

# Tomatoes, Tomatillos and Husk Cherries

## TOMATOES

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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.

### **‘Abe Lincoln Original’**

Color: red

Size: 8 oz beefsteak

Dark red beefsteak heirloom from 1923 is sweet, solid, and non-cracking. Ideal for ketchup, juice or fresh eating. 87 days.

### **‘Amana Orange’**

Color: orange

Size: 1 lb beefsteak

Glowing orange heirloom named after the Amana Colonies. Great flavor! 75 days.

### **‘Amish Paste’**

Color: red

Size: 8 oz plum/paste

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

### **‘Big Beef’**

Color: red

Size: 12 oz beefsteak

AAS winner. Large, smooth, blemish-free hybrid with full flavor and early ripening. Broad disease resistance. 70 days.

### **‘Big Brandy’**

Color: dark pink

Size: 1 lb beefsteak

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

### **‘Black Krim’**

Color: black (dark red-purple)

Size: 8 oz beefsteak

A Russian heirloom originally from the Isle of Krim. Juicy with rich sweet flavor. 80 days

### **‘Black Pineapple’ (‘Ananas Noire’)**

Color: green, yellow and purple

Size: 1 lb+ beefsteak

This open-pollinated variety has bright green flesh with red streaks. Flavor is sweet, smoky and citrus. High yields! 82 dy.

### **‘Bonnie Best’**

Color: red

Size: 8 oz slicer

This famous heirloom from 1908 was used extensively for canning early in the last century. Good producer. Fruits are meaty and flavorful. Great fresh, too! 72 days.

### **‘Brandywine, Sudduth’s Strain’**

Color: dark red-pink

Size: 12 oz beefsteak

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

### **‘Carbon’**

Color: black (purple-brown)

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 day.

### **‘Cherokee Purple’**

Color: dusky purple-pink

Size: 12 oz beefsteak

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

### **‘Chocolate Cherry’**

Color: chocolate brown

Size: 1” cherry

Heirloom cherry with port wine/chestnut color and wonderfully complex flavor.

Produces non-stop! Toss with white, green and red cherry tomatoes! 70 days.

### **‘Chocolate Sprinkles’**

Color: dark red with dark green stripes

Size: 1½” cherry

A truly beautiful and delicious tomato! This hybrid cherry grows in trusses of 5-7 fruits for easy picking. Prolific! 55 days.

### **‘Country Taste’**

Color: red

Size: 1 lb beefsteak

Real old-time tomato flavor in a smooth, deep-red hybrid beefsteak! Firm and juicy. Disease resistant. High yields. 70 days.

### **‘Garden Peach’**

Color: light-yellow

Size: 2 oz saladette

This unique fuzzy 1862 heirloom is often requested at the RBG sale. Like a small peach with juicy, delicate, fruity flavor. Prolific, good keeping quality. 75 days.

### **‘Genuwine’**

Color: red

Size: 10 oz slicer

Cross of heirlooms “Costuloto Genevese” and ‘Brandywine’ creates a hybrid with improved yield and old-time flavor. 75 days.

### **‘Gold Medal’**

Color: orange-yellow with red streaks

Size: large beefsteak

Gourmet quality bicolor tomato is open-pollinated and very sweet. 75-90 days.

### **‘Great White’**

Color: creamy white

Size: 1–2 lb beefsteak

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

### **‘Green Zebra’**

Color: bicolor green

Size: 3 oz saladette

A favorite at farmers markets! Fruits are amber green with dark green stripes. This unique heirloom has sweet and zingy flavor. Crack-resistant, great in salads. 70 days.

### **‘Hawaiian Pineapple’**

Color: yellow streaked with red

Size: beefsteak

This hybrid offers sweet fruity flavor and more disease resistance with less cracking than the original heirloom. 68 days. (Determinate)

### **‘Martino’s Roma’**

Color: red

Size: 3 oz plum/paste

Flavorful plum-shaped heirloom. Meaty with few seeds – perfect for sauces, salsas and pastes! Compact plants, resistant to early blight. High yields. 75 days. (Determinate)

### **‘Moonglow’**

Color: golden-orange

Size: medium-size slicer

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

### **‘Mortgage Lifter’**

Color: pink-red

Size: 2+ lb beefsteak

1930’s heirloom bred by “Radiator Charlie” who sold these to pay off his mortgage!

Meaty, low acid, flavorful with few seeds.

Heavy yields. 83 days.

### **‘Principe Borghese’**

Color: red

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.

### **‘San Marzano’**

Color: red

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.

### **‘Snow White’**

Color: white (pale yellow)

Size: cherry

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

### **‘Steak Sandwich’**

Color: red

Size: 10 oz slicer

Slice on a sandwich! Large hybrid has rich flavor and remains firm when ripe. Vigorous compact plants. 70 days.

### **‘Sun Gold’**

Color: orange

Size: cherry

Very popular hybrid with intense fruity flavor! Vigorous plants start yielding early and continue through season. 57 days.

### **‘Supersweet 100’**

Color: red

Size: 1” cherry

‘Sweet 100’ is improved in this hybrid with extra sweetness and disease resistance.

Very high Vitamin C! 65 days.

### **‘Sweet Carneros Pink’**

Color: rose pink with gold stripes

Size: 2-4 oz saladette

Beautiful open-pollinated variety also has excellent flavor with sweet tomato taste.

### **‘Sweet Baby Girl’**

Color: red

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.

### **‘Tommy Toe’**

Color: red

Size: cherry

Exceptionally vigorous heirloom has superb flavor. Real tomato flavor. Very popular in Australia. 70 days.

### **‘Tumbling Tom Red’**

Color: red

Size: cherry

This hybrid tumbles 24” over the side of containers in a beautiful cascading habit. Perfect for baskets and pots. Sweet juicy fruits. 70 days. (Determinate)

### **‘Tumbling Tom Yellow’**

Color: yellow

Size: cherry

This hybrid tumbles 24” over the side of containers in a beautiful cascading habit. Perfect for baskets and pots. Sweet and mild fruits. 70 days. (Determinate)

### **‘Wisconsin 55’**

Color: red

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. 72 days (Semi-determinate)

### **‘Yellow Pear’**

Color: yellow

Size: 2" pear-shaped cherry

Abundant amounts of fruit forms on this heirloom. Bite-sized and sweet. Long vines bear through the whole season. 75 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.

### **‘Grande Rio Verde’**

Color: green

Size: 3-4 oz tomatillo

Large and globe-shaped fruit with a sweet tangy flavor essential for Mexican dishes.

Medium-sized plants need no staking. High yields. Ripe when papery husks split open. 83 days. (Determinate)

### **‘Purple di Milpa’**

Color: purple

Size: 3/4" tomatillo

Mexican heirloom produces small purple-tinged fruit borne on 3-4' tall plants. Flavor is sharp. 70-90 days.

### **‘Pineapple’**

Color: yellow

Size: ground cherry

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

### **‘Aunt Molly’s’**

Color: golden-orange

Size: 3/4" ground cherry

Sweet and fruity Polish heirloom. Perfect for making jams, also great eaten fresh. Will store up to 3 months in the husk. 65 days.