

Slack Hollow Farm



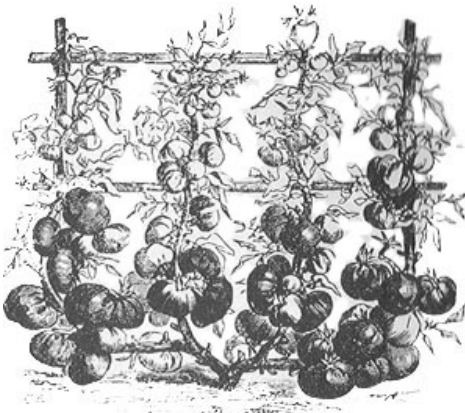
2007 Tomato Varieties and Information

Look for the **H** next to the variety name for heirloom varieties

Tomatoes love rich soil and a sunny locale so please plant your plants in a place they will thrive. Plants can be put in the ground deeply so that some of the stem is buried. The stem will root into the soil and give your plant better support. Water right after planting to give the roots good contact with the soil.

Compost can be mixed into the soil in the hole or mulched around the stem after planting to help feed the plant. Depending on your soil richness you may want to mulch again with compost mid season when the plant is heavy with fruit. Don't over do the nutrients though as your plant will grow green with foliage instead of producing lots of fruit.

Try to protect your early developing fruit from temperatures below 50°F as it can cause "catfacing". The fruit is still tasty but can be deformed on the blossom end with scarring.



Beefsteak Type Tomatoes

Big Beef

- Red beefsteak
- Full flavored 10 oz fruit
- Ripens early and goes until frost
- Large vigorous plants
- Broad disease tolerance



Brandywine **H**

- Large pink-red beefsteak type
- Fruit up to 1 lb +
- Exceptionally sweet succulent, old fashioned flavor
- "potato leaf" foliage
- Amish heirloom – famous from 1880's

Goldie **H**

- Orange beefsteak
- Heirloom dates from the 1870's
- Rich flavor, extraordinary velvety texture
- 16-20 oz fruit
- Will catface under wet or cold conditions

Rose **H**

- Deep pink beefsteak
- Rivals Brandywine for taste
- Large, meaty and flavorful

Cherry Type Tomatoes

Black Cherry

- Dusky Color
- Complex, delicious taste
- Ripens a little slower

Sun Cherry

- Red cherry
- Very sweet
- Small fruit on long grape like trusses
- Ripens early



Sungold

- Orange cherry
- Exceptionally sweet and intense
- "the Best" cherry tomato
- Small fruit borne on prolific clusters
- Vigorous plants

All of our tomato plants are indeterminate varieties which means that they need support for best results. Support can be in the form of a

- cage- a wire structure that surrounds the plant and allows the braches to grow through it.
- trellis- a wood or wire structure on one side of the plants you tie the tomatoes up to.
- stakes- one pole per plant is put in the ground next to the plant and it is tied to it.

All of these items can be homemade or found at a garden center. When tying the plant to the support leave room for the stem to grow. If tied to tightly the plant stem will get choked off as it thickens and restrict or kill that section of the plant.

Tomatoes that are indeterminate continue to grow taller for the entire growing season putting on more leaves and fruit clusters so the fruit continues to grow and ripen all season. As opposed to a determinate tomato plant that tends to stop after reaching a certain height and the fuit develops and ripens during a smaller period of time.

To help indeterminate varieties (which we sell) fruit develop earlier or larger you can prune the plant. After the first 3 or 4 fruit have begun to develop on a fruit cluster successfully (small green balls appear on section closest to stem) you can snip off any remaining flowers or developing fruit on the end of that cluster. This will speed up ripening and increase the fruit size because the plant is putting energy into less fruit. This does reduce the overall number of fruit that develop.

For more information or a copy of this flyer visit our website.

Round Type Tomatoes

Cherokee Purple H

- Dusky pink dark shoulders with multicolor interior
- Smokey sweet rich flavor
- Medium sized fruits on a short vine

Early Girl

- Red
- Sweet and meaty with a hint of tartness
- 4-6 oz fruits
- Early, heavy yield
- Long production period

Green Zebra H

- Green fruit with yellow blush
- Delicious and tangy
- 3-4 oz. fruit
- Great salad tomato

Tigerella

- Red with yellow green stripes
- Tangy flavor

Yellow Perfection H

- Yellow slicer
- English heirloom variety
- Sweet and luscious

Paste Type Tomatoes

San Marzano

- Bright red paste tomato
- Rectangular 3 ½" long fruit
- Mild flavor, meaty texture
- Excellent for sauce and canning

Speckled Roman

- Orange red with yellow stripes
- Hearty tomato flavor with few seeds
- 4-5 oz fruits