



Hot Tomato Varieties for Cool West County 2019 West County GTPS

Tomatoes...in Berkeley? We're asked that question every year by our West County Great Tomato Plant Sale shoppers. "Tomatoes don't grow in my garden!" is the refrain. But, we beg to differ. That's why we've selected varieties that have either been bred specifically for cooler climates or that perform well in a number of different climates. While *all* cherry varieties grow well in West County, here's a list of beefsteaks and slicers that are great producers in West County gardens. We guarantee it!

- **Big Beef**-hybrid (Indeterminate—73 days). Specifically grown this year for West County, a beefsteak that is adaptable to a variety of climatic growing conditions. It's one of our *2019 Hot Tomato Picks*.
-  ■ **Black Sea Man** (Determinate—75 days). A stand-by in West County gardens. Also does well in containers.
- **Bloody Butcher** (Indeterminate—55 days). A small slicer that bears in only 55 days—very early! Produces well in West County. Love the taste!
- **Early Girl**-hybrid (Indeterminate—57 days). Again, propagated this year by popular demand for West County's gardens. Vigorous and produces high yields.
- **Eva Purple Ball** (Indeterminate—75 days). A German heirloom that does well in cooler areas.
-  ■ **Legend** (Determinate—68 days). Developed by OSU for its cool summer climate. Legend has great taste, is early and disease-resistant—an unbeatable combination!
- **Martha Washington**-hybrid (Indeterminate—78 days). Another beefsteak adaptable to a variety of growing conditions, its firm, pink flesh has a great tomato taste.
- **Momotaro**-hybrid (Indeterminate—70 days). Japan's favorite tomato grows well in West County too.
-  ■ **Oregon Spring** (Determinate—60 days). Another OSU tomato, famous for its cold tolerance. Loves fog!
-  ■ **Patio**-hybrid (Determinate—70 days). Works well in a large container and doesn't require a lot of heat to produce.
- **Persimmon** (Indeterminate—70 days). Right at home in West County's short-season gardens. It's one of our *2019 Hot Tomato Picks*.
- **Stupice** (Indeterminate—55 days). Originally from Czechoslovakia, it's one of the best early tomatoes with good yields.
-  ■ **Taxi** (Determinate—64 days). An early, bright yellow slicer with a sweet, low-acid taste.
- **Valencia** (Indeterminate—76 days). If it grows well in Maine, it will certainly also thrive in West County.
-  ■ **Valley Girl**-hybrid (Determinate—65 days). Starts early and produces well in cooler climates.

The  symbol denotes container-friendly tomato varieties, suitable for planting in containers & small spaces.