

Tomatoes at flora gardens

Early Girl. 60 days. Early Girl produces bright red, meaty tomatoes with incredible flavor and aroma earlier than other varieties. Its globe-shaped fruit is perfect for slicing on sandwiches and for salads.

Big Boy. 78 days. Smooth, deep globe in shape. Fruit is a scarlet red with thick walls and bright red meaty flesh of fine flavour. Large 10--16oz(283--454gr).

Ultra Boy. 72 days. Higher early yield than Big Boy. Smooth deep globe, well over 1lb (454gr). Good protection against wilts and blights. Strong, indeterminate plants. Stake or field. vfn.

Ultra Sweet. 62 days. First early medium sized beefsteak type with improved flavor in the green wrap stage. 10 oz/280 g bright red fruit are very firm. Interior color develops quickly. DF/GS

Celebrity. 70 days. An All-America Selection winner (1984) and long-time popular favorite. Celebrity is a superior all-around tomato with fantastic disease resistance. These plants are exceptionally strong, bearing masses of smooth, round, bright red tomatoes (about 20 to a stem). It is classified as semi-determinate - it sets its crop mainly all at once, but offers new fruit for several weeks beyond its harvest time. Weighing about 8 ounces and measuring 4 inches or so in diameter, these tomatoes are very uniform and resistant to cracking. Caging is recommended.

Big Beef. 73 days. 10-12 oz. (284-340 g). All-America Selections Classic Variety (1994).`Often considered the finest all-around tomato, Big Beef produces extra large globe-shaped fruit.

Beefmaster. 80 days. A mouth-watering giant red tomato, Beefmaster Hybrid routinely wins the size award at county fairs and contests. This massive beefsteak-type is not only huge (1 lb or more) but very heavy-bearing, with stunning yields over a long season on indeterminate vines.(stakes or cages recommended)

Juliet. 60 Days. Juliet bears 2â€longated, red, sweet, firm plum shaped tomatoes. Good crack resistance and shelf life. 30-40 gram fruits set 12-18 in clusters on vigorous healthy plants. Great for salads, stir fries, and salsas. AAS winner 1999 Indeterminate.

Mountain Merit. NEW! 72 Days. Most disease tolerant large tomato variety. Packed with taste Mountain Merit is one of the few varieties able to hold up against devastating tomato diseases such as early and late blight. It produces medium- large, 10-14 ounce, firm, round tomatoes on strong, healthy, determinate plants. Deep red interior and exterior.

Super Sweet 100. NEW! 60 days. Cherry Tomato. Extremely high yields of well rounded, deep red sweet 3/4â€fruits that are resistant to cracking. Vigorous indeterminate vine can continue to grow for extended periods of time, so provide good support.

Lemon Boy. 72 days. **Shocking** lemon yellow, deep globe fruit, 7 oz (198 gr). Very productive, mild flavoured. vfn.

Heinz 1439. 75 days. Re-introduced variety which produces a strong determinate, productive, wilt tolerant plants. A good mid-season variety that produces large, firm, globular, red fruits that grow to about 6oz/ 170g. Fine taste and crack resistant. (V.F.)

Roma. 75 days. Paste Tomato. Tremendous crop of firm, medium-sized plum-shaped tomatoes. vf.

San Marzano. 85-90 days. Plum Tomato. 5-6 oz. 4-6 ft tall, indeterminate. These meaty, long plum-type tomatoes are famous for their sweet, complex flavor that creates a fabulous pasta sauce. These are the tomatoes been designated as the only ones that can be used for Vera Pizza Napoletana (True Neapolitan Pizza). You might like the website sanmarzanotomatoes.org for myth, history and recipes.

Sweet Million. 60 days. Cherry tomato. An improved, disease tolerant version of Sweet 100. Fruit have a tolerance to cracking. Plants should be staked or caged.

Lunch Box. BACK AGAIN. 62 days. Ideal for containers, high quality, egg-size fruit, tender skin. Bush-type plants are loaded with 30-40 crimson fruit.

Terenzo. NEW. 56 days. F1 hybrid. High yields, extra large red cherry or cocktail size 1.25 in./30 mm fruit which ripens early with a high sugar content (6-7 % brix). Good tolerance to cracking and heat. Plants are semi-determinate with a spread of 16-20 in./45-50 cm. All American Selection Winner. The habit is neat and compact - very showy.

Sun Sugar. 62 days. Indeterminate. A medium-sized, orange ripening cherry tomato, sought after for its intense sweet flavor. The fruits grow to a bit under an inch wide, with a thin skin that is very crack resistant. Sun Sugar plants fruit in huge quantities, with a single plant often bearing hundreds of fruits in a single season. The fruits have decent storage capabilities, generally lasting off the vine for 1-2 weeks. Plants are vigorous and may grow to 6-7ft, though it will fruit nicely in containers. 3 times higher in Vitamin A than a red cherry.

Tumbling Tom Red. 50 days. F1 hybrid. Cascading type for container use, high yields, sweet flavor. Masses of 1.25 in/3 cm round red fruit.

The US National Garden Bureau has an excellent article on the tomato, its history, classification, and growing culture. The differences between determinant, semi-determinant, and indeterminate are explained. Big Beef and Celebrity are mentioned as examples. They allow redistribution of content, so we have put the pdf version on our website:(<http://www.floragardens.com/YearOfTomatoFlyer.pdf>). The original webpage is http://ngb.org/year_of/index.cfm?YOID=16