WSU Master Gardener Annual
Plant Sale

TOMATO VARIETIES

2019
Descriptions from seed company literature with *italicized notes* provided by Master Gardeners experienced with the variety.

**ATLAS HYBRID** 65 days.

*New in 2018, very compact plant with early yield and heavy yield of large tomatoes good for slicing.*

First-ever beefsteaks for porches and decks in warm, sunny conditions everywhere. Pick big, tasty beefsteaks right outside your door! First-ever beefsteaks for porches and decks in warm, sunny conditions everywhere. New bushy, compact ‘Atlas’ plants easily shoulder their bountiful loads of one-pound tomatoes. This vigorous, neatly growing paragon of the patio combines modern performance with old-time flavor. Fruits deliver unsurpassed balance of sweetness and acidity. Semi-determinate plants.

**BENDIGO DAWN - DWARF** 65 days

‘Dwarf Bendigo Dawn’ has rugose, regular leaf plants that produce high yields of small, one to two ounce, pink, slightly oval-shaped, cherry sized tomatoes that are very tasty.

**BLACK BEAUTY**

*Takes a while to ripen but outstanding flavor and stores well on a counter until ready.*

World’s Darkest Tomato--The darkest tomato we know of! A dark, meaty, very rich-fleshed tomato with extreme anthocyanin expression (same antioxidant in blueberries and blackberries). So dark that some tomatoes turn solid blue-black on the skin. Deep red flesh is among the best tasting of all tomatoes. Rich, smooth and savory with earthy tones. Hangs well on the vine and stores very well, and the flavor improves with room-temperature storage. Our own Dave Kaiser tasted it at the 2015 National Heirloom Exposition and proclaimed it as the BEST tomato he had ever eaten!  Indeterminate.
BLACK SEAMAN  75 Days

_Voted the best tasting least attractive tomato 3 years running._


BORONIA - DWARF  70 days.

'Boronia' is a rugose, regular leaf, dwarf variety producing medium to medium large (four to sixteen ounce), oblate fruit that are pink with dark shoulders and have a smooth, meaty texture. It resembles 'Cherokee Purple' both in its appearance as well as in its delicious, intense flavor quality. Determinate Dwarf.

BUSH CHAMPION  65 Days

(VFFASt) One of the best varieties for small space gardens and containers, bar none. Compact plants grow to just 24” tall, producing extra-early yields of big, 8 to 12 oz. fruits with excellent flavor. Displays similar qualities of its popular namesake Champion (00179) and exceeds our expectations with satisfying performance in virtually every climate. Good disease resistance. Determinate.

CHEROKEE PURPLE  85 days

Cherokee Purple' is said to have been given to a Tennessee family by the Cherokees over 100 years ago. This treasured tomato has just the right balance of sweetness and even a hint of smoke, making it a winner in taste tests. From summer to fall, you'll harvest more than enough 10–12 oz. tomatoes from this well-regarded heirloom variety. Provide support for vigorous vines that reach 6’ or more. Indeterminate.
CHOCOLATE CHERRY  70 days

*Annual favorite cherry with excellent flavor*

Extremely flavorful, uniform, round fruits in trusses of 8, measure 1" in diameter. Fruits hold stems very well, don’t crack and can be picked several days before completely mature and allowed to ripen off the vine without sacrificing quality. Great variety for the home gardener or for packing into pints for market. Indeterminate

CHOCOLATE LIGHTNING - DWARF  80 days

The vigorous, rugose, regular leaf plants are among the taller growing of the new dwarf varieties. The plants produce excellent yields of medium sized (four to eight ounce) smooth, slightly oblate chocolate colored tomatoes with jagged green and gold stripes. The rich crimson flesh has the intense flavor of black tomatoes but with great balance.

DEFIANT HYBRID TOMATO  70 Days

(VFF EB LB) This variety cracks the genetic code to produce the first tomato bred for resistance to the modern strains of Late Blight disease. This high yielding plant produces 6 to 8 ounce globe-shaped fruits that combine disease resistance with great old-fashioned tomato flavor. Determinate.

EARLY GIRL  57 days

(VFF) It’s hard to find tasty, full-sized fruits like this extra-early in the season! Meaty, ripe, red fruits, 4 to 6 oz., are slightly flattened and bright crimson throughout. Very appealing, with firm texture and blemish-resistant skin. Heavy yields on hardy vines. Indeterminate.

