Tomatoes

Planting: Space 18 to 36 inches apart, depending on type. (Read the stick tag that comes with the plant for specific spacing recommendations.) Plant deeply, burying 2/3 of the stem.

Soil requirements: Tomatoes need well-drained, nutrient-rich soil. Amend soil with compost or other organic matter prior to planting. Soil pH should be 6.2 to 6.8.

Water requirements: Keep soil consistently moist throughout the growing season. Moisture is critical to prevent cracked fruits and blossom end rot. Mulch soil to reduce water evaporation.

Common issues: Pest-wise, watch out for tomato hornworms (big green caterpillars), slugs, pill bugs, rodents. In addition, humid weather invites fungal diseases like early blight and late blight. Plants may stop setting fruit when temperatures dip below 55° F or climb above 90° F. Blossom end rot can be a problem, as can misshapen fruit.



Arkansas Traveler Heirloom Tomato

Light: Full sunFruit size: 6 to 8 oz.Matures: 75 days

• Plant spacing: 36 inches apart

Plant size: 6 to 8 feetPlant type: Indeterminate

Heirloom. Originating before 1900 in the Ozark Mountains, Arkansas Traveler is prized for very flavorful, medium-sized tomatoes that resist cracking and keep on coming, even in drought and hot weather. Taste is mild, like the pink color of the fruit. Indeterminate vines do best in tall cages.

Beefsteak Tomato

Light: Full sun

• Fruit size: 18 to 32 oz.

Matures: 80 days after planting

Spacing: 36 inches apart
Plant size: 8 to 10 feet
Plant type: Indeterminate

This produces large, meaty tomatoes on indeterminate vines until frost. Fruit is tolerant of cracking. Great for sandwiches and big, fat slices. Flavor is mild and sweet. Grow it in a tall cage or tie to a stake for support.



Light: Full sunFruit size: 16 oz.

• Matures: 70 to 75 days after planting

Spacing: 36 inches apart
Plant size: 5 to 8 feet
Plant type: Indeterminate

High yields of smooth skinned, large fruit earn Better Boy a spot as one of the most popular tomatoes grown in the US and as one of our all-time best sellers. The fruit has excellent classic tomato flavor with just the right balance of acid and sugar. Grow it in a tall cage or tie to a stake for support.



Big Boy Tomato

• Light: Full sun

Fruit size: 16 to 32 oz.

Matures: 78 days after planting

Plant size: 6 to 10 feet
Spacing: 36 inches apart
Plant type: Indeterminate

This is a big, sandwich-type slicer with smooth, bright red fruit and a flavor that everybody likes. It bears heavily in mid-season, yet the indeterminate vines continue fruiting (though not as heavily) until frost. Long vines need staking, or grow the plant in a tall cage.

Bradley Heirloom Tomato

Light: Full sunFruit size: 6 oz

Matures: 75 to 85 days
 Plant spacing: 36 inches
 Plant size: 4 to 6 feet tall
 Plant type: Indeterminate

Heirloom. An old variety from the University of Arkansas, this indeterminate vine produces pink, mild fruit until frost. Excellent, smooth fruit, with a nice fresh-market quality. Also popular for canning and freezing. Vines benefit from strong staking or caging.



Brandywine Tomato

Light: Full sun
Fruit size: 9 to 16 oz
Matures: 80 to 100 days
Plant spacing: 36 inches apart
Plant size: 7 to 9 feet tall
Plant type: Indeterminate

This popular beefsteak-sized, Amish tomato produces rosy pink fruits loaded with an old-fashioned tomato taste that has been prized for decades. It is considered one of the benchmarks for intense tomato flavor. The indeterminate vines are vigorous, so use tall cages. Vines yield tomatoes that ripen gradually until frost. Plants have "potato leaf" foliage. The tangy taste of Brandywine is a gourmet cook's delight.



Celebrity Tomato

Light: Full sunFruit size: 7 to 8 oz

Matures: 65 days after planting

Spacing: 24 to 36 inches
 Plant size: 3 to 4 feet tall
 Plant type: Determinate

This is a great, all-round, dependable choice for your "basic" tomato needs, Gardeners love that the plants are quite resistant to disease, too. The large, meaty fruit with exceptional flavor are borne on dependable, strong vines that benefit from the support of a cage or stake to keep them upright, especially when loaded with fruit



Cherokee Purple Tomato

Light: Full sun
 Fruit size: 10 to 12 oz
 Matures: 80 to 90 days
 Plant spacing: 36 inches apart

Plant size: 4 to 6 feetPlant type: Indeterminate

Cherokee Purple seeds, originating from Tennessee, are thought to have been passed down from Native Americans of the Cherokee tribe. This tomato variety consistently ranks very high in taste tests. Slice Cherokee Purple tomato for rich, dark color and unmatched sweet, rich taste on sandwiches or in salads. The tomato is a beautiful dusky pink with a deep, rich-red interior. Cherokee Purple grows well in most regions of the U.S. Let the fruit ripen on the vine for the best flavor. This one is a consistent taste test winner at tomato fests around the country. For an heirloom, it is a good producer. We harvest and average of 20 or more fruits from each plant. Vigorous vines benefit from strong staking.



