

REDS

Abraham Lincoln Original

87 days. Beautiful dark red fruits, sweet with a mild taste, solid and meaty. Fruits are smooth, free from cracks and seams, and - although large (1 to 3 lbs) - ripen all the way through. The variety 'Abraham Lincoln' was originally released by H. W. Buckbee Seed of Rockford, IL in 1923. Ideal for ketchup, juice or slicing. Sturdy plants, frequently have bronzy-green foliage. Indeterminate.

Amish Paste

80 days. This paste tomato comes from an Amish community in Wisconsin, and may be the ultimate paste tomato. Delicious red flesh in a tear-drop shaped fruit (6-8 oz) is also good for eating fresh. Indeterminate.

Buckbee's New Fifty Day

70-75 day. Not quite a 50 day variety, this heirloom was introduced by Buckbee from Rockford, IL, pre-1930. Red, medium sized (4 oz) fruits have a good, old-fashioned flavor for an early variety. Good producer. Indeterminate.

Cherry Roma

75-80 days. Similar in appearance to commercially grown grape tomatoes, except these have great flavor! One inch long plum-shaped fruit have an addictive sweet and spicy flavor and hold well for extended periods. Indeterminate.

German Red Strawberry

80 days. Big (1lb) flavorful fruit, originally from Germany, is shaped like a giant red strawberry! This heirloom has a rich sweet flavor, enchanting aroma and few seeds. Not very juicy, hence makes an excellent sandwich or canning tomato. Has an open growth habit and light foliage cover, with two fruits/cluster. Introduced by Dr. Carolyn Male to the US in 1995. Indeterminate.

Granny Cantrell German Red

75-85 days. Lettie Cantrell received the seeds for this heirloom from a WWII soldier returning from Germany, and she has grown it in eastern Kentucky ever since. A meaty beefsteak, 1-2 lb, with fine flavor and quite productive. Flavor is so good, it beat 100 other varieties for best-tasting tomato at an heirloom taste-testing! Indeterminate.

Italian Giant Beefsteak

85 days. A large (1 lb) meaty red beefsteak brought over from Italy over 80 years ago. Good yields. Indeterminate.

Martino's Roma

75 days. An Italian heirloom that is perfect for sauces, pastes and salsas. Meaty, pear-shaped, 2 oz fruits are heavily produced on compact plants. Determinate.

Polish Giant

75 days. A vigorous plant from Poland produces mild flavored, hefty (up to 2 lbs) red paste tomatoes that are great for slicing, salads, even wine making! A popular heirloom in Europe. Indeterminate.

Polish Linguisa

73 days. A red, sausage-shaped 19th century heirloom from New York, this variety is very vigorous and sets more fruit than most heirlooms. Fruit are large, 7-10 oz, pie-shaped and very sweet. Excellent for making sauce and paste. Indeterminate.

Red Fig

85 days. Small (1 ½") red , pear-shaped fruit adorn this heirloom from the 1700's. Very popular in its day for making 'tomato figs' (dried, sugar preserved tomatoes) as a fig substitute; the fruit is sweet and tasty. Heavy yielder. AKA Pear-Shaped. Indeterminate.

Red Pear

78 days. A less popular version of Yellow Pear, mentioned as early as 1863. One of the rarest of the heirloom varieties and still grown today! The flavor is good and stronger than Yellow Pear. Perfect for salads, sauces or pickles. Produces clusters of red pear-shaped fruits 1-2" long with few seeds. Plants tend to sprawl all over the place. Pick them green and make dill green tomatoes! Indeterminate.

Riesentraube

70 days. The name means "Giant Bunch of Grapes" in German, and aptly describes the sweet, red 1-oz fruit that grow in clusters. This old German heirloom was being offered in Philadelphia by the mid-1800's. A small cherry tomato popular with seed collectors for it's rich full tomato flavor, similar to a beefsteak, that is missing in today's supermarket cherry tomatoes. Compact vines, strongly branched, with good foliage cover. Indeterminate.

Striped Cavern

80 days. This variety has lobed fruit and thick walls like a bell pepper which makes it perfect for stuffing. A core of seeds up near the stem end is easily removed. Good sized fruit (8 oz) are red with vibrant yellow stripes, and fine flavored. Keeps for four weeks when harvested ripe. Expect abundant harvests. Indeterminate.

Striped Roman

85 days. Long ,pointed, midsized, brilliant red fruit have wavy orange stripes in this cross between 'Antique Roman' and 'Banana Legs'. They are meaty with an excellent sweet flavor and few seeds. Grows well in cool weather and is very productive. Developed by John Swenson. AKA Speckled Roman. Indeterminate.

Stupice

Plant this one early for slurpy great fruits in no time! The best known Czech tomato, this heirloom is originally from Moravia, Czechoslovakia. A very early producer with excellent yields of small (1-2 oz) and flavorful, sugary sweet, deep red fruits. Blight resistant, potato-leafed dwarf vines produce fruit very early and very prolificly. Not much room is needed for this plant so spacing in the garden can be tight. Very tolerant to cold. Indeterminate.