BUSH EARLY GIRL  54 days

(VFFNT) This "determinate sister" to popular Early Girl (00240) delivers the same desirable qualities in a compact, patio-sized variety: an extreme earliness and huge yields of firm, meaty, flavorful fruits that are larger than Early Girl - a full 4" in diameter. Determinate.
**GOLDEN GIRL** 69 days

VF1 & 2NT The flavor of Golden Girl is a wonderful blend of acids and sugars that is just superb. The firm 7 to 8 ounce fruit are oblate and early with a wonderful golden color both inside and out. This vigorous yielding tomato is about as good as it gets for disease resistance. Determinate.

**GOLD NUGGET** 55 Days

*One of the best yellow cherries out there.* Vigorous plants bear numerous golden-yellow, fine-flavored, 1" oval "nuggets". Uniform, compact plants, averaging 24" in height, begin fruiting extra-early. Determinate

**La ROMA 3 HYBRID** 76 Days

*Reliable standard paste tomato*

(VFFNAST) An excellent roma tomato known for its vigor and uniformity. Bright red, meaty fruits are large, 5 to 8 ounces, and full of flavor. Disease resistant plants are very vigorous and produce fruit abundantly throughout the growing season. The perfect variety for any home gardener who enjoys canning or making their own pastes and sauces. Determinate.

**LIME GREEN SALAD TOMATO** 58 days

Great for containers, compact plants bear high yield of apple-green to yellow-green, 2-1/2 to 3 oz. fruits. Lime-green juicy flesh has a delicious, tangy flavor. Determinate.

**MINIBEL** 65 days

*Flavor is somewhat bland, but if you think you don’t have room for a tomato this is for you. Grew and yielded a surprising number of marble size fruit in a 4” pot.*

65 days. Determinate. Bite-sized fruit is sweet and flavorsome. Tiny ornamental plants reach only to about a foot in height and require no support. Covered in tasty little tomatoes. Excellent choice for containers, pots or hanging baskets; pretty enough for the patio or deck. So cute! Determinate.

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**MORTGAGE LIFTER** 80 days

HEIRLOOM. Legendary, huge beefsteak consistently wins taste-tests.

This huge heirloom beefsteak (up to 4 lb.; average 2 1/2 lb.) consistently wins taste-tests. Developed in the 1930s by a gardener who planted the four biggest varieties he knew and crossed one with pollen from the other three. He did this for six seasons and created a variety that produced immense, tasty fruit. He sold the plants for $1 a-piece and paid off his $6000 mortgage in 6 years. Indeterminate.

**MOSKVICH** 60 days

One of the most appealing extra-early tomatoes. Fruits are early, deep red, and cold tolerant. Rich flavor. Smooth and globe-shaped. 4-6 oz. with a small stem scar. Indeterminate.

**ORANGE SLICE** 75 days

This zesty orange beefsteak delivers full-bodied homegrown flavor. Vigorous indeterminate plants produce a large crop of bright orange, uniformly shaped, 16 oz. beefsteaks. Firm, yet juicy fruits are ready to pick around 75 days from transplanting. Indeterminate.

**OREGON SPRING** 60 days

(V) Early variety that sets loads of meaty fruits weighing 3 to 5 oz., with excellent flavor. Compact plants set fruits even in cool weather and continue to yield all season long. Nearly seedless. A perfect choice for ketchup and sauces. Determinate.
PATTY’S STRIPED BEEFSTEAK   85 days

An attractive tomato with excellent texture and flavor from 2018 home trial.

An improved heirloom with richer, fuller flavor. Cook's Garden Favorite. We are working closely with breeders to improve upon some of the heirloom tomatoes available today. This striking beauty is reminiscent of 'Big Rainbow', but with higher yields, larger, more colorful fruits, and most importantly, richer, fuller flavor. Try slicing the 10-16 oz. fruits and garnishing with a basil mayonnaise. Indeterminate.

PINEAPPLE   75-95 days.

Excellent performer and my favorite yellow tomato from 2018.

Very large, up to 2 lbs each. The yellow fruit has red marbling through the flesh and is one of the most beautiful tomatoes we sell. The flavor is very sweet and fruity; good yields.

POLBIG   55-60 Days

(VFFT) For home gardeners and fresh market. Early, meaty and mild, and one of the best varieties for holding on the vine for extended periods without cracking. Flavorful, 6 to 8 oz., oblate-shaped fruits ripen uniformly, developing a consistent deep red color throughout. Plants are compact and prolific. Determinate.

DWARF PURPLE HEART   70 days

A sturdy compact plant, very meaty and flavorful tomato.

