



# UC Master Gardener