

TOMATOES, TOMATILLOS AND HUSK CHERRIES

TOMATOES

Tomatoes (*Solanum lycopersicum*, syn *Lycopersicon esculentum*) come in many colors and sizes. Heirlooms, prized for their flavor and heritage, tend to be thin-skinned, whereas hybrids are sturdier with more disease resistance. They are good sources of lycopene and beta-carotene, and Vitamins A, C and E. Plant these in a well-drained, fertile, sunny location after any danger of frost. Stake as needed.

RIESENTRAUBE

COLOR: red

GENERAL TYPE: tomato, cherry

SIZE: 1" cherry

German heirloom meaning "giant bunch of grapes" – this one grows in clusters! For its small size, it has rich tomato flavor. Large plants give massive yields! 76 days.

SWEET BABY GIRL

COLOR: red

GENERAL TYPE: tomato, cherry

SIZE: cherry

A favorite of several staff and volunteers at RBG! Dark-red hybrid cherry grows in long clusters on compact plants for easy picking. Long shelf life. 65 days.

SWEET MILLION

COLOR: red

GENERAL TYPE: tomato, cherry

SIZE: 1" cherry tomato

An improved version of Sweet 100, this variety offers the same wonderful flavor and yields, but much better disease resistance and tolerance to cracking. Incredibly long clusters of 1 inch dark red fruit grow on tall, vigorous plants. Indeterminate. 65 days.

SNOW WHITE

COLOR: white (pale yellow)

GENERAL TYPE: tomato, cherry

SIZE: cherry

A favorite at RBG, this heirloom is sweet without being sugary. Prolific! Keep one by your door for quick snacking! 75 days.

SWEET GOLD

COLOR: yellow

GENERAL TYPE: tomato, cherry

SIZE: 1/2 oz cherry tomato

Vigorous vines produce abundant clusters of 1/2 ounce, bright yellow-gold cherry tomatoes with delicious sweet flavor. These tomatoes are naturally sweeter than red cherry varieties with a fruitier taste. Use for garnishes, on salads or eat as a snack. Indeterminate. 60 days.

BUSH EARLY GIRL

COLOR: red

GENERAL TYPE: tomato, compact

SIZE: 6 oz. slicer

"Little Sister" to Early Girl, this variety will surprise you with its huge yields on bush plants. Gardeners in short-season areas should be sure to try this one, which has even more disease resistance than the original. Compact determinate. 54 days.

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NEW BIG DWARF

COLOR: pink

GENERAL TYPE: tomato, compact

SIZE: 8-12 oz beefsteak

Large, deep pink, delicious fruits weigh up to 1 pound each with most weighing 8 to 12 ounces. This heirloom dates back to the early 1900's and is a cross of Ponderosa and Dwarf Champion. Compact, 2 to 4 foot tall, plants are perfect for containers and patios. High Yielding. Determinate 90 days.

MOONGLOW

COLOR: golden-orange

GENERAL TYPE: tomato, general

SIZE: medium-size slicer

Globe shaped, smooth, open-pollinated variety has excellent taste and texture. Mild sweet flavor and few seeds. 90 days.

AMISH PASTE

COLOR: red

GENERAL TYPE: tomato, heirloom

SIZE: 8 oz plum/paste

Wisconsin Amish heirloom is perfect for making paste or eating fresh. 80 days.

BEEFSTEAK

COLOR: red

GENERAL TYPE: tomato, heirloom

SIZE: beefsteak

Also known as Red Ponderosa or Crimson Cushion. Produces huge, delicious, ribbed fruit on vigorous vines. Grow in wire cages for best results. Indeterminate. 96 days.

HAWAIIAN PINEAPPLE

COLOR: yellow streaked with red

GENERAL TYPE: tomato, general

SIZE: beefsteak

This hybrid offers sweet fruity flavor and more disease resistance with less cracking than the original heirloom. One of Rotary's most popular sale selections! Indeterminate. 68 days.