The vigorous, rugose, regular leaf plants are among the most spreading and branching of the dwarf varieties. Producing heavy yields of medium to medium large sized (six to sixteen ounce) heart shaped purple tomatoes. 'Dwarf Purple Heart' has deep crimson flesh with a delicious, well-balanced flavor. Although fairly large, the fruits also ripen relatively early. Determinate dwarf.
**RED ROBIN**  
55 Days

An extra-sweet dwarf, container-grown variety, just as good grown indoors as a potted plant. Round, red, 1-1/4” fruits on compact plants 8 to 12” tall with rugose leaves are ideal for windowsills, patios or hanging baskets. Dwarf-determinate.

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**ROMA**  
75 Days

*Reliable standard paste tomato*

(VF) Roma is considered to be the most well-known paste-type tomato, perfect for sauces, pastes and ketchup. Its heavy crops of bright red, pear-shaped fruits are nice and meaty, with very few seeds. Determinate

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**ROSELLA**  
70 Days

From the breeder of the extremely popular Sweet Aperitif. This gorgeous cherry has the perfect balance of sweetness and acidity. High yielding plants produce long trusses of 1/2” round, thin skinned fruits that weigh 1/2 ounce each. Makes a great paste tomato and can also be eaten fresh or grilled. Perfect for market gardeners and home gardeners alike. Indeterminate

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**RUTGERS**  
74 days

HEIRLOOM. Its flavor, both for slicing and cooking, is still unequaled. The legendary Jersey tomato, introduced in 1934, is a cross between J.T.D. (an old New Jersey variety from the Campbell Soup Co.) and Marglobe. Its flavor, both for slicing and cooking, is still unequaled. Red fruits are slightly flattened. Tall vines, Fusarium resistance. Indeterminate.
San MARZANO  80 days

HEIRLOOM. Almost no seed cavities—all meat. The long, blocky fruits mature with a small, discreet seed cavity that can be scooped out, leaving all meat. This means much less boiling to get a first class paste. The shape is also good for canning, and excellent for drying.

SAUCY  80 days

Possibly the best sauce tomato that we have offered for quite some time. Attractive, 3 to 4 ounce fruits are deep crimson in color and extremely firm. Excellent for making delicious sauces and pastes. Determinate.

SHIMMER HYBRID  70 days

*Resembles a Roma and is an excellent tomato for salads or snacking. Good yield in 2018.*

Enchanting small, plum, cocktail-type tomato bursting with succulent flavor. One precious tomato you won’t want to give away, but with yields of 300–350 fruits in a season, you’ll have plenty, plus your neighbors will love you. Enchanting plum tomato is larger than a cherry but smaller than a Roma, with green stripes, touches of shimmering gold, unique almond shape and sweet succulent flavor. Color your salads with greens and golds, or enjoy snack-sized fruit fresh from the vine.

SILETZ  70-75 days

Siletz is one of the most reliable slicing tomatoes you can grow. Coming in just ahead of Oregon Spring with a nice flush of 4-5 inch deep red fruit that weigh up to 7-10 ounces. The flavor-packed red tomatoes are nearly seedless. Expect several bursts of ripe tomatoes as the season progresses. Vigorous determinate plants are parthenocarpic. Bred by Dr. Jim Baggett of Oregon State University. F 1, V. Determinate.
STEAKHOUSE  75-80 days

Big news in the tomato patch! Meet the biggest tomato ever bred. And it's not just bigger but better. Tipping the scales at up to three lbs. plus, broad-shouldered tomato titan is bigger than Big Daddy, and loaded with true heirloom tomato flavor and head-spinning fragrance. Indeterminate plants produce gorgeous, humongous fruits.  Indeterminate.

STUPICE  60-65 days

Early bearing, cold tolerant variety with richly flavored fruits on short vines. Great tasting and perfect for container growing or small space gardens. Originally from the Czech Republic.  Indeterminate.

SUN GOLD  65 days.

Sun Gold's fruity or tropical flavor is a big hit with everyone who tastes it. The bright apricot-orange round globes are 1 1/4 inches across and are borne on long, 10-15 fruit, grape-like trusses. The vigorous indeterminate vines produce equally well in the field and the early spring greenhouse. Plan on setting up your lawn chair between Sun Gold and Sweet Million for blissful snacking. F 1-2, TMV, V.  Indeterminate

SUPER BUSH

These scrumptious hybrid tomatoes are specially bred for abundant yields on space saving 2½ to 3 foot plants. They are perfect for growing in large pots and patio containers. Super Bush bears juicy fruits with full-sized sweet tomatoey flavor, not bland or watery like so many other bush varieties. It’s a treat to walk out the back door and pick them still warm from the sun. A perfect way to enjoy the incomparable flavor of vine-ripe tomatoes even when you have limited garden space.
SUPERSAUCE  70 days

It's SuperSauce! The new tomato superhero. A whole lot bigger, a whole lot better, a Roma with aroma. Weighing in at 2 lb., a whopping 5.5” tall x 5” wide, SuperSauce produces gallons of luscious sauce from a single plant harvest - one tomato fills an entire sauce jar. Very few people in the gardening world consider a paste tomato for anything other than making paste or sauce. SuperSauce also makes a superlative salad tomato; it's perfect for a meaty and tasty hamburger slice too., disease-free plants yield a summer-long supply of the exquisitely flavored marinara, tomato gravy or meat sauce plus plenty for salads and slicing.  Indeterminate.

