



Tomato Shopper's Guide to Success

Preface to Descriptions for the Tomato Varieties

1. Tomato Size: Varies from the Large/Extra Large “beefsteak” tomatoes (0.5-2 pounds), to the medium-sized “salad” tomatoes (3-8 ounces) to the small-sized cherry & grape tomatoes (0.5-3 ounces). We used *size* to list our tomato varieties under separate categories, except for the “paste” tomatoes which form a unique category.

2. Tomato Color: Is determined by carotenoid and polyphenol pigments which serve as nutrients and antioxidants, but generally do not determine the tomato flavor.

3. Tomato Flavor & Texture: Tomatoes can be “juicy” or “meaty” or in-between, depending water content. Flavor can be “full-bodied” or “mild”, “sweet” or “tart/tangy” or “well-balanced”. In practice, the tomato flavor and texture can be largely determined by the growing conditions in one’s garden.

4. Growth Habits: **Indeterminate** plants continue to grow 6-8 ft and produce tomatoes all season. These need large cages or stakes and pruning of suckers. **Determinates** grow to 3-4’ and need only small cages and no pruning, fruit set is synchronized for a short harvest period. **Semi-Determinates** are somewhere in between-they continue to grow and produce but plants are smaller and bushier than indeterminates. **Dwarfs** are bred from determinate or indeterminate varieties for normal-sized fruit on smaller, compact (2-3’) plants.

5. Days to Harvest: Estimated time before harvest: **Early:** under 70 days, **Mid:** 70-80 days, **Late:** >80 days. Typically, in Austin, **Early** and **Mid** season varieties can be harvested before fruit set is halted by the high heat of summer.

6. Performance: **Hybrids** are generally more robust and productive than are **Heirlooms**. Excessive heat stresses the plant, thus increasing vulnerability to disease. **Heat tolerant** varieties were bred perform well in the South. **Disease-resistant** varieties were bred to perform better under growing conditions that promote disease e.g., high humidity, soil-dwelling microbes/root knot nematodes, disease-carrying insects. The disease resistance codes used are listed on the following page.

7. Seed Saving: Varieties listed as “**OP**” (Open Pollinated) will produce seeds that carry the exact traits of the parent, where as “**Hybrid**” varieties do not. Heirlooms are a subcategory of OP and are varieties established decades ago in their county of origin.

Key to Tomato Disease Codes Used

AA or **AS**: Alternaria alternata or Alternaria Stem Canker (Fungus)

B: Bacterial Wilt

BLS: Bacterial Leaf Spot

F: Fusarium Wilt (Fungus)

FOR: Fusarium Crown & Root Rot (Fungus)

GLS: Grey Leaf Spot (Fungus)

N: Root Knot Nematode (microscopic worm)

LM: Leaf Mold

PM: Powdery Mildew

ToANV: Tomato Apex Necrosis Virus




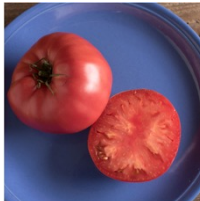








ToMV: Tomato Mosaic Virus

TSWV: Tomato Spotted Wilt Virus











TYLCV: Tomato Yellow Leaf Curl Virus

V: Verticillium Wilt













Large/ Very Large Tomatoes (8 oz-2 lbs)

