

## Tomato Varieties 2015

**Yolo County Master Gardeners' Annual Plant Sale**– Most of the varieties of tomatoes below have been grown for several years by local Master Gardeners at their homes or in our demonstration garden at Woodland Community College. The variety “Description” is from the seed catalog, and the “Yolo County” comments are based on our experience growing them and our public taste tests at the Woodland Tomato Festival each August.

<b><i>Variety</i></b>	<b><i>Catalog Description and Comments on Growing in Yolo County</i></b>	<b>Color</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Ripens</b>
<b>Abe Lincoln</b> <i>Heirloom</i>	Medium sized round, disease resistant, slightly acidic Yolo County: <i>A dependable staple red variety good tasting MG favorite</i>	Red	Indet.	Late
<b>Arkansas Traveler</b> <i>Heirloom</i>	100 year old heirloom, vigorous plants with abundant 8 oz rose-pink fruit. Well balanced sweet/tart flavor. Does well in high temperature and <b>drought</b> conditions. Yolo County: <i>(New variety this year)</i>	Rose	Indet.	Mid
<b>Black Crimson</b> <i>Heirloom</i>	Mahogany colored beefsteak. Suitable for container/patio garden. Perfect for slicing salads and cooking. Yolo County: <i>(May be the same variety as Black Krim)</i>	Black	Indet.	Mid
<b>Black Krim</b> <i>Heirloom</i>	Beefsteak-like with intense flavor slightly salty. Fruits slightly flattened. Purple/black with green shoulders. Yolo County: <i>Good producer and scores high in taste tests, MG favorite black</i>	Black	Indet.	Mid
<b>Black Zebra</b> <i>Heirloom</i>	Natural cross between Green Zebra and a black tomato. 4 oz purple/mahogany colored skin with green stripes. Great tomato flavor with hints of smoke and sweetness Yolo: <i>(New variety this year)</i>	Black	Indet.	Late
<b>Brandywine</b> <i>Heirloom</i>	Large plants with clusters of medium to large beefsteak fruit with an “old fashion tomatoey flavor”. Heat loving. Yolo County: <i>Moderate producer with above average taste.</i>	Red	Indet.	Late
<b>Burbank</b> <i>Heirloom</i>	Produces medium-sized, round fruit perfect for slicing or canning. Tests high in amino acids. Perfect for drier climates Yolo County: <i>Good all around tomato for our climate</i>	Red	Det.	Mid
<b>Carmello</b> <i>Heirloom</i>	Heavy producer of medium sized red fruit. Good slicer; salads and sauces. Yolo County: <i>In top 10 last years Tomato Festival tasting, good producer</i>	Red	Indet.	Mid

<b>Cherokee Purple</b> <i>Heirloom</i>	Beefstake fruit to 1 pound with rich complex flavor. Purple black with dark interior Yolo County: <i>Good late season producer of above average taste.</i>	Black	Indet.	Late
<b>Dark Galaxy</b> <i>Heirloom</i>	Truly amazing colored 1-3 oz fruit. Dark brown-blue with star like speckles and rich red bottoms. Yolo County: <i>(New variety this year)</i>	Blue	Indet.	Mid
<b>Druzba</b> <i>Heirloom</i>	Big harvests of round medium sized fruit. Sweet/tart with good disease resistance Yolo County: <i>In top 5 at last year Tomato Festival tasting</i>	Red	Indet.	Late
<b>Gary Ibsen's Gold</b> <i>Heirloom</i>	Potato leaf plant produces lots of very juicy 14 oz. brilliant orange-gold globes with tropical fruit flavors with plenty of acid balance. Yolo County: <i>Brought back this year, an MG favorite</i>	Orange	Indet.	Mid
<b>Green Zebra</b> <i>Heirloom</i>	Small, round yellow/gold with green zebra stripes and lime-green flesh. Heat loving with lemon/lime flavor. Yolo County: <i>A must have but doesn't last long off plant.</i>	Green	Indet.	Mid
<b>Hawaiian Pineapple</b> <i>Heirloom</i>	Large beefstake with nice pineapple flavor, yellow/orange. Yolo County: <i>Scores high in taste and appearance</i>	Yellow	Indet.	Late
<b>Hillbilly</b> <i>Heirloom</i>	Huge 1-2# fruit heavily ribbed, orange -yellow with mottled skin and streaks of red within. Very sweet, low acid. Yolo County: <i>(New variety this year)</i>	Orange	Indet.	Late
<b>Kellog Breakfast</b> <i>Heirloom</i>	Low acid beautiful orange beefstake. Grows easy and very productive. Yolo County: <i>(New variety this year)</i>	Orange	Indet.	Late
<b>Legend</b> <i>Heirloom</i>	Short, bushy plants produce 3-4" smooth round fruit with few seeds. Great for salads and canning. Strong tolerance to west coast blight strains. Good for containers Yolo County: <i>Must have for many Master Gardeners</i>	Red	Det	Early
<b>Moonglow</b> <i>Heirloom</i>	Brilliant warm orange 6-8 oz 2# fruits considered best texture and flavor of any yellow Long shelf life. Yolo County: <i>Well liked last year.</i>	Yellow	Indet	Late
<b>Paul Robeson</b>	Purple/black beefstake fruit slightly flattened round shape; up to 4" with green Shoulders and red flesh. Earthy, exotic flavor won "Best of Show" at Carmel Tomatofest". Yolo County: <i>A favorite black slicer scoring high in taste.</i>	Black	Indet	Mid

