

## Tomato Varieties

### Beefsteak Tomatoes



Beefsteak tomatoes are large, irregularly shaped tomatoes that work well for slicing and eating raw or cooked.

**Cherokee Purple:** Readily available, this dusty pink tomato with a milk chocolate tint and a rich, smoky flavor is said to be named after the Cherokee Indians, who originally grew them.

**Pink Brandywine:** A favorite for salads, this rich, juicy tomato with a slightly spicy flavor and firm flesh was developed by Amish farmers in the 19th century.

**Big Rainbow:** Very popular, vibrant color, it is yellow with red stripes and a sweet flavor.

### Roma Tomatoes



Roma tomatoes, also called plum, paste or Italian tomatoes, have an elongated shape and are great for cooking and making sauce and paste because when fully ripe they have fewer seeds and less water than other tomatoes.

**Amish Paste:** An American heirloom, oblong-shaped tomato with a sweet flavor, originally grown in Wisconsin.

**Olpaka:** A red, chili-shaped tomato with a sweet-tangy flavor.

**Traditional Roma:** The classic sauce tomato, Roma is meaty, very rich in flavor and easy to peel.

### Medium Size Tomatoes



Medium-size tomatoes that usually grow to about the size of a tennis ball, these are perfect for slicing and eating as is.

**Rutgers:** Perfect for slicing or canning, Rutgers is full of traditional heritage flavor.

**Green Zebra:** A small tomato with green-and white-striped skin, green flesh and an aromatic acidic flavor.

**Fourth of July:** A newer hybrid, this is usually the first tomato to ripen in the garden, usually by July 4 in any region.

### Cherry Tomatoes



Cherry tomatoes are small and round (about 1 inch), reminiscent of large cherries. They are wonderful tossed in salads or stir-fries, used as garnishes or as a snack on their own.

**Currant:** Tiny pea-sized tomatoes with a sweet, fruity flavor. There are both red and yellow varieties.

**Supersweet 100:** A hybrid, this salad tomato is usually grown under glass. It has a sweet, rich and well-balanced flavor.

**Yellow Pear:** Small pear-shaped tomatoes with a mild, sweet flavor. They're great for snacking and also are available in a red variety.

### Heirloom Tomatoes

Also called heritage tomatoes, these old-fashioned, often-forgotten, non-hybrid varieties of tomato can be found in a wide assortment of colors, shapes, flavors and sizes. Heirloom tomatoes have become increasingly popular and more readily available in recent years and can be very flavorful.