Amelia Red  <small>Photo courtesy of Seeds "n Such</small> Determinate 75 days, Hybrid V,F,N,GLS,TSWV-resistance; Heat tolerant Well-balanced flavor 8-10 oz	Azoychka Yellow  <small>Photo courtesy of Adaptive Seeds</small> Indeterminate 70 days, OP/Heirloom Sweet, fruity & tart flavor 6-12 oz
Beefsteak Red  <small>Photo courtesy of Tomatofest Seeds</small> Indeterminate 85 days, OP/Heirloom Massive & meaty Mild in flavor 1-2 lbs	Bella Rosa Red  <small>Photo courtesy of Johnny's Selected Seeds</small> Determinate 74 days, Hybrid Heat Tolerant V,F, TSWV,AS-resistance Well-balanced flavor 10-12 oz
Berkeley Tie Dye Pink Pink  <small>Photo courtesy of Johnny's Selected Seeds</small> Indeterminate 70 days, OP Rich & smokey, well-balanced flavor 8-12 oz	Better Boy Red  <small>Photo courtesy of Seeds n' Such</small> Indeterminate 75 days, Hybrid AS,F,N,GLS-resistance Juicy, firm, well-balanced flavor, high yielding 6-10 oz
Big Beef Plus Red  <small>Photo Courtesy of Johnny's Selected Seeds</small> Indeterminate 73 days, Hybrid AS,F,FOR,GLS,ToMV,V,N, TSWV-resistance Balance of meaty & juicy, full & balanced flavor 10-12 oz	Big Boy Red  <small>Photo courtesy of Johnny's Selected Seeds</small> Indeterminate 78 days, Hybrid V,F,N-resistance Well-balanced flavor 10-11 oz
Black Rose w/ dark shoulders  <small>Photo courtesy of Territorial Seeds</small> Indeterminate 85 days, OP/Heirloom Smokey, slightly sweet, and complex in flavor 6-10 oz	Black From Tula Deep Red w/ dark shoulders  <small>Photo courtesy of Restoration Seeds</small> Indeterminate 78 days, OP/Heirloom Smoky, complex, well-balanced flavor 10-14 oz
Black Krim Red-maroon  <small>Photo at Sunshine Community Gardens</small> Indeterminate 80 days, OP/Heirloom Smoky, complex, slightly sweet flavor 10-14 oz	Bounty's Best Red-maroon  <small>Photo courtesy of Bounty Hunter Seeds</small> Indeterminate 72 days, OP Balance of meaty & juicy with tangy flavor 6-16 oz





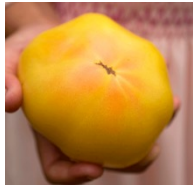



Large/ Very Large Tomatoes (8 oz-2 lbs) cont.

<p>Buffalosun Yellow w/red flames</p>  <p>Photo courtesy of Territorial Seeds</p> <p>Indeterminate 70 days, Hybrid F,TSWV,V- resistance AAS Winner, sweet, juicy , firm 1-2 lbs</p>	<p>Brandywine OTV Pink</p>  <p>Photo courtesy of Southern Exposure Seed Exchange</p> <p>Indeterminate 72 days, OP Rich, sweet-tart flavor Best performer of the Brandywines 12-16 oz</p>
<p>Calvados Red w/green shoulders</p>  <p>Photo courtesy of J & L Heritage Seeds</p> <p>Indeterminate 80 days, OP Juicy, earthy, spicy, sweet flavor 5-11 oz</p>	<p>Celebrity Red</p>  <p>Photo at Sunshine Community Gardens</p> <p>Semi-Determinate 70 days, Hybrid AA,AS,F,GLS,N,ToMV,V-resistance, AAS winner Well-balanced flavor Productive 8-12 oz</p>
<p>Champion II Red</p>  <p>Photo: Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds/rareseeds.com</p> <p>Indeterminate 65 days, Hybrid V,F,N,ToMV-resistance Meaty & firm with well-balanced flavor Strong producer 8-12 oz</p>	<p>Chef's Choice Black Maroon</p>  <p>Photo courtesy of Garden Hoard Seeds</p> <p>Indeterminate 75 days, Hybrid AAS winner, F,ToMV,V-resistance, meaty/juicy balance, balanced-slightly sweet flavor 8-12 oz</p>
<p>Cherokee Green Green & orange</p>  <p>Photo courtesy of Johnny's Selected Seeds</p> <p>Indeterminate 72 days, OP Intense, tangy & sweet flavor 8-12 oz</p>	<p>Cherokee Purple Purple</p>  <p>Photo at Sunshine Community Gardens</p> <p>Indeterminate 72 days, OP/Heirloom Juicy, rich, tangy & sweet balanced flavor 8-12 oz</p>
<p>Costoluto Genovese Red</p>  <p>Photo courtesy of Restoration Seeds</p> <p>Indeterminate 78 days, OP/Heirloom Fluted, heat tolerant Meaty, with rich, tart flavor 7-8 oz</p>	<p>Dixie Red Red</p>  <p>Photo courtesy of Seeds 'n Such</p> <p>Determinate 70 days, Hybrid AS,F,GLS,N,TSWV,V-resistant, heat tolerant Firm & juicy, full-bodied flavor 9-12 oz</p>
<p>First Prize Red</p>  <p>Photo courtesy of Johnny's Selected Seeds</p> <p>Indeterminate 75 day, Hybrid F,N,ToMV,V-resistance Balanced, full-bodied flavor, high yields 10-12 oz</p>	<p>Goliath Giant Early Bush Red</p>  <p>Photo courtesy of Seeds 'n Such</p> <p>Semi-Determinate 49 days, Hybrid F,N,V-resistance Classic tart & tangy tomato taste 14-18 oz</p>

Large/ Very Large Tomatoes (8 oz-2 lbs) cont.

