

Standard Tomatoes, Tomatillos, and Ground Cherries 2024

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Grow tomatoes in full sun (at least 6 hours of direct sun) with even waterings just beyond the root zone through the season. Well-drained soils with a neutral pH are ideal. If your soil is heavy, amend with organic matter or plant in raised beds. Support, such as tomato cages, is required for most varieties. Tomatoes develop at different rates and planting varieties with a range of **days to harvest**** (from transplanting) can extend your season or help you plan your harvest. Tomato plants have determinate, indeterminate, or in between **growth habit****. **Determinate (D)** tomatoes reach a certain height and stop growing. The plant is compact and manageable. Most fruit is borne over 4 to 6 weeks - great for processing large batches. **Indeterminate (I)** tomatoes continue to grow and flower throughout the season, so they grow longer vines and need more support. They have less mature fruit at any one time. Tomatoes may be **F1 hybrids** or **open pollinated (OP)***** which is relevant if you plan to save seeds. F1 hybrid seeds may not produce a plant with the same characteristics as the parent variety. Open pollinated plants will produce seeds that are true to type if cross pollinated with the same variety. Tomatoes vary in their resistance to **diseases**** (Verticillium Wilt (V), Fusarium Wilt (F), Fusarium, race 1 or 2 (F1 or F2), Nematodes (N), Tobacco Mosaic Virus (T), Tomato Spotted Wilt Virus (Tsw), Alternaria Stem Canker (A), Stemphylium (S), Gray Leaf Spot (G))**.

Large Tomatoes

Anthony's Passionate Heart	72	I	1 lb.	OP		Oxheart, a cross between Amish Paste and Sungold. Bright red, heart shaped tomatoes, bold, sweet, balanced flavor. Very productive, crack, disease, and heat resistant. Named in honor of Anthony Bourdain, beloved chef and author.
Beefmaster	80	I	2 lb.	F1	VFNASt	Big, bright red fruit is solid, meaty, flavorful with low acidity. Good yields.
Beefsteak	69-80	I	Over 1 lb.	OP	VFN	Good yields of large, ribbed, solid, meaty tomatoes that are excellent for slicing, canning.
Better Boy Plus	75	I	Over 1 lb.	F1	VFNASt	One of the most popular hybrids. Plump, juicy, deep red tomatoes.
Big Beef Plus	73	I	9-16 oz.	F1	VFF1F2Tsw NTAStG	Exceptional yields of delicious, globe-shaped fruits in almost any climate or soil. Great old-fashioned flavor. 1994 AAS winner.
Big Boy	78	I	10-16 oz.	F1	VFT	Bright red fruit is firm and meaty with superb flavor and aroma. Hugely popular since 1949. Resists cracking.
Big Zac	80	I	4-6 lbs.	F1		A cross of a red and a pink heirloom beefsteak bred by Minnie Zaccaria of New Jersey. Glossy, meaty, enormous red fruits have fabulous flavor. Ideal for sandwiches and slicing. Disease resistant.

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Delicious	77	I	1+ lb.	OP		Sweet, smooth, meaty red fruits are crack resistant and have few seeds. Excellent for salads, tomato juice, and canning (requires additional acid). Low acidity.
Goliath	65	I	10-15 oz.	F1	VF1F2NTAST T	Sweet, luscious, bright red to dark pink fruits. Plants have tremendous yields in only 65 days. Grows anywhere and is very disease resistant. Excellent flavor for sandwiches, salads, slicing and great for canning.
Park's Whopper	65	I	14 oz.	F1	VF1F2NT	Highly productive vines produce crack resistant, large, great tasting, meaty, juicy fruit. Great for salads and sandwiches.
Supersteak	80	I	1-2 lbs.	F1	VFN	Superb beefsteak tomato with meaty, delicious fruit. One slice can fill a sandwich. Heavy yields of extra large, smooth, beautiful fruit. Perfect for slicing and fresh juice.
<u>Medium Tomatoes</u>						
Ace 55	75-80	D	8-12 oz.	OP	VFA	Red, oblate fruits are thick walled, solid, and meaty. Balanced taste with low acidity, it is tops for fresh use and canning (requires additional acid and pressure canning).
Bella Rosa	75	D	9-12 oz.	F1	VF1F2NTsw ASTG	Round, firm, exceptionally tasty, bright red tomatoes are thin skinned but crack resistant. High yields. An excellent tomato for sandwiches, slicing, and salads. Heat-tolerant (and a good thing, considering our recent summers!) and extremely disease resistant: This tomato is a trooper!
Berkely Tie-Dye Pink	70	I	8-12 oz.	OP		Outstanding flavor in a uniquely beautiful package. Fruits are red and streaked with green and yellow. Plants are relatively compact. Great for sandwiches!
Better Bush	68	D	6-12 oz.	F1	VFN	Large, sweet, meaty fruit on sturdy bush. Excellent for containers. Produces over a long season.
Calypso	75	I	5-7 oz.	OP	VF1F2A	A great tomato for our area, it is heat resistant, disease resistant, and excellent for salads, sandwiches, canning, and freezing. Fruits are medium sized, bright red globes with delightful flavor.
Campbell's 33	69	D	8 oz.	OP	VFA	One of the many tomatoes developed by Campbell's Soup Company at their research facilities in NJ. Medium, early fruit is delicious, smooth, and bright red with green shoulders. Great for fresh eating, canning, and, of course, tomato soup. Crack resistant.