Tommy Toe

70 days. An Australian heirloom that has come to us via the Ozark Mountains, this heirloom is excellent in salads or for juices. Its ½ - 1" cherry fruits are smooth, mild, glossy red and range from round to oval. Resists early blight and black rot. Prolific re-seeder. Indeterminate.

Variegated

70-75 days. In this Irish heirloom it's the leaves that are variegated, allowing this plant to be grown as an ornamental as well as a source of tasty red tomatoes. Fruit are 2" and grow in clusters of 5 to 6 tomatoes. Try trellising this one to display the leaves. Indeterminate.

PINKS

Amish Salad

80 days. Large, productive plants produce this pink, grape shaped, cherry (2 oz) tomato in clusters of six, an Amish heirloom. Crunchy, sweet and tasty, they keep very well. They last almost forever on the vine. Plants are large and have heavy, regular-leaf foliage cover not typical of cherry tomatoes. Indeterminate.

Brandywine

75 days. This heirloom is so popular it has almost reached cult status with collectors. Originally from Pennsylvania in the 1880's, this pink beefsteak is legendary for it's rich, succulent, old fashioned tomato flavor. Fruit weigh 1-2 lbs. These plants do not grow well in very hot climates and fruit are prone to cracking. Because of its age and popularity there are many variations or 'strains' of Brandywine available on the market. Indeterminate.

Caspian Pink

80 days. Originally from Russia, this tomato was discovered shortly after the cold war ended. The fruit are pink and large (11 oz). It has beaten Brandywine in California taste tests! Indeterminate.

Ferris Wheel

90 days. This local heirloom was released in 1907 by Salzer Seed Co. of La Crosse, WI. The fruit is large (1 lb) and pink with a great sweet flavor. Indeterminate.

German Johnson Pink

80 days. A longtime favorite in the Mid Atlantic and Southeast regions of the U.S., this tomato is one of the parent lines of the heirloom Mortgage Lifter. Vigorous, potato-leaf vines produce mild-flavored, meaty, rough 12-24 oz fruits with pink skins and yellow shoulders. One of the highest rated pinks for flavor and yield. Low in acid. Indeterminate.

German Lunchbox

62 days. Brought to this country by a family that immigrated from Germany, this tomato is vibrant pink and sugar sweet. The size of a small egg, it's perfect for salads. Bushy plant is good for container growing.

Henderson's "Pink Ponderosa"

87 days. Introduced in 1891 by Peter Henderson & Co., this pink-red beefsteak can produce some huge fruits (1 - 2 lb). Fruit are thin-skinned with few seeds and low acidity. Indeterminate.

Rose

78 days. Originally collected from an Amish woman from Holland, PA, this heirloom has a lovely rose-colored fruit that weigh 1 lb. The flavor is amazing and rivals Brandywine. It also produces better than Brandywine. Indeterminate.

Soldacki

75 days. Originally from Krakow, Poland, and brought to Cleveland around 1900, this heirloom is memorable for it's low acidity and intensely sweet flavor. Flattened, dark pink fruits weigh about 1 lb and are packed with firm flesh inside thin skins. Potato-leafed vines. Indeterminate.

ORANGE/YELLOW

Amana Orange

90 days. Named for the Amana Colonies in Amana, IA, this glowing orange beefsteak has an intense full flavor that is mildly sweet, almost tropical. Fruit weigh about 1 lb. and keep for several weeks at room temperature. Moderate yields. Indeterminate.

Big Rainbow

85 days. A beautiful bi-colored beefsteak, with huge (up to 2 lb) fruits that are golden with ruby red streaks and red flesh. Superb flavor, delicious and sweet with low acidity. An heirloom preserved by the Seed Savers Exchange. Indeterminate.

Dixie Golden Giant

85-100 days. Grown by the Amish since the 1930's, this huge (1-2 lb) golden-yellow beefsteak tomato has delicious fruity flavor with few seeds. May have a pink blush on the blossom end. Very vigorous vines mature earlier than others of its type. Indeterminate.

Dr. Wyche's Yellow

80 days. This tangerine-orange heirloom beefsteak was introduced to Seed Savers Exchange by Dr. John Wyche, who supposedly had access to zoo animal manure (zoo-doo) and applied it liberally to his gardens. The 1-lb fruit is solid and smooth, slightly flattened, blemish-free with a smooth texture and tropical, sweet taste. One of the best tasting yellows. It has a meaty interior with few seeds. Heavy yields. Indeterminate.

Garden Peach

75 days. This unique heirloom looks very much like a small peach -- it even has slightly fuzzy skin! Small (2 oz), light-yellow fruits have a delicate, distinctive flavor that's light, clean and a little bit fruit-like. A prolific producer of juicy fruit. Introduced to American gardens in 1862. They store very well; bring fruit in before frost and they will ripen slowly over several months. Indeterminate.

Jaune Flamme

80 days. A gorgeous tomato from France with a lovely persimmon orange skin and deep red flesh. Fruit are slightly larger than a cherry tomato, about 2 – 3 oz. Thick walls, sweet flavor and beautiful appearance make this a wonderful salad tomato. High yields. Indeterminate.

