days
French heirloom, prolifically producing flavorful scarlet fruits on vigorous vines. Fruits are lobed (not perfectly round).
- 'MATINA'** Indeterminate ~ 65-68 days
Apple-shaped fruit, 4-6 oz. with a taste similar (but superior) to Stupice. A rich, meaty tomato with a good sweet/acid balance.
- 'MOMOTORO'** Indeterminate ~ 75-78 days
Japanese hybrid with a delicate sugar/acid balance. Medium-sized, pinkish red fruit has firm skin and is a good keeper. Highly disease-resistant.
- 'MORTGAGE LIFTER' (H)** Indeterminate ~ 80-90 days
One to two-pound fruits with heirloom flavor are meaty and juicy. Some companies list it as 'RADIATOR CHARLIE.'
- 'MOSKOVICH' (H)** Indeterminate ~ 60 days
Russian heirloom producing bright red, tasty 4-6 oz. fruits. Cool weather hardy.
- 'OREGON SPRING'** Determinate ~ 75 days
Large fruit sets with or without fertilization. Mild taste and firm fruit. Cold resistant.
- 'PATIO'** Determinate ~ 72 days
Attractive plants with mild tasting, medium-sized fruits. Good in patio containers. Surprised?
- 'PERSIMMON' (H)** Indeterminate ~ 80 days
Great flavor, golden orange, meaty flesh on vigorous plants. One to two-pound fruits are luscious.
- 'PINEAPPLE' (H)** Indeterminate ~ 80 days
An heirloom tomato of large beefsteak size. The fruit is meaty with a mild sweet tomato flavor. Beautiful to see in a container or in the garden, Pineapple is intensely yellow orange with red orange streaks.
- 'ROSE DE BERNE' (H)** Indeterminate ~ 80 days
This Swiss heirloom variety offers rich, dense flesh with a sweet taste. The 5-oz. fruits are a beautiful pink-red.
- 'SEATTLE'S BEST OF ALL' (H)** Determinate ~ 78 days
Heirloom, producing small, mild-flavored fruits over a long season.
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'SILETZ' Determinate ~ 70-74 days
Deep red skin and flesh with a very good flavor. Fruits are produced several days earlier than Oregon Spring and are 10 to 12 ounces with few seeds.

'SILVERY FIR' Determinate ~ 58-60 days
Meaty and juicy red tomatoes, 2 inches in size, are produced generously on plants 2 feet tall. Originally from Russia. A good choice for containers. Don't be fooled by the feathery foliage – this is a good tomato!

'STUPICE' (H) Indeterminate ~ 60-65 days
Medium-small fruit, great for salads, fresh eating. Cold-tolerant, very early and very tasty. One of our Favorites!

'SUPER FANTASTIC' Indeterminate ~ 70 days
Medium-large red fruit with meaty, rich, beefsteak-type flavor, great for slicing. Expect heavy yields and good disease resistance.

'TAXI' Semi-determinate ~ 65-70 days
Large and luscious golden yellow tomatoes on semi-determinate vines. Almost crack-free.

'YELLOW BRANDYWINE' Indeterminate ~ 90 days
Rich, succulent beefsteak flavor. Yellow skin and slightly darker flesh. 16 oz. fruits on large vines.

'YELLOW PERFECTION' (H) Indeterminate ~ 75 days
Medium sized fruit of low acid, sweet flavor. Highly productive.

'WILLAMETTE' Determinate ~ 75 days
Open-pollinated. From OSU! Early, medium sized and dependable with low acid and good flavor. A Northwest classic.

CHERRY AND PEAR TOMATO VARIETIES

'BLACK CHERRY' Determinate ~ 55 days
Rich sweet complex flavor in the darkest cherry tomato. Plants are highly productive

'CAMP JOY' (H) Indeterminate ~ 65 days
The perfect cherry for eating fresh or drying. Extra sweet flavor in 1 to 1 ½ inch fruit.

'CHOCOLATE CHERRY' Indeterminate ~ 70 days
Plant in full sun for sweet, full flavored taste. Earthy, dark maroon color adds a new dimension to the world of cherry tomatoes.

'GOLD NUGGET' Determinate ~ 56 days
Tasty and early, this yellow cherry was developed at Oregon State University. Early fruit may be seedless.

'RED GRAPE' Indeterminate ~ 55 days
Slightly elongated red cherry tomato. Delicious, crack-resistant fruit is produced over a fairly long season.

'GREEN GRAPE' (H) Determinate ~ 70 days
Not just a novelty! Tasty yellow-green tomatoes are small (1 inch) with very small seeds. Good production for eating off the vine and /or pickling.