Early Girl Tomato

Light: Full sunFruit size: 6 to 8 oz

Matures: 50 days after planting
 Spacing: 36 inches apart
 Plant size: 6 to 8 feet
 Plant type: Indeterminate

Early Girl may be the most all-round popular hybrid to satisfy that itch for the first fresh tomato of the season. Use them for slicing on a place, into a salad, or on a sandwich. This a proven all-round early hybrid. Early Girl bears lots of fruit for early harvest, but because the vines are indeterminate, they continue producing through summer. Many gardeners plant it again late in the summer so that it will produce a huge fresh crop of "fall tomatoes" quickly before frost.



Giant Tree Tomato

• **Light:** Full sun 6+ hours of direct sunlight

Fruit size: 14oz (400g)
Matures: 80 days
Plant spacing: 24-36 in.
Plant size: 3 to 4 feet tall
Plant type: Indeterminate

These jumbo fruits have excellent flavor, making them perfect for slicing. Producing fruits as large as two pounds (32 oz.), Giant Tree is a favorite among giant tomatoes. It is perfect for slicing for sandwichesone slice covers the whole thing! These tomatoes need at least one inch (2.5 cm) of water per week and prefer six hours or more of direct sun each day.



Golden Jubilee Tomato

Light: Full sunFruit size: 8 to 12 ozMatures: 80 days

Plant spacing: 36 inches apartPlant type: Indeterminate

The Jubilee bears large tomatoes with very meaty, thick-walled interiors and mild flavor. The globe-shaped, golden-orange fruit is similar to Sunray. It has meaty, thick walls and few seeds. High yielding.



Goliath Tomato

• Light: Full sun

• Fruit size: 10 to 16 oz

Matures: 65 to 85 days after planting

Spacing: 36 inches apartPlant size: 6 to 8 feetPlant type: Indeterminate

Goliath hybrid tomatoes have classic beefsteak shape and flavor with firm, light red fruit that have few seeds. In our The indeterminate vines are vigorous, so you will want to stake them or use a tall cage.

Roma Tomato

• Light: Full sun

Fruit size: 3 to 4 ouncesMatures: 78 to 85 days

• Plant size: 2 to 3 feet tall; 3 feet wide

• Plant type: Determinate

• Plant spacing: 24 to 36 inches apart

These tomatoes have a bright crimson flesh that contains higher than average levels of lycopene, a healthful antioxidant found in tomatoes and some other red fruits and vegetables. Use these nutrition-rich fruits for making sauces, slow-roasting, grilling, or canning. Plants thrive in many regions, from dry desert to high humidity, and adapt well to growing in large containers. Fruits keep well on the vines and are very crack resistant. Stake these vigorous plants for best results and easiest harvesting.

Husky Cherry Red Tomato

Light: Full sunFruit size: 1 inchMatures: 65 days

Plant spacing: 36 inches apart
 Plant size: 3 to 4 feet tall
 Plant type: Dwarf Indeterminate

This super sweet cherry tomato is a best seller because of its flavor, productivity, and good looks. If you like to snack on cherry tomatoes, this is a great choice. One of the popular "Husky" series developed especially for home gardens, the plant is stout, dark green and really pretty. It usually grows between 3 and 4 feet, yielding clusters of tasty little cherry tomatoes in a small space over a long period of time. Perfect for pots, too. The dwarf vines stay neat and compact, but give the plant a little support on a stake or cage to keep it upright in rain and wind.

Marglobe Tomato

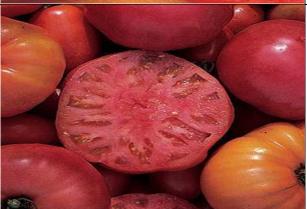
Light: Full sunFruit size: 6 oz

Matures: 75 to 80 days
Plant spacing: 24 to 36 inches
Plant size: 4 to 6 feet tall
Plant type: Determinate

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Marglobe yields tasty, smooth, firm tomatoes on determinate vines. An open-pollinated heirloom that was released by the US Department of Agriculture in 1925, Marglobe has been in demand for generations, and it has served as a parent for many hybrids developed in the twentieth century. Bear about 50 pounds of fruit each over a two-month harvest period. Stake or cage for best results.