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Carmello	70	D	8-10 oz.	F1	VFNT	Gourmet French tomato. Juicy fruits with terrific balance of sugars and acids. Crack resistant.
Carolina Gold	75	D	10 oz.	F1	VFF1F2	Yellow-orange fruits are meaty, firm, and low acid. Crack resistant and disease resistant. Spherical shape and few seeds makes for great sandwich slices, salads, canning (will require additional acid), and freezing. Try using Carolina Gold to make golden tomato sauce - a whole new flavor surprise!
Celebrity Plus	70	D	8-9 oz.	F1	VTswFF1F2 GNTASt	AAS Award Winner. Highly adaptable. Abundant medium sized, globe-shaped fruits are crack-resistant and flavorful fresh or for canning.
Champion II	62	D	6-8 oz.	F1	VFNT	Sweet, solid, meaty and excellent for tomato sandwiches. Does well in hot, dry weather.
Early Girl	57-62	I	4-6 oz.	F1	VF1F2NT	Bright red, round slicer. Fruits have firm texture and blemish resistant skin. Early, dependable, and tasty.
Early Pick	62	I	8-16 oz.	F1	VF	Bright scarlet with old fashioned, full tomato flavor and solid flesh. Bears fruits early, bumper crops all summer. Excellent for slicing or cooking.
Fantastic	65	I	8-10 oz.	F1	VF	Heavy yields of tasty, round, medium fruit wonderful for canning.
Florida 91	72	D	10 oz.	F1	VF1F2ASt	A favorite of chefs and gardeners, this tomato is very productive, even in extreme heat! It is also broadly disease resistant and crack resistant, and the plants are sturdy. Fruits are bright red, round, smooth, flavorful, and perfect for slicing, salads, and sandwiches - this is one terrific tomato.
Fourth of July	49	I	4 oz.	F1		A Burpee introduction. Very early, small (golf ball size), bright red tomatoes with excellent flavor. Plant produces heavily until frost. Fruit is carried in clusters.
Glacier	55	D	4-5 oz.	OP		Cold-tolerant, productive, and very early variety from Sweden. Fruit is 2 1/2" round, uniform, orange-red and excellent for salads and slicing. Potato leaf variety.
Golden Boy	80	I	8 oz.	F1	FV	Mild flavored fruit is golden yellow, globe shaped, and very meaty. Excellent yields. Low acidity.
Green Zebra	78	I	2-4 oz.	OP		Small round fruits are bright green with stripes when fully ripe (slightly soft). Incredible flavor is great for salads, salsas, and canning.