SUPER ITALIAN PASTE

COLOR: red

GENERAL TYPE: tomato, general

SIZE: banana pepper shaped - 6" long

Paste tomatoes shaped like banana peppers are about 6 inches long, deep orange-red and sweet with very little juice and few seeds. These tomatoes are all meat and make great paste and sauce. Heirloom variety. Indeterminate. 73 days.

AUNT RUBY'S GIANT GREEN

COLOR: green

GENERAL TYPE: tomato, heirloom

SIZE: 12 - 16 oz beefsteak

Large green beefsteaks ripen to pale green with a tint of yellow and have a pink blush underneath that extends inside the flesh. The flavor is sweet, yet spicy and quite delicious. Has the smoothest shape of any large green tomato. Heirloom variety. Indeterminate. 80 days.

BRANDYWINE (SUDDUTH STRAIN)

COLOR: dark red-pink

GENERAL TYPE: tomato, heirloom

SIZE: 12 oz beefsteak

Classic heirloom tomato prized for its distinctive flavor. Potato-leafed vines. 74 days.

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CARBON

COLOR: black (purple-brown)

GENERAL TYPE: tomato, heirloom

SIZE: 8-12 oz slicer

One of the darkest of the “black” tomatoes, this open-pollinated variety has a brick-red interior. Rich and sweet! 80 days.

GERMAN JOHNSON

COLOR: pink

GENERAL TYPE: tomato, heirloom

SIZE: 2 lb beefsteak

This heirloom is mild and meaty – one of the top ranked pinks and a favorite of many at RBG! Potato-leafed vines. 80 days.

KELLOG'S BREAKFAST

COLOR: pale orange

GENERAL TYPE: tomato, heirloom

SIZE: 1 lb. beefsteak

Meaty tomatoes with good flavor and few seeds. Juice has the same bright color as orange juice. Sweet and delicious! Heirloom variety. Indeterminate. 80 days.

PAUL ROBESON

COLOR: maroon

GENERAL TYPE: tomato, heirloom

SIZE: 7 - 10 oz slicer

One of the most highly regarded black tomatoes, this one features medium sized deep maroon fruits that are free of most blemishes and cracking. Their flavor is complex, sweet yet tangy. Russian heirloom. Indeterminate. 75 days.

CHEROKEE PURPLE

COLOR: dusky purple-pink

GENERAL TYPE: tomato, heirloom

SIZE: 12 oz beefsteak

An old Tennessee heirloom cultivated by the Cherokee tribe, this tomato has a rich, complex and sweet flavor. 80 days.

GREAT WHITE

COLOR: creamy white

GENERAL TYPE: tomato, heirloom

SIZE: 1–2 lb beefsteak

Heirloom tomato with a tropical, fruity flavor and low acidity. Yields can be high. Eat fresh. 82 days.

MORTGAGE LIFTER

COLOR: pink-red

GENERAL TYPE: tomato, heirloom

SIZE: plum/paste 1 oz cherry

A cherry tomato perfect for making sauces! Rich flavor, little juice or seeds. Fruit ripens in clusters all at same time 78 days.

PINEAPPLE

COLOR: yellow with red marbling

GENERAL TYPE: tomato, heirloom

SIZE: 1-2 lb beefsteak

Huge, beautiful and delicious! This heirloom is sweet and fruity like a pineapple, with good yields. 75 days.

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SAN MARZANO

COLOR: red

GENERAL TYPE: tomato, heirloom

SIZE: 4 oz plum/paste

The classic Italian paste tomato! Heirloom with rich, tomato flavor. Heavy yields over a long season. Makes great sauce. 85 days.

BETTER BOY

COLOR: red

GENERAL TYPE: tomato, hybrid

SIZE: 10 -16 oz slicer

Outstanding hybrid known for heavy yields, great taste and disease resistance. 75 days.

BOX CAR WILLIE

COLOR: red

GENERAL TYPE: tomato, hybrid

SIZE: 6 - 10 oz slicer

High-yielding, multi-use tomatoes will last throughout the season and are ideal for canning, freezing, or for home-cooked meals. Flavorful, with a long season. Crack-free and disease resistant. Indeterminate. 80 days.

