

## *Heirloom Tomato Varieties available at the Great Tomato Plant Sale April 6, 2013, 10:00 – 4:00 PM*

Quotes are from Contra Costa Master Gardeners! Number of days from transplant to fruit ripening is approximate and will vary with environmental & cultural conditions.

- **Ace** (Indeterminate—75 days). A dependable, mid-season producer yielding abundant crops of 12-14 ounce red globes. Has a strong, rich flavor that is not high in acid. New for 2013!
- **Amish Paste** (Indeterminate—85 days). From Lancaster, PA. Bright red 8-12 ounce, Roma-type fruits. Flesh is juicy and meaty, excellent for sauce, canning or for fresh eating. New for 2013!
- **Ananas Noire** (Indeterminate—85 days). Yellow beefsteak with red blush; great sweet tasting tomato with a hint of acidity. (*“Black Pineapple’ with a distinctive, streaked interior of pink, red, green and yellow. Large and sprawling plant with large, green-shouldered, dark purple fruits. They have a complex, sweet and rich taste. Makes a great tomato sauce.”*)
- **Aunt Ruby’s German Green** (Indeterminate—78 days). Beefsteak from “Aunt Ruby” of Greeneville, Tennessee. One pound lime yellow-green fruit with a superb fruity, slightly tangy taste. Big producer and quite disease-resistant. (*“The green beefsteak type fruit has a deliciously sweet flavor with an undertone. These tomatoes have light green skins at maturity with just a hint of yellow. Flesh is green-blushed with pink. A bit difficult to harvest at the perfect moment, this tomato does not keep well off the plant. But, it’s worth the trouble for its truly amazing flavor and beautiful coloring!”*)
- **Big Rainbow** (Indeterminate—90 days). Huge fruit up to two pounds, delicious and sweet tasting. Quite striking when sliced, as the yellow fruit have neon-red streaking through the flesh.
- **Black Cherry** (Indeterminate—75 days). Looks like large, purple-brown grapes. Rich flavor with large vines that yield very well. (*“My absolute favorite.”*)
- **Black Ethiopian** (Indeterminate—75 days). Favorite Ukrainian (not African!) heirloom bearing copious, 5 oz. plum-shaped fruits with a truly exceptional fruity, tangy taste.

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- **Black from Tula** (Indeterminate—75-85 days). Russian heirloom described by some as the “ugliest, most delicious tomato”—a purplish-brown color. Good yields of 14 oz. brown-red, slightly flattened globes. Rich, slightly salty, smoky flavor, great for slicing and canning. New for 2013!
- **Black Krim** (Indeterminate—70-90 days). Originally from the Isle of Krim in the Black Sea. With sufficient sunlight and heat, this rare Russian beefsteak turns almost black with green shoulders. Fantastic, intense, slightly salty flavor. Also suitable for container/patio gardens. Considered one of the best “black” tomatoes.
- **Black Sea Man** (Determinate—75 days). Russian heirloom that produces in 75 days and does well in containers. (*“The mahogany brown medium sized fruit has a delicious sweet-tart, complex tomato flavor. It has a combination of red, pink, green, and mahogany flesh, yielding the most unusual & beautiful tomato when sliced. A smallish plant, but a very good producer.”*)
- **Boxcar Willie** (Indeterminate—75 days). Yields abundant crops of 10-16 ounce bright orange-red slicer tomatoes with a rich, sweet flavor and enough acid to give it a little tanginess. Good choice for canning, sauce, or salads. Good resistance to disease and cracking. New for 2013!
- **Caspian Pink** (Indeterminate—80 days). From southern Russia’s warm Caspian Sea region. Often called the “Queen of the Pinks”, with an incredibly sweet and juicy fruit that can reach one pound and occasionally larger. Will do well in cooler areas.
- **Cherokee Purple** (Indeterminate—75-90 days). Pre-1890 variety, reputed to be an old Cherokee heirloom. Uniquely colored dusty-rose-brown fruit weighing up to 12 ounces. Delicious, old-time flavor. (*“The taste was outstanding. It wants a sunny spot. Very pretty-looking fruit, dark pink with green top.”*)
- **Chianti Rose** (Indeterminate—78 days). Gorgeous, rosy-pink beefsteak tomato with a complex, old-timey flavor. Sets heavy crops of 1-2 lb. tomatoes, earlier than most other large-fruited heirlooms. New for 2013!
- **Chocolate Stripe** (Indeterminate—75 days). Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds Catalogue wrote “One of the most amazing tomatoes we have ever grown. Both color and taste excel. It is very sweet.” (*“Fruits have delicious, complex tomato flavors—rich, sweet, earthy.”*)
- **Costoluto Genovese** (Indeterminate—75-80 days). Old Italian, heat-loving favorite. Good for fresh eating and for canning. Intensely flavorful, deep red flesh. Popular with chefs. (*“Highly productive. Odd-shaped medium-large fruit [slightly flattened with several lobes]. Very tasty sliced and also great for sauce and juice. Not so easy to peel because of its irregular shape, but the taste more than makes up for that!”*)