Miracle Sweet Tomato

Light: Full sunFruit size: 5-6 oz.Matures: 67 days

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Plant size: 4-5 feet tallPlant type: Indeterminate

Mortgage Lifter Tomato

Light: Full sunFruit size: 2-4 lbs.

Matures: 80-90 days from transplantPlant spacing: 18 to 24 inches apart

Plant size: 6 to 10 feet tallPlant type: Indeterminate

Extra-large, beefsteak tomatoes offer mild flavor in a fruit with few seeds. It's an ideal slicing tomato—perfect for sandwiches. Plants ripen fruit all summer long. Be sure to stake this tomato; vines grow up to 10 feet!

Plant from spring (after the last frost) through early summer. If you buy early, you can keep plants on a sunny windowsill until the weather warms. To plant early, protect plants with row covers. Plant a second crop in summer for a fall harvest.

Pink Girl Tomato

Light: Full sunFruit size: 8 ozMatures: 76 days

Plant spacing: 36 inches apart
Plant size: 6 to 8 feet tall
Plant type: Indeterminate

Pink Girl is a large, juicy hybrid tomato that weighs up to one-half pound. The fruit is pearly pink with mild flavor and good resistance to cracking. Vigorous plants bear throughout the summer, and need to be staked or caged.

Rutger Tomato

Light: Full sunFruit size: 7 ozMatures: 73 days

Plant spacing: 24 to 36 inches apart

Plant size: 4 to 5 feet tallPlant type: Determinate

An old favorite, Rutgers is proven to be highly productive. The large, red fruits have a thick flesh with superior flavor. Strong determinate vines yield a large initial crop followed by several flushes of fruit. This is one of those classic tomatoes that has been used as a parent in the breeding of many other hybrids. Seldom has problems with cracking.

Seedless Tomato

Light: Full sunFruit size: 7 ozMatures: 73 days

• Plant spacing: 24 to 36 inches apart

Plant size: 4 to 5 feet tallPlant type: Determinate

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Supersteak Tomato

• Light: Full sun 6+ hours of direct sunlight

Fruit size: 14oz (400g)
Matures: 80 days
Plant spacing: 24-36 in.
Plant size: 3 to 4 feet tall
Plant type: Indeterminate

These jumbo fruits have excellent flavor, making them perfect for slicing. Producing fruits as large as two pounds (32 oz.), SuperSteak is a favorite among giant tomatoes. Smooth skin and a meaty texture make this variety perfect for slicing on sandwiches. One slice covers the whole thing! These tomatoes need at least one inch (2.5 cm) of water per week and prefer six hours or more of direct sun each day.

Sweet Million Cherry Tomato

• Light: Full sun

Matures: 60 to 62 days after planting

Fruit size: ½ ounce

Plant spacing: 36 inches apart
 Plant size: 4 to 6 feet tall
 Plant type: Indeterminate

Hybrid. Grow some of the first cherry tomatoes in the neighborhood! Plant begins bearing early and continues on through the growing season, producing many clusters of small, bright red fruit. Tomatoes are sweet-tasting, making them just the thing for snacks and salads. Crack-resistant. While vines don't tend to get as tall as many other cherry tomato varieties, plants will still need to be staked or caged. Resistant to fusarium wilt (F1), tomato mosaic virus (ToMV).

Tumbling Tom Yellow Tomato

• Light: Full sun

Fruit size: 1 to 2 ounces
 Matures: 63 to 70 days
 Plant spacing: 10 inches apart

Plant size: 6 to 8 inches tall, up to 30 inches long
 Plant type: Compact determinate (cascading)

Fill a few hanging baskets with Tumbling Tom Yellow tomatoes for an eye-catching — and tasty — show. Stems cascade freely from hanging baskets, tall containers, or window boxes, and when they're loaded with lemon yellow fruit, the effect is striking. You'll get a harvest of up to four pounds of tomatoes per plant, with new fruit ripening throughout the summer.

Whopper Tomato Light: Full sun

Fruit size: 14 ozMatures: 65 days

Plant spacing: 36 inches apart
 Plant size: 8 to 10 feet tall
 Plant type: Indeterminate

If the classic Park's Whopper could be improved, this tomato does it with greater disease resistance, higher yield, and a longer growing season. Big, juicy, meaty sandwich-sized tomatoes appear early on indeterminate vines that continue until frost. Plants in our Alabama test garden, where conditions are ideal and the harvest lasts two months, bear 60 to 80 pounds of tomatoes. These vines are vigorous, so be sure to stake or cage well.

Additional Varieties may be available within our greenhouses.