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- 'ISIS CANDY'** Indeterminate ~ 67 days
Beautiful marbled fruit, rich and sweet. Great in PNW and produces over a long season.
- 'MATT'S WILD CHERRY' (H)** Indeterminate ~ 65 days
Incredible full-flavored, firm-fleshed heirloom whose seeds were brought to this country from eastern Mexico. where the plants grow wild. The high sugar content and disease resistance make it one of our favorites. Not as high-yielding as Sweet 100 or Sweet Million.
- 'MICRO TOM'** Determinate ~ 80 days
Full grown plants will be 6-10 inches tall and will bear fruit over a very long season. Great for windowsills and small patio pots. Fruit is pea-sized, deep red and flavorful.
- 'RED CURRANT'** Indeterminate ~ 70 days
A variety equally suited as a trailing ornamental for hanging baskets, producing masses of tiny red fruits with a big, bright, zippy taste. Very disease-resistant. Toss a handful in a salad and enjoy!
- 'RED PEAR'** Indeterminate ~ 70 days
Rare version of 'YELLOW PEAR' with a richer taste and slightly mealy texture.
- 'RED ROBIN'** Determinate ~ 55 days
Very sweet fruit on plants only 8-12 inches high. This variety is ideal for use in containers on sunny decks or patios or indoors in a sunny window.
- 'SUNGOLD'** Indeterminate ~ 65 days
Orange, cherry-type, 1-inch fruit with a delicious 'tropical' or 'fruity' flavor, borne in long trusses. Perfect for salads or snacking. Also good in Caribbean or Indian cooking.
- 'SUN SUGAR'** Indeterminate ~ 62 days
Golden cherries have true tomato flavor with extra sweetness. They are crack-resistant and produced in profusion on very large plants.
- 'SUPER SWEET 100'** Indeterminate ~ 60 days
Incredibly sweet but not cloying. Vigorous vines produce hundreds of tasty red cherries. Plants will be very large.
- 'SWEET 100'** Indeterminate ~ 65-70 days
The original thin-skin cherry tomato with terrific taste and yield.
- 'SWEET MILLION'** Indeterminate ~ 65-75 days
Tangy, sweet, 1-inch, crack-resistant fruit produced heavily on disease resistant vines. TERRIFIC!
- 'TUMBLER'** Determinate ~ 50 days
The best tomato for small hanging baskets. Early fruit is juicy and sweet.
- 'YELLOW CANARY'** Determinate ~ 60 days
Short sturdy plants produce delicious, crack resistant, yellow cherry tomatoes. Good choice for containers or small gardens.
- 'YELLOW CURRANT'** Indeterminate ~ 70 days
Tiny yellow fruits, great flavor produced over a long season on large plants. Good disease resistance and fun to eat!
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'YELLOW PEAR'

Indeterminate ~ 75 days

Small, juicy, pear-shaped yellow tomatoes keep coming over a long season on very large plants. Good disease resistance.

PLUM-TYPE (PASTE) TOMATOES**'AMISH PASTE' (H)**

Indeterminate ~ 74 days

Firm 8 ounce fruits, bright red and very tasty are produced in quantity on strong vines. This Amish heirloom is excellent for sauces and canning.

'BLACK PLUM' (H)

Indeterminate ~ 70-75 days

Large plants produce plum-shaped, 2-inch fruits in tones of mahogany brown. A tasty treat for slicing or chunking. Heirloom from Russia, grows to 6 feet tall.

'COSTOLUTO GENOVESE' (H)

Indeterminate ~ 80 days

Flavorful, fleshy and juicy, this Italian heirloom has a deeply scalloped or ribbed shape and a dark red color. Best with lots of heat.

'GOLDEN RAVE'

Determinate ~ 67 days

Roma-type with a sweet flavor and meaty texture. Small fruits on a good disease-resistant plant.

'LA ROMA'

Determinate ~ 76 days

Plant produces high yields of 5 to 8 oz red plum shaped tomatoes. One of the very best Italian type tomatoes on the market. Excellent for making tomato puree, paste, and sauce.

'PRINCIPE BORGHESE' (H)

Indeterminate ~ 76 days

An Italian heirloom. Vigorous plants produce an abundance of small plum shaped fruits over a long season. Very meaty with few seeds and little juice. Especially good for drying or stews.

'ROMA'

Determinate ~ 75 days

Long popular paste-type tomato generously produced on sturdy vines. Fruits are meaty with few seeds and have a mild tomato flavor. Very good for paste or sauce.

'SAN MARZANO' (H)

Indeterminate ~ 80 days

This is THE Italian canning tomato. Large clusters of 3 inch long fruits with good storing ability. Great flavor for sauces or soups and for drying.

'SUPER MARZANO'

Indeterminate ~ 78 days

One of the most productive roma-type tomatoes on the market today. The large, 5 inch tomatoes feature a high sugar content and rich flavor. Highly disease-resistant, meaning healthy plants in your garden all summer long, loaded with bright red fruit.

'VIVA ITALIA'

Determinate ~ 80-90 days

Classic 'Italian sauce type' with pear shape, low juice content and firm pulp with outstanding tomato flavor. Very disease resistant and stores well. Expect large crops.