- **Cour di Bue** (Indeterminate—90 days). Beautiful Oxheart-type heirloom that is a favorite of Italy. Produces 12 oz. heart-shaped fruit with a delicious, sweet taste. Great for fresh eating or cooking. Jere Gettle of Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds wrote that it is “one of the best tasting tomatoes I have ever eaten.”
- **Cuore de Toro** (Indeterminate—75 days). Produces 2-pound (!) pinkish-red, Oxheart-type tomatoes that are very meaty, excellent for sauces and canning. New for 2013!
- **Early Wonder** (Determinate—55 days). Extra-early maturing and compact variety that yields an abundant crop of round, dark-pink, great tasting fruit. Perfect for gardeners with a shorter growing season or in cooler climates. New for 2013!
- **German Red Strawberry** (Indeterminate—85 days). A Bavarian heirloom producing strawberry-shaped tomatoes that can grow to one pound! It has an “old-fashioned” tomato flavor with lingering sweetness. Great size for sandwiches.
- **Green Orange Zebra** (Indeterminate—75 days). Almost identical to Green Zebra, but with an orange under-color. High yields and very flavorful. Perfect for salads! New for 2013!
- **Green Zebra** (Indeterminate—75-80 days). Very deep green zebra stripes. Sweet zingy flavor. Very productive plants. Favored by chefs and found at specialty and farmers markets. (“One of my favorite tomatoes. Flesh is bright green, and the taste is both sharp and sweet at the same time.”)
- **Hawaiian Pineapple** (Indeterminate—90-95 days). The name itself explains how wonderful this tomato is: large, yellow-and-red one pound fruit with excellent flavor—sweet and fruity, somewhat pineapple-like in taste. Productive and beautiful.
- **Isis Candy** (Indeterminate—90 days). Gorgeous cherry tomato with a spectacular yellow-gold cat’s eye starburst on the blossom end. Fruits in heavy clusters. Delicious flavor that is wonderfully rich and fruity, but not sugary sweet. Kids love these garden treats. New for 2013!
- **Italian Heirloom** (Indeterminate—70-80 days). Outstanding heirloom from Italy. Robust plants loaded with fruit weighing up to one pound. (“A classic heirloom from Italy. Beautiful, red, meaty tomatoes with complex, sweet flavor. Just what you would expect from a tomato revered by the Italians. A great tomato and a super choice for cooking, eating fresh or canning. Earliest of the heirlooms to ripen in my garden, and a prolific producer.”).
- **Italian Roma Bush** (Indeterminate—85 days). Produces enormous yields of large red tomatoes. Very meaty and perfect for canning. Vines can grow to 15’ but do require trellising. New for 2013!