Goliath Italian Hybrid Red  Indeterminate 76 days, Hybrid AS,F,N-resistance Well-balanced flavor Photo courtesy of Totally Tomatoes 8-12 oz	Goliath Old Fashion Red  Indeterminate 78 days, Hybrid F,V- resistance Sweet, juicy, flavorful Photo courtesy of Totally Tomatoes 13-16 oz
Jamestown Hybrid Deep Red  Determinate 79 days, Hybrid AA,GLS,V-resistance Heat tolerant Classic tomato flavor Photo courtesy of Seeds 'n Such 8-10 oz	Jolene Deep Red  Determinate 73 days, Hybrid F,TYLCV,V- resistance Heat tolerant Meaty and sweet Photo courtesy of Johnny's Selected Seeds 8-10 oz
Large Barred Boar Pink/brown  Indeterminate 65 days, OP Meaty, sweet and balanced flavor Quick to ripen Photo courtesy of A. P. Whaley Seeds 8-12 oz	Mortgage Lifter Pink  Indeterminate 79 days, OP/Heirloom Meaty, rich & sweet High yielding Photo courtesy of Seed Savers Exchange 1-2 lbs
Orange Oxheart Orange  Indeterminate 80 days, OP/Heirloom Meaty, juicy, sweet balanced flavor Photo courtesy of Totally Tomatoes 10-12 oz	Original Blue Ribbon Red  Indeterminate 71 days, Hybrid AS,F,N,GLS,ToMV-resistance Juicy with full-bodied flavor Photo courtesy of Seeds 'n Such 10-15 oz
Owen's Purple Purple  Indeterminate 75 days. OP Juicy, rich, complex, balanced flavor Photo Courtesy of Heritage Seed Market 7-11 oz	Paul Robeson Brick Red  Indeterminate 75 days, OP/Heirloom Smokey, well-balanced flavor Photo Courtesy of Adaptive Seeds 7-12 oz
Phoenix Red  Determinate 72 days, Hybrid AS,F,GLS,V- resistance Heat & humidity tolerant Juicy with full-bodied flavor Photo courtesy of Seeds 'n Such 8-12 oz	Purple Boy Hybrid Purple  Semi-Determinate 65 days, Hybrid F,N,ToMV,V-resistance Rich & sweet flavor Photo courtesy of Seeds 'n Such 6-8 oz

Large/ Very Large Tomatoes (8 oz-2 lbs) cont.

<p>Rosella Purple Purple</p>  <p>Indeterminate Dwarf 78 days, OP Well-balanced, intense flavor, compact for small space or container</p> <p>Photo:sandeigoseedcompany.com</p> <p>6-12 oz</p>	<p>Sarah Black Dark Red</p>  <p>Indeterminate 70 days, OP/ Heirloom Juicy with a complex, slightly sweet flavor</p> <p>Photo courtesy of Adaptive Seeds</p> <p>10-16 oz</p>
<p>Skyway Red</p>  <p>Determinate 78 days, Hybrid BLS,F,N,ToANV,TSWV,V-resistance Balanced flavor, high yielding</p> <p>Photo courtesy of Johnny's Selected Seeds</p> <p>8-12 oz</p>	<p>Summer Cider Deep Yellow</p>  <p>Indeterminate 80 days, OP Rich, creamy & sweet flavor, hardy and strong producer</p> <p>Photo courtesy of Johnny's Selected Seeds</p> <p>6-12 oz</p>
<p>Thornburn's Lemon Blush Yellow & Pink</p>  <p>Indeterminate 75 days, OP/Heirloom Juicy, sweet, w/tropical fruit notes</p> <p>Photo: Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds/rareseeds.com</p> <p>6-10 oz</p>	<p>Tough Boy Dark Pink</p>  <p>Indeterminate 75 days, Hybrid B,F,GLS,N,ToMV,V-resistance, heat tolerant Balanced sweet/tart flavor</p> <p>Photo courtesy of Totally Tomatoes</p> <p>8-16 oz</p>
<p>Trucker's Favorite Pink</p>  <p>Indeterminate 75 days, OP/Heirloom Rich, sweet, classic tomato flavor</p> <p>Photo courtesy of Seed Savers Exchange</p> <p>6-12 oz</p>	<p>Warrior 5443 Deep Red</p>  <p>Determinate 71 days, Hybrid AS,F,GLS,TYLCV,V-resistance Balanced flavor</p> <p>Photo Courtesy of Seeds 'n Such</p> <p>12-14 oz</p>