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Homestead	80	Semi-D	8-9 oz.	F1		Bred at the University of Florida, this selection reliably sets fruit in hot weather. Fruits are sweet, juicy, and meaty red globes - perfect for sandwiches and burgers.
Hot Spell	68	D	7 oz.			Highly flavorful, round, red, sweet, and juicy fruits on a compact, heat resistant plant. A great salad tomato and excellent to grow in a large container on your balcony or deck.
Jersey Boy	70-75	I	8-10 oz.	F1		Delicious hybrid of 2 legendary tomatoes, Rutgers and Brandywine, combines Brandywine's fabulous flavor with Rutgers' color, shape, and high yields to produce an excellent beefsteak tomato.
Jet Star	72	I	6-8 oz.	F1	VF	Globe-shaped fruit has low acidity and is easy to digest. Mild flavor, heavy producer, good canning tomato (requires additional acid). Crack resistant.
Jetsetter	64	D	8 oz.	F1	VF1F2GNTA	Good yields of tomatoes with rich flavor. Matures very early. Excellent in salads or sandwiches. Vigorous and disease resistant.
Lemon Boy	72	I	6-7 oz.	F1	VFNASt	Lemon-like in color, but far from it in flavor. Fruits have a fine sweet taste and make a fresh addition to salads and other dishes. Productive, adaptable, and vigorous.
Oregon Spring	60	D	3-5 oz.	OP	V	Early variety that sets loads of meaty, excellently flavored fruit, even in cool temps. Nearly seedless and perfect for catsup and sauces.
Patio	70	D	2 in.	F1	F	Excellent container plant that produces heavy yields of medium-sized fruits that are smooth, firm, and flavorful.
Pink Girl	76	I	6-8 oz.	F1	VFAST	Heavy producer of pink fruit with rich flavor and superior quality. Low acidity. Disease and crack resistant.
Siberian	48	Semi-D	3-5 oz.	OP		Russian tomato that sets fruit in cool weather. Very early ripening and great for short growing seasons. Produces clusters of round, bright red, juicy fruits with excellent flavor.
Siletz	52-65	D	7-10 oz.	OP	F1V	Medium to large, early tomatoes on a compact plant. Fruits are deep red, have few seeds, and great flavor.
Solar Flare	75	I	6-10 oz.	OP		Red tomatoes with golden stripes and a sweet and tangy flavor. Great sliced in sandwiches, burgers, and salads or processed for soups, juice, salsa, and tomato sauce. Especially beautiful and delicious! Bred by Brad Gates of Wild Boar Farms in CA

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Super Fantastic	70	I	10 oz.	F1	VFN	Improved Fantastic with stronger disease resistance. Great production of large, round, red tomatoes that are juicy, meaty, and flavorful. Great fresh or for canning.
Super Sioux	70	Semi-I	6-10 oz.	OP		Outstanding performance in hot weather. Attractive, red, round tomatoes are thick walled and crack-free with great flavor.
Sweet Cluster	67	I	4-5 oz.	F1	VFNT	High yields of closely set clusters of six to eight tomatoes, like the Campari tomatoes at the grocery, all ripening at the same time. Sweet, glossy red fruit.
Sweet Seedless	68-70	I	8-10 oz.	F1	VFNT	Sweet, firm, and juicy fruits have well-balanced flavor. Virtually seedless and easy to digest. Disease resistant.
Taxi	65	D	4-6 oz.	OP		Early, prolific producer of lemon-yellow, baseball-sized fruits with smooth skin and a lightly sweet and low-acid flavor. These make a bright addition to salsa and salads. Compact plants are suitable for containers.
Tim's Black Ruffles	78	I	8-10 oz.	OP		Dark garnet-purple, heavily pleated tomatoes are a cross of Black Krim and Zapotec Pink Pleated. Fruit is sweet and meaty and great as a slicer and makes a rich, deeply colored sauce. Productive plants are hardy and blight resistant.
Totem	70	D	3-5 oz.	F1		An excellent dwarf variety (18-30") for containers. Produces medium-sized, round, crimson fruits in vast quantities on trusses. Plants are stocky and very productive.
Tropic	80	I	10 oz.	F1		A versatile variety that is good in the garden or in greenhouse production. Good disease tolerance in hot conditions. Fruit is bright red, firm, and juicy.
<u>Paste (Roma Type) Tomatoes</u>						
Big Mama	80	I	3 in. x 5 in.	F1	NT	Very large plum shaped paste tomatoes (about the size of 3 romas) are meaty, deep red, and sweet. Great for drying, canning, paste, or salsa. Very few seeds.
Fresh Salsa	65-75	D	4-5 oz.	F1	VFN	Very solid, very meaty, and great, not only for salsa, but bruschetta, sauce and canning. Heavy producer of firm, bright red tomatoes with few seeds.