SUPER SWEET 100  70 days

Scarlet, cherry-sized tomatoes produce long clusters right up to frost.

Cherry tomatoes bursting with sugary flavor. The scarlet, cherry-sized fruits are produced in long pendulous clusters right up to frost. Grow on stakes or a fence.  Indeterminate.

SWEET MILLION  60 days

(FT) Terrific flavor in high yields of super-sweet cherry tomatoes that have excellent, hybrid disease resistance. Long chains of smooth, dark red, 1 to 1-1/2” fruits are produced on large vigorous plants. Matures nice and early and continues producing until frost.  Indeterminate.

SWEET TANGERINE HYBRID  68 days

These delectable tomatoes ripen early for so large a fruit. This Burpee exclusive features clean, bushy, plants that are quite disease resistant and set very heavy crops. Even in hot weather watch for Tangerine to be ready for harvest in about 68 days.
TAXI  65-70 Days

*Reliable yellow tomato with good yield and taste.*

The best yellow variety for short season areas. Bright yellow 4 to 6 oz. fruits are smooth and blemish free. Flesh is meaty, mild and acid free. Excellent fresh for salads, sandwiches or adds a nice splash of color to salsas. Heavy yielder over a 3 to 4 week period.  Determinate.

TIGERELLA  55-75 days

Tasty, 2" round fruit is bright red with orange stripes. A quite beautiful and popular variety from England that is good for greenhouse production. The yields are high even in cool summers, and it starts producing very early. It also has good disease-resistance. So smooth, so pretty!  Indeterminate.

TUMBLING TOM RED TOMATO  70 days

This magnificent variety cascades to 20" or more, making it ideal for hanging baskets and container gardens. Sturdy, evenly branched plants are loaded with juicy, 1 to 2" fruits, perfectly sized for snacking and salads. A true ornamental that may seem too pretty to pick, but one sweet bite will have you coming back for more.  Indeterminate.

VERNISSAGE BLACK  75 Days

*One of the most prolific performers in my 2018 garden. Early, vigorous with heavy yield of 2” tomatoes with excellent flavor.*

This 2 to 3 ounce saladette variety is very good for fresh eating, salads, drying or making sauces. Healthy, highly adaptable and very productive over a long season. Deep mahogany, striped with green. Like most black tomatoes, the flavor is pleasingly rich, especially tasty in sauces. Indeterminate.

WILLAMETTE  75 days

Becoming a Northwest heirloom, Willamette was developed at Oregon State University by the late Dr. Tex Frazier. This very dependable ripener is one of OSU's first early determinate tomatoes. It's medium in size with a mild, low acid flavor. F1, V.  Determinate.
TOMATO TERMS

Indeterminate: Indeterminate varieties are vine-like, with the tomatoes ripening throughout the growing season—until frost kills the plant.

Determinate: Determinate varieties are bush-like, with all the tomatoes ripening about the same time.

Dwarf: Benefits of dwarf tomatoes

Sturdy, attractive, productive!
- Plants vary in height from 60-140cm (2 to 4.5 feet) depending on which variety is selected.
- Dark and dense crinkly (rugose) foliage, thick central stem.
- Tomatoes of all sizes and shapes, including some large fruits up to around 500 grams (18 ounces).
- A broad range of flavors – sweet, tangy, fruity, and even a hint of saltiness – something to please everyone.
- Fruit colors include green-when-ripe, bi-colors, stripes, blacks (purple or brown), pink, red, yellow, orange, white/ivory.
- Easy to grow in pots, on balconies, or wherever space is limited

Parthenocarpic: In botany and horticulture, parthenocarpy (literally meaning virgin fruit) is the natural or artificially induced production of fruit without fertilization of ovules. The fruit is therefore seedless.

Disease Resistance: Check varieties for the initials VFNT. If all four initials are listed on the seed packet or plant stake, the plants will be resistant to Verticillium wilt (V), Fusarium wilt (F), nematodes (N), and tobacco mosaic virus (T)