LEMON BOY

COLOR: lemon yellow

GENERAL TYPE: tomato, hybrid

SIZE: 8 oz slicer

Disease resistant (VFN) hybrid is extremely vigorous and produces heavily. The flavor is outstanding, mild and sweet yet tangy! Easy to grow. 72 days.

WISCONSIN 55

COLOR: red

GENERAL TYPE: tomato, heirloom

SIZE: 8 oz slicer

Bred at the UW-Madison in the 1940's, this heirloom is productive with great flavor. Disease and crack resistant, it's tolerant of many diverse growing conditions. Semi-determinate 72 days.

BIG BRANDY

COLOR: dark pink

GENERAL TYPE: tomato, hybrid

SIZE: 1 lb beefsteak

A cross of heirlooms 'Brandywine' and 'New Big Dwarf' creates a deeply pleated hybrid with great taste and high yields! Semi-determinate. 75 days.

DAMSEL

COLOR: pink

GENERAL TYPE: tomato, hybrid

SIZE: 8 - 12 oz beefsteak

Produces globe shaped fruits with a sweet yet tangy flavor. Disease resistant (late blight, nematodes, and Verticillium wilt). Indeterminate. 75 days.

MOMOTARO

COLOR: pink

GENERAL TYPE: tomato, hybrid

SIZE: 6-7 oz slicer

The most popular tomato in Japan! Pink and sweetly flavored, hybrid plants produce abundant crops of round, medium-sized, perfectly smooth tomatoes with no blemishes or imperfections. Their taste is wonderful, intensely rich and sweet, with just the right amount of acid. Heat tolerant, and crack resistant. Indeterminate. 74 days.

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HEIRLOOM BLACK

COLOR: dark purple

GENERAL TYPE: tomato, hybrid

SIZE: 8 - 12 oz fruits

A cross of Cherokee Purple and Carbon creates a flattened, globe-shaped, dark purple fruit with delicate skin, green-tinted flesh and a full robust flavor. Indeterminate. 71 days.

TOMATILLOS AND HUSK CHERRIES

Tomatillos (*Physalis philadelphica*, *P. ixocarpa*) are used in Mexican dishes such as salsas and salsa verde. Husk cherries or ground cherries (*Physalis pruinosa*), are sweet and great for making jams, baked goods or just eat fresh – a big hit with children! Their papery husk should be removed before eating.

Tomatillos and husk cherries, both members of the nightshade family, are grown as annuals in Wisconsin. They are good sources of the antioxidants lycopene and beta-carotene, and Vitamins A, C and E. Plant these in a well-drained, fertile, sunny location after any danger of frost. Stake as needed.

CISINEROS

COLOR: green

FRUIT SIZE:

Incredibly large tomatillo will amaze you with its size and productivity. Apple-green fruit have a papery husk that splits open as tomatillos mature and turn yellow-green. Use in the bright green stage for the tartest flavor, or allow to ripen further for a sweeter taste. Chop into salsa, roast or slow cook with taco meat! 75 days.

PINEAPPLE

COLOR: yellow

FRUIT SIZE: ground cherry

Open-pollinated variety has a sweet, pineapple-like flavor. Great in salsas. Abundant producer. 75 days.

DE MILPA

COLOR: green/purple

FRUIT SIZE: 1-5/8" fruits

Vigorous variety with 1-5/8 in. fruits, mostly purple, some green. Stronger, sharper flavor than most tomatillos 80 days.

PURPLE

COLOR: deep purple

FRUIT SIZE: 2" tomatillo

Purple tomatillos generally are sweeter than green ones – great to eat fresh. Try this heirloom in salsas, kabobs, and Southwestern dishes. 70 days.

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AUNT MOLLY'S

COLOR: golden-orange

FRUIT SIZE: 3-4 oz ground cherry

Sweet and fruity Polish heirloom. Perfect for making jams, also great eaten fresh. Will store up to 3 months in the husk. .