<b>Pink Berkley Tie Die</b> <i>Heirloom</i>	Heavy producer of dark pink/purple fruit with green stripes. Very meaty with excellent flavor Yolo County: <i>Favorite for Master Gardens own gardens, recommended by Sac Bee</i>	Pink	Indet	Early
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<b>Pork Chop</b> <i>Heirloom</i>	True yellow medium sized slightly flattened beefsteak. Very sweet with hint of citrus Yolo County: <i>Scored Top 5 Woodland Tomatofest 2014</i>	Yellow	Indet	Mid
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<b>Santa Clara Canner</b> <i>Heirloom</i>	Very uniform med. sized fruit with rich complex flavor and juicy meaty flesh. Good for salads, cooking and canning. Red/orange in color Yolo County: <i>Good producer and scores high in taste.</i>	Red	Indet.	Mid
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### Paste/Sauce/Drying Tomatoes

<b>Principe Borghese</b> <i>Heirloom</i>	Short plants with high yields of big clusters of small plum shaped fruit. Prized for drying as retains flavor. Italians hang whole plant to dry, but also great for salads or canning Yolo County: <i>The best ever for drying.</i>	Red	Det	Mid
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<b>Umberto</b> <i>Heirloom</i>	Old Italian heirloom, small pear shaped great for paste, sauce, drying, salads. Unbelievable harvests. Yolo County: <i>Very popular last year</i>	Red	Indet	Late
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### Cherry/Grape/Plum Tomatoes

<b>Black Plum</b> <i>Heirloom</i>	Looks like a small paste tomato but has thin walls. Sweet tangy flavor deep red color with green shoulders Yolo County: <i>Consistent high producer of tasty tomatoes.</i>	Red	Indet	Mid
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<b>Dr. Carolyn</b> <i>Heirloom</i>	Very pale yellow 1" fruit in large clusters. Sweet is balanced with slight acid. Yolo County: <i>Top scoring heirloom cherry Woodland Tomatofest 2014</i>	Yellow	Indet	Mid
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<b>Indigo Apple</b> <i>Heirloom</i>	Clusters of 3-4 oz fruits. Start green ripen to purple/blue/black. High levels of anthocyanin a naturally occurring antioxidant found in blueberries. Resists sun scald and cracking, disease tolerant, great shelf life. Yolo County: <i>Well received last year, great color.</i>	Blue	Indet	Early
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<b>Isis Candy</b> <i>Heirloom</i>	Beautiful 1" round fruits vary in shade from red to yellow. Outstanding, sweet and fruity flavor. Yolo County: <i>(New variety this year)</i>	Red	Indet.	Early
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<b>Peacevine Cherry</b> <i>Heirloom</i>	Highest Vit C content of cherry tomato in 30 varieties tested by Rutgers University. High amino acids which have a calming effect when eaten. Yolo County: <i>Good productive plant with tasty fruit.</i>	Red	Indet	Mid
<b>Ping Pong</b> <i>Heirloom</i>	Amazing yields of sweet, pink fruit the size of ping pong balls. Bursting with flavor. Kids love them. Yolo County: <i>(New variety this year)</i>	Pink	Indet.	Mid

### **Explantation of Terms**

Heirloom – Always open pollinated plants, which means the seeds can be saved and used to reproduce the same tomato. Heirlooms have generally been saved for their superior qualities and passed on generation after generation.

Determinate (Det) – The plant grows to a certain point then stops and sets fruit which then mostly ripen in a short period of time. Height is often four feet or less and may not need staking.

Indeterminate (Indet) – The plant grows continually until it dies at the end of the season, continuing to flower, set, and ripen fruit. Plants can get quite large and most often produce best when staked or grown in a wire cage.