Medium Tomatoes (3- 8 oz)

Ancienne Belge

Red



Photo courtesy of J & I Heritage Seeds

Indeterminate
70 days, OP/Heirloom
Juicy with a well-balanced flavor

4-6 oz

Arkansas Traveler

Pink



Photo courtesy of Southern Exposure Seed Exchange

Indeterminate
85 days, OP/Heirloom
Sweet in flavor
Heat tolerant

6-7 oz

Bloody Butcher

Deep Red



Photo courtesy of Tomatofest

Indeterminate
54 days, OP
great well-balanced taste, early to ripen, heavy producer

3-4 oz

Bush Early Girl

Red



Photo courtesy of Seeds n' Stuff

Determinate
54 days, Hybrid
F,N,ToMV,V- resistance, balanced flavor, high yield
Compact plant for small space or container

6-7 oz

Carmello

Red



Photo courtesy of Tomatofest

Indeterminate
75 days, OP
Juicy, balanced flavor
High yield

5-7 oz

Dona

Deep Red



Photo courtesy of Tomatofest

Indeterminate
75 days, OP
Meaty but juicy, with well-balanced flavor

6-8 oz

Dwarf Caitydid

Yellow & Red



Photo courtesy of Tomatofest

Indeterminate Dwarf
74 days, OP
Sweet & tangy taste
Great for small-space or container garden

3-8 oz

Dwarf Pink Passion

Pink

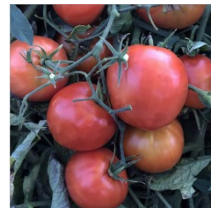


Photo courtesy of Tomatofest

Determinate Dwarf
64 days, OP
Balanced, sweet flavor
Small space/container gardening

4-8 oz

Early Doll

Red



Photo courtesy of Totally Tomatoes

Determinate
55 days, Hybrid
Great balanced flavor in an early producer

4-5 oz

Early Girl

Red



Photo courtesy of Johnny's Selected Seeds

Indeterminate
60 days, Hybrid
F,V-resistance
Well-balanced flavor, early producer

4-6 oz

Flamme

Orange

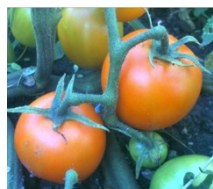


Photo courtesy of Restoration Seeds

Indeterminate
70 days, OP/Heirloom
Sweet and juicy, full-bodied flavor

3-4 oz

Floradade

Red



Determinate
77 days, OP
Firm, with balanced flavor
Bred to produce under high heat & humidity

5-7 oz

Medium Tomatoes (3-8 oz) cont.

Goliath Sunny

Yellow-gold



Photo courtesy of
Totally Tomatoes

Indeterminate
70 days, Hybrid
FNV resistance
Juicy, mild & sweet

7-8 oz

Granadero

Red



Photo courtesy of Johnny's
Selected Seeds

Indeterminate
75 days, Hybrid
F,N,PM, ToMV,TSWV,V-
resistance, thick-walled,
sweet, and prolific plum

4-5 oz

Heat Master

Determinate Red



Photo courtesy of
Seeds 'n Such

75 days, Hybrid
AS,B,F,GLS,N,ToMV,V-
resistance, well-balanced
flavor, bred to produce
under high heat

5-7 oz

Itz A Keeper

Red



Photo courtesy of
Seeds 'n Such

Indeterminate
76 days, Hybrid
F,N,ToMV,TYLCV,V-
resistance
Well-balanced flavor

6-8 oz

Krishna's Gujarat Village

Red



Photo courtesy of Heritage
Seed Market

Determinate
70 days, OP/Heirloom
Heat tolerant
Juicy & tart

3-5 oz

Lemon Boy

Yellow

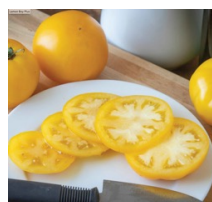


Photo courtesy of Tomatofest

Indeterminate
72 days, Hybrid
F,N,AS,GLS- resistance
Mild, sweet-tangy
flavor

6-7 oz

Lime Green Salad

Chartreuse



Photo courtesy of Tomatofest

Semi-Determinate
58 days, OP
Juicy, fruity & tart
Great for small space
or container gardening

3-5 oz

Money Maker

Deep-red

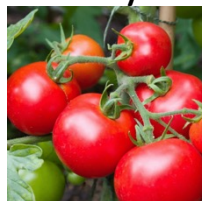


Photo courtesy of Southern
Seed Exchange

Indeterminate
75 days, OP/Heirloom
heat tolerant, high
yield, meaty, rich
sweet flavor

4-6 oz

Muddy Mamba

Green & Pink



Photo courtesy of Renaissance
Farms

Indeterminate
85 days, OP
Juicy with rich, sweet,
and full flavored

4-8 oz

Neptune

Red



Photo courtesy of Southern
Exposure Seed Exchange

Determinate
70 days, OP
Juicy, well-balanced
flavor, high heat &
humidity tolerant

4-5 oz

Pink Furry Boar

Pink & Yellow



Photo: Baker Creek Heirloom
Seeds/rareseeds.com

Indeterminate
80 days, OP
Mild, sweet & juicy
Highly productive

3-6 oz

Porter's Pride

Red



Photo courtesy of Garden
Hoard Seeds

Indeterminate
69 days, OP
Meaty, firm, complex
and tasty flavor
High heat & humidity
tolerant

3-5 oz

Medium Tomatoes (3-8 oz) cont.

Raspberry Lyanna

Raspberry



Photo: Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds/rareseeds.com

Semi-determinate
75 days, OP/Heirloom
Firm w/ rich, sweet
flavor

3-6 oz

Rutgers Select

Deep Red



Photo courtesy of Heritage Seed Market

Semi-Determinate
75 days, OP/Heirloom
Well-balanced taste
An old favorite and
dependable producer

6-8 oz

Sacred Path

Red



Photo courtesy of Bounty Hunter Seeds

Indeterminate
75 days, OP/Heirloom
Juicy, sweet & tangy
Steady producer

3-6 oz

Super Sioux

Red



Photo courtesy of Tomatofest

Semi-Determinate
71 days, OP
Complex, sweet-tart
flavor
Heat tolerant

4-6 oz

Stupice

Red



Photo courtesy of Seed Savers Exchange

Indeterminate
62 days, OP/Heirloom
Sweet, balanced flavor
Early, reliable producer

3-6 oz

Tasmanian

Mahogany-red

Chocolate

Indeterminate Dwarf



Photo courtesy of A. P. Whaley Seeds

70 days, OP
Sweet, balanced flavor
Small space/container
garden

4-6 oz

Thorburn's

Orange/pink/green

Terra Cotta

Indeterminate



Photo courtesy of San Diego Seeds

70 days, OP/ Heirloom
Rich, balanced sweet-
tangy flavor, beautiful
appearance

3-8 oz

Cherry/Grape Tomatoes (0.5-3 oz)

Austin's Red Pear

Red



Photo courtesy of Seed Savers Exchange

Indeterminate
78 days, OP/Heirloom
Extra large pear with sweet flavor

2 oz

Black Cherry

Mahogany-purple

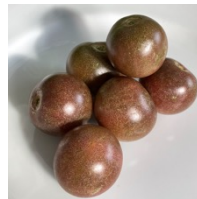


Photo from Sunshine Community Gardens

Indeterminate
63 days, OP
Intense, sweet, delicious flavor

1 oz

Brad's Atomic Grape

Multi-color



Photo courtesy of San Diego Seeds

Indeterminate
75 days, OP
Sweet and fruity flavor

1-2 oz

Cerise Orange

Golden-orange



Photo courtesy of Tomatofest

Indeterminate
70 days, OP/Heirloom
Very sweet & fruity in flavor
Prolific producer

1 oz

Early Cherry

Orange-red



Photo courtesy of Territorial Seeds

Determinate
55 days, OP
Earliest to ripen, balanced full flavor

1-2 oz

Evil Olive

Green & Orange

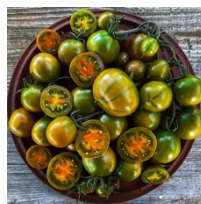


Photo courtesy of Bounty Hunter Seeds

Indeterminate
75 days, OP
Tart flavor, great in salsa, prolific

1-2 oz

Helsing Junction Blue

Purple & Red



Photo courtesy of Tomatofest

Indeterminate
69 days, OP/Heirloom
Firm, with sweet flavor and striking appearance

1 oz

Isis Candy

Yellow & Red



Photo courtesy of Tomatofest

65 days, OP/Heirloom
Delicious rich, fruity, sweet flavor in a bite sized snacker