Kentucky Beefsteak

80 days. Enormous (up to 2 lb) fruit make this orange beefsteak from the Bluegrass State a winner! The flavor is sweet, mild and fruity. Indeterminate.

Manyel

80 days. This is an ancient Native American variety whose name means "many moons", which aptly describes the perfect, golden fruits which resembles glowing moons. This 10 oz full flavored heirloom has prolific yields of smooth, blemish-free fruits. The flavor is citrus-like and tangy but not too sharp. Sparse foliage makes it moderately prone to early blight, cracking and sunscald. Indeterminate.

Plum Lemon

72 days. These bright, canary-yellow 3" fruits really look just like a lemon! A wonderful, meaty, gourmet variety with a delicious sweet taste, it was collected by Kent Whealy of Seed Savers Exchange from an elderly seedsman at the Bird Market in Moscow. Indeterminate.

Yellow Brandywine

80-95 days. This heirloom has large (12-24 oz) yellow fruit with a creamy texture and rich flavor. The plant has large potato leaf foliage. Indeterminate.

Yellow Pear

75 days. This heirloom, dating from at least the early 1600's, produces ¼ oz, bright yellow, pear shaped fruits. The flavor is mild to sweet. Excellent for eating straight from the garden, in salads, even as a yellow tomato sauce. So prolific, you will run out of friends to share these with! Indeterminate

GREEN

Aunt Ruby's German Green

80 days. One of the largest (over 1 lb) green beefsteaks, slightly flattened and delicious. This heirloom, originally from Germany and brought to us via Ruby Arnold of Greenville, TN has brilliant, neon-green flesh with a strong, sweet, spicy and fruity flavor. The taste test winner of the 2003 Heirloom Garden Show. Indeterminate.

Green Moldovan

80 days. These 10 oz. beefsteaks hail from the country of Moldova. The fruit is bright, lime-green with a tropical taste. Indeterminate.

Green Pineapple

80 days. This heirloom was preserved by a family in Springfield, Ohio. A medium sized olive/lime green beefsteak tomato with sweet green flesh has a distinctive pineapple aroma. Indeterminate.

BLACK/PURPLE

Black Krim

80 days. Named for the Isle of Krim in the Black Sea., this Russian heirloom always places high in tomato taste trials. It has dark red-purple, 4-6" fruit that is slightly flattened, with green gel around the seeds. A rich sweet, wine-y flavor makes it a favorite of many fine chefs. Sliced open, it looks just a bit like raw meat! Indeterminate.

Black Plum

80 days. The fruit of this Russian variety are sweet and meaty, perfect for making sauces, salads or drying. Oval fruits are brownish to deep mahogany, 2-4 oz, and prolific producer. Indeterminate.

Brown Berry

70 days. These earthy-brown colored cherry tomatoes have a very good flavor, sweet and juicy. An unusual addition to fresh and cooked cuisine. Great producer! Indeterminate.

Paul Robeson

75 days. This Russian variety was named for Paul Robeson, the great American black singer, lawyer, actor, and Russian Equal Rights Advocate for Blacks. This beefsteak offers an amazing flavor that is distinctive, sweet and smoky. The fruit are 7-10 oz, slightly flattened, and a black brick color. Very coveted by seed collectors and tomato connoisseurs. 'Best of Show' winner at the 2000 Carmel Tomato

Purple Calabash

This may be the most purple of the purple tomatoes! The shape is also unique, pumpkin-shaped with 3' fruit that is very flat, ribbed and ruffled. The flavor is intense, sweet and tart with a hint of citrus, often described as winery. Drought resistant; very good yielder. Indeterminate.

WHITE

Great White Beefsteak

80 days. The largest and one of the whitest of the white varieties, this beefsteak produces 1-2 lb giant almost white fruit. It's flavor is reminiscent of fresh cut pineapple, melon and guava, with low acidity and few seeds. Excellent for slicing. Fruit are smoother than most large beefsteak types. Expect high yields on vigorous vines with heavy foliage that protects against sunscald of the fruit. Good drought and crack resistance. Developed by Gleckner's Seedsmen. Indeterminate.

Ivory Egg

80 days. Sent to America by a seed saver from Sweden, this rare and attractive ivory-cream colored tomato is the shape and size of a chicken egg. The creamy flesh is both sweet and rich, great for sauces or salads. Plants are very productive. Indeterminate.

Snow White

75 days. One of the few white cherry tomatoes! Pale yellow to ivory colored small fruit with a delicious flavor. Very productive with large clusters. Developed by Joe Bratka. Beautiful when mixed with red and orange cherry tomatoes. Indeterminate.

Wapsipinicon Peach

80 days. Named after the Wapsipinicon River in Iowa, this light, creamy-yellow, almost white fruit has a superb taste and texture. The taste is complex, with its spicy, sweet and very fruity flavor. Slightly fuzzy skin resembles a peach! Small, 2" fruit. Indeterminate.
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White Tomesol

80 days. A cream colored, 8 oz German variety with a rich, sweet taste and lovely fragrance. Good for slicing, salads and juicing. Heavy yields. Indeterminate.