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Health Kick	75	D	4 oz.	F1	VF1F2GTAS t	Heavy yields of juicy, plum-shaped, delicious fruits with a high lycopene (antioxidant) content which gives a bright red color. Perfect for salads, paste, sauces, and canning. Sets fruit even under adverse conditions.
Italian Gold	75-90	D	5 oz.	F1	VF	Good yields of golden orange, juicy, plum shaped fruits high in pectin, low in seeds, and held in clusters. Excellent for canning, freezing, fresh eating, and for making rich, thick, golden paste and sauces. Productive, compact, disease resistant plants.
LaRoma 111	69-76	D	5-8 oz.	F1	VF1F2NAsT	Improved Roma variety offers exceptionally heavy yields of larger, tastier fruit that is bright red and meaty on stronger plants. Great for sauces, salsas, and canning.
Little Napoli	60-65	D	2-3 oz.	F1	VF	Compact container variety (12-18" high x 24-36" wide) with bright red, pear shaped fruit. Tangy flavor and meaty texture are excellent for salads and salsas, sauce, soup, catsup, canning, and drying. Generous yields.
Margherita	70-75	D	5-6 oz.	F1	VF	Versatile red saladette type fruit with thin skin and meaty texture. Good for fresh use in salsa or salad, even better for cooking, and great roasted or broiled. A fine choice for canning, juicing.
Roma	75	D	3-4 oz.	OP	VFNT	Most well-known paste tomato. Bears heavy crops of bright red, pear shaped fruits. Perfect for salsa, sauces, and canning.
San Marzano	80	I	3-4 oz.	OP		Slightly later than Roma with excellent flavor. Plant produces good yields of 3 ½" bright red, pear-shaped tomatoes that are very meaty and mild flavored. Excellent for making paste, sauce, puree, and canning. Crack resistant.
Super Marzano Plus	78	I	4-5 oz.	F1	VFNTA, bacterial speck	Improved San Marzano produces large, bright-red fruits with high sugar and pectin content. Ideal for sauce, paste, and canning. Vigorous, reliable, disease resistant plants.
<u>Small (Cherry Type) Tomatoes</u>						
Black Cherry	65	I	1 in.	OP		Unique variety with dusky purple fruits that are rich, sweet, juicy, and excellent for salads and snacking. Plants are vigorous and productive.

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Brandy Sweet Plum	75	I	2 oz.	OP		A wonderful and unlikely tomato caused by the accidental cross of Brandywine and Sweet 100. Pink, elongated cherry tomatoes on a potato leafed plant have fabulous flavor, a combination of the sweetness of Sweet 100 and the complex flavor of Brandywine.
Chocolate Sprinkles	50-55	I	1 oz.	F1	FNT	Beautiful, deep red, oval tomatoes are striped with dark green and carried in clusters. Flavor is rich and robust. Abundant yields of crack resistant fruit.
Green Grape	70	D	3/4-1 in.	OP	FV	Fruit is very juicy, sweet, yellow/green when ripe, and carried in clusters. Perfect for sauces, salsas, green catsup, garnishes, and salads.
Isis Candy	67-73	I	1 in.	OP		Multicolored cherry with red-orange-gold stripes and swirls and a star at the blossom end. Sweet, fruity flavor, great yields, beautiful in salads, and delicious as a snack.
Jelly Bean Red	65-72	I	1/2-1 in.	F1	VF1F2StNT	Grape tomato grows in clusters of 15-20. The sweet burst of flavor is perfect for snacking and salads. Vigorous plants with excellent disease and crack resistance.
Jelly Bean Yellow	65-72	I	1/2-1 in.	F1		Yellow version of above.
Juliet	60	I	2 oz.	F1	A	Clusters of miniature roma-type fruits that are deep red and crack resistant. Plants are high yielding.
Little Bird Mix	55	D	1"	OP		Plants are compact (8-12" tall) and perfect for containers. Fruit is round, may be yellow or red, and a delicious snack.
Lucky Tiger	70	I	1-2 oz.	OP		Oval to oblong 2" fruits are green with red stripes and a red blush have a red and green marbled interior and a fabulous sweet-tart flavor. Ripe when yellowish-green and the stripes are dark red.
Mexico Midget	60-70	I	1/2 in.	OP		Super heavy producer of trusses of tiny fruit with an incredible flash of rich tomato flavor.
Red Grape	55	I	1.5 in.	F1	TFN	Oval to oblong fruits are firm, meaty, crack resistant, with great texture, sweet taste, and few seeds. Long clusters of 20 or more fruits. Plants bear early and continue up to frost.
Sugary Hybrid	85	Semi-D	2 oz.	F1		High yields of juicy, super-sweet fruits that are oval and slightly pointed with reddish-pink skins and light green shoulders. Widely adapted. 2005 AAS Winner.

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Sungold	57	I	1/2 oz.	F1	VF1F2NT	Perennial winner of "best cherry tomato" at the annual tomato tasting. Exceptionally sweet, orange/gold cherry tomatoes borne in long trusses. Wonderful tomato flavor, high yields, long season. Developed in England.
SunSugar Hybrid	62	I	1/2 oz.	F1	FT	Golden yellow fruits are very sweet and a bit tangy with wonderful texture. Fruits are thin skinned but crack resistant. Vigorous plant, heavy yields.
Super Sweet 100	65	I	1 in.	F1	VFN	A hybrid cherry with fabulous taste. Fruits are produced in long clusters and are sweet and juicy. Extra high in Vitamin C.
Sweet 100	65-70	I	1/2-1 in.	F1	FVNT	A garden favorite, producing 100 or more scarlet, cherry-size fruit in long, multiple branched clusters. Fruit is high in Vitamin C and very sweet.
Sweet Aperitif	80	I	1/2 oz.	OP		Another amazingly sweet cherry from England (higher sugar content than Sungold!). Delicious, tangy-sweet, pinkish-red fruits are carried in trusses on very large, very productive plants. Thin-skinned but crack resistant fruit.
Sweet Baby Girl	65	I	1 oz.	F1	TMV	Long trusses of super-sweet cherry tomatoes that are bright red, thin skinned, and crack resistant. More compact and manageable than most indeterminates (short internodes-the space between branches).
Sweet Million	65-75	I	1-1.5 in.	F1	VF1F2NTSt	Long clusters of dark red tomatoes are crack-resistant with superb flavor. Plants are highly productive with excellent disease resistance.
Terenzo	56	D	3/4 oz.	F1		Very early, 1.75", red fruits are firm and crack-resistant with truly outstanding taste. Dwarf, trailing plant is perfect for hanging baskets and other containers. AAS Winner in 2011.
Tiny Tim	60	D	1/2-1 in.	OP		Dwarf plant for small gardens or containers grows only about 15" high. Round, bright red, cherry-size fruits in clusters are tasty and great for salad.
Tomatoberry Garden	55-60	I	2 oz.	F1	FNT	Beautiful, deep red, strawberry-shaped tomatoes with outstanding sweet flavor. Firm, crack resistant fruit held in long clusters. Plants are very productive and disease resistant.
Tumbling Tom Yellow	45	D	1.25 in.	F1	VFN	A patio variety, bushy plants are perfect for containers. Produces lots of tasty, bright yellow, bite-sized fruit on trusses that cascade over the edge of the container.

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Very Cherry Cascade	50	D	1 oz.	F1		Bushy, cascading (grows down, not up) plants bear bright red, sweet fruit all summer long. Perfect for snacking, sautés, pastas, kabobs, and salads. Great tomato for containers or hanging baskets or trained vertically on a trellis.
Yellow Currant	70	I	1/3 in.	OP		A South American species of tomato with long, grape-like clusters of tiny 1/3" yellow cherry tomatoes that are sweet with an intense tomato flavor.

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Plant tomatillos and ground cherries as you would tomatoes: full sun, even watering, fertile soil. Tomatillos and ground cherries seem to do better when there are 2 plants for cross pollination. Additionally, plant pollinator friendly plants nearby to attract more bees for pollinating. Store tomatillos and ground cherries in the refrigerator with the husk on if not using immediately.						
Aunt Molly's Ground Cherry	70	I	1/2-3/4 in.	OP		A sweet, golden ground cherry used for preserves, pies, over ice cream, in smoothies, or in fresh fruit salads. Fruits are produced in a papery husk that turns brown when the fruits ripen but does not split like a tomatillo husk. Often, they'll fall off the plant when ripe and can be harvested from the ground around the plants - that's why they're called "ground cherries." Can be stored 3-4 weeks in the husk. Sprawling, productive plants.
Grande Rio Verde Tomatillo	90	D	3 oz.	OP		Heavy yielding plant produces large, yellow-green tomatillos for salsa verde. Papery husk will split as it ripens - fully ripe when the fruit falls from the plant - pick earlier for tangier flavor.
Purple de Milpa Tomatillo	70	Semi-D	2-3 oz.	OP		Wild tomatillo from Mexico, typically grown in a family corn field (the 'milpa'). Deep purple, sweet, and tart - sweeter than green tomatillos, fruit is delicious eaten fresh off the plant and is colorful in recipes. Small fruit (3/4") does not always split husk when ripe. Tomatillos become more purple after harvest and husk removal.
Tamayo Tomatillo	65-70	D	2.5-3 in.	F1		Tall, vigorous plants produce abundant green, husk covered fruit. These tomatillos are very large and carried on sturdy plants. Sweet-tart, juicy, crunchy fruit is great for salsa and other Mexican recipes. Harvest when paper husks split. They have above average shelf life (2-4 wks. in fridge).