- **Kellogg's Breakfast** (Indeterminate—80-90 days). West Virginia heirloom beefsteak tomato with large orange tomatoes weighing from 1-2 pounds. (*"Delicious flavor with a good acid/sugar balance. Very productive plant."*)
- **Large Barred Boar** (Indeterminate—65-70 days). Brand new variety from Brad Gates & Wild Boar Farms in Napa, CA. Flattened beefsteak fruits weigh 8-12 ounces and are pink-brown with metallic green stripes. Meaty pink flesh is very flavorful. New for 2013!
- **Mandarin Cross** (Indeterminate—76 days). Wonderful plant from Japan with 6-10 oz. round orange fruit with sweet (low-acid) flavor.
- **Marvel Stripe** (Indeterminate—95 days). Originally from Oaxaca, Mexico. Largest bi-color tomato. Fruits may get over 4 inches, up to 2 pounds, and have a rich, sweet, fruity flavor.
- **Momotaro** (Indeterminate—70 days). Most popular tomato in Japan with an unsurpassed taste that is sweet and tangy at the same time. Radiant, dark pink slicers weigh up to 6-7 ounces. Heat tolerant and crack resistant. New for 2013!
- **Mortgage Lifter** (Indeterminate—80-90 days). Kentucky family heirloom grown since the 1930s that produces 1-2 pound pink beefsteak tomatoes. (*"Exceptionally meaty and crack-free. Great old-fashioned tomato flavor."*)
- **Moskovich Tall Vine** (Semi-determinate—60 days). A wonderful, extra-early tomato yielding an abundance of 4-6 oz. smooth, round, cold-tolerant fruits with a delicious tomato-y taste. New for 2013!
- **Persimmon** (Indeterminate—79 days). Vigorous and prolific heirloom produces 12 oz. to 2 pound persimmon-colored tomatoes. Very sweet (low-acid). (*"Beautiful, large slicer with rose/orange skin and flesh. Real eye candy in a tomato salad. Like a lot of heirlooms, it's not the easiest to grow, but so worth it! Sweet, rich tomato taste—another taste test winner. Persimmon is said to have been grown in Thomas Jefferson's garden."*)
- **Principe Borghese** (Determinate—70-75 days). Italian heirloom well suited for drying. Fruits retain superb color and flavor. Bushy plants produce heavy yields of 1-2 ounce plum-shaped red fruits. New for 2013!
- **Red Zebra** (Indeterminate—75-80 days). Produces gorgeous 2½ inch blood-red fruits with jagged carrot-orange stripes. Top quality, uniform strain. (*"Very productive with a delicious, slightly tart flavor."*)
- **San Marzano** (Indeterminate—90 days). Famous Italian cooking tomato filled with thick, dry flesh and few seeds. (*"Excellent yields that continues into the fall."*)



- **Speckled Roman** (Indeterminate—85 days). Gorgeous 5 inch oblong tomatoes with orange and yellow stripes. A heavy producer with meaty flesh and few seeds. Good for processing or canning. Great tomato taste. Slice lengthwise and fill with pesto. Mmmmmm!!
- **Stupice** (Indeterminate—55(!)-75 days). Originally from Czechoslovakia. Forms a compact plant with potato leaf-like foliage. One of the best early tomatoes with good yields. (“*This tomato produced well in my garden with early, heavy yields all season. It has a great tomato flavor.*”)
- **Sugar Sweetie** (Indeterminate—65 days). Even though indeterminate, an excellent container tomato. Produces strongly tomato-flavored, 1 inch cherry tomatoes in grape-like clusters on 2’ tall plants.
- **Sungold** (Indeterminate—65 days). Bright, apricot orange globes are borne on long 15” fruit trusses on a vigorous vine. Flavor is fruity, tropical. Great in salads or just for snacking! New for 2013!
- **SunSugar** (Indeterminate—62 days). Produces wonderful orange cherry tomatoes, very flavorful and juicy. Has thin skin and is crack resistant. Excellent in salads or as a snack. Needs to be staked because of heavy yields. New for 2013!
- **Wapsipinicon Peach** (Indeterminate—80 days). Originated in 1890 and named for the Wapsipinicon River in Iowa. Heavy producer of 2” round fuzzy, yellow fruits with a sweet, juicy, well-balanced flavor. The winner of Seed Savers’ 2006 Tomato Tasting. Rot resistant. New for 2013!
- **Yellow Pear** (Indeterminate—75 days). 1800’s variety yields an *endless* supply of clusters of yellow pear-shaped tomatoes. Sweet, mild flavor, low acid, almost lemony, ideal for salads. Produces clusters all summer long. It’s like eating candy!