



Guide to Special Tomato Varieties

If you're looking for a particular color or type of tomato, or if the tomato you want is not available, this guide may help you find what you need.



Orange

Kellogg's Breakfast (beefsteak)
Kentucky Beefsteak (beefsteak)
Orange Blossom (classic)
Orange Strawberry (classic)

Yellow/Gold

Amish Gold (paste)
Beam's Yellow Pear (cherry)
Dagma's Perfection (classic)
Galinas (cherry)
Glory of Moldova (classic)
Isis Candy (cherry)
Roman Candle (paste)
Sun Sugar (cherry)
Yellow Brandywine (beefsteak)

Bi-color

Ananas Noire (classic)
Big Rainbow (beefsteak)
Black Zebra (classic)
Copia (classic)
Gold Medal (classic)
Hillbilly (beefsteak)
Marvel Striped (beefsteak)
Mary Robinson's German Bi-color (classic)
Orange Russian 117 (classic)
Speckled Roman (paste)

Green

Aunt Ruby's German Green (beefsteak)
Green Giant (beefsteak)
Green Grape (cherry)
Green Zebra (classic)
Lime Green Salad (classic)
Spear's Tennessee Green (classic)

Black

Black Cherry (cherry)
Black from Tula (classic)
Black Pear (classic)
Black Sea Man (classic)
Black Zebra (classic)
Carbon (classic)
Cherokee Purple (classic)
Japanese Black Trifele (classic)
Paul Robeson (beefsteak)
Southern Night (classic)

Other reds

Consider paste tomatoes for salads and salsas, not just for cooking. They have a sweet, intense flavor and won't make your salad or salsa too drippy with juice.

Early or for cool, foggy climates

Any cherry tomato or small classic tomatoes
Kootenai (classic)
Lime Green Salad (classic)
Orange Blossom (classic)
Stupice (classic)

Patio tomatoes

These varieties are all determinates (short, 2-3') or semi-determinates (about 4-5'), so are easier to manage for containers, though caging or staking is still usually recommended. Note that full-size tomatoes can also be successfully grown in containers; they simply require taller cages or trellising.

Amish Gold (paste, semi)
Ananas Noire (classic, semi)
Black Pear (classic, semi)
Black Sea Man (classic, det)
Crimson Carmello (classic, semi)
Dona (classic, semi)
Elfin (cherry, det)
Gardener's Delight (cherry, semi)
Glory of Moldova (classic, semi)
Koralik (cherry, det)
Kootenai (classic, det)
Lime Green Salad (classic, det)
Orange Blossom (classic, det)
Principe Borghese (paste, det)
Quali T 23 (beefsteak, det)
Southern Night (classic, semi)
Sugary (cherry, semi)

Why aren't you offering variety X this year? Unfortunately, we have a limited amount of space, time, and volunteers, so we simply can't grow everything, much as we would like to. Our focus is on growing excellent varieties that aren't widely available, so as some popular heirloom tomatoes become available in local nurseries, we stop raising them and look for new varieties to introduce. Every year we trial dozens of new tomatoes, seeking out great performers for our Santa Clara county climate. The few that make the grade will be at the market for you to buy next year.