1 oz

Juliet

Red

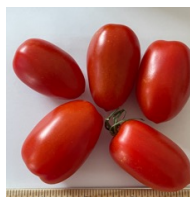


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Indeterminate
60 days, Hybrid
Well-balanced flavor, great fresh or for sauce
Prolific & heat tolerant

1-2 oz

Large Red Cherry

Red



Photo courtesy of Seed Savers Exchange

Indeterminate
72 days, OP/Heirloom
Extra large cherry, well balanced flavor, great in salads

2-3 oz

Pink Bumblebee

Pink & Gold



Photo courtesy of Johnny's Selected Seeds

Indeterminate
70 days, OP
Vigorous w/ excellent, sweet flavor

1 oz

Purple Bumblebee

Purple & Green

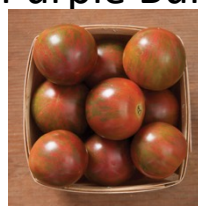




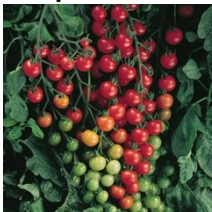






Photo courtesy of Johnny's Selected Seeds

Indeterminate
60 days, OP
Vigorous w/ complex, sweet/tangy flavor

1 oz

Cherry/Grape Tomatoes (0.5-3 oz) cont.

<p>Riesentraube Red</p>  <p>Indeterminate 76 days, OP/Heirloom Rich, full tomato flavor in a bite-sized treat</p> <p>Photo courtesy of Tomatofest</p> <p>1 oz</p>	<p>Sakura Red</p>  <p>Indeterminate 55 days, Hybrid (F1) F,LM,N,ToMV- resistance Firm & sweet, a compact plant for tight space</p> <p>Photo courtesy of Johnny's Selected Seeds</p> <p>1-2 oz</p>
<p>Sunrise Bumblebee Yellow & Red</p>  <p>Indeterminate 70 days. OP Beautiful, vigorous and very sweet</p> <p>Photo courtesy of Johnny's Selected Seeds</p> <p>1 oz</p>	<p>Sungold Golden Orange</p>  <p>Indeterminate 57 days, Hybrid FTMV-resistance Intense, sweet flavor in a favorite snacker</p> <p>Photo courtesy of Adaptive Seeds</p> <p>0.5-1 oz</p>
<p>Super Sweet 100 Red</p>  <p>Indeterminate 60 days, Hybrid FV-resistance Prolific, sweet, great for snacking</p> <p>0.5-1 oz</p>	<p>Sweet Orange Cherry Orange</p>  <p>Indeterminate 70 days, OP Superior sweet & fruity flavor, great for snacking</p> <p>Photo courtesy of Tomatofest</p> <p>1 oz</p>
<p>Tidy Treats Red</p>  <p>Indeterminate Dwarf 60 days, Hybrid Well-balanced flavor, prolific, compact for small space gardening</p> <p>Photo courtesy of Johnny's Selected Seeds</p> <p>0.5-1 oz</p>	<p>Vernissage Yellow Yellow-orange</p>  <p>Indeterminate 75 days, OP/Heirloom Large, luscious, juicy & sweet</p> <p>Photo courtesy of Tomatofest</p> <p>2-3 oz</p>
<p>Violet Jasper Purple-red & Green</p>  <p>Indeterminate 78 days, OP/Heirloom Large and juicy with well-balanced flavor & beautiful appearance</p> <p>Photo courtesy of Tomatofest</p> <p>2-3 oz</p>	

Paste Tomatoes

Cream Sausage

Pale Yellow



Photo courtesy of
Seed Savers Exchange

Determinate
73 days, OP
Meaty & sweet, mild,
for salsa and sauce
Compact plant
for small space **3 oz**

Italian Gold

Yellow-orange



Photo courtesy of
Tomatofest

Determinate
80 days, OP
Mild, well-balanced
flavor for salsa or sauce
Compact plant
for small space **6 oz**

San Marzano Redorta

Red



Photo courtesy of
Tomatofest

Indeterminate
78 days, OP/Heirloom
Meaty, well-balanced
& mild flavor
Great for salsa and
sauce **8 oz**

Viva Italia

Red

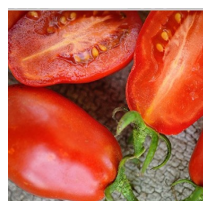


Photo: Baker Creek
Heirloom Seeds/rareseeds.com

Determinate
75 days, Hybrid
VFFNABS-resistance
Heat tolerant, small
space, flavorful, meaty
Great for salsa & sauce
Compact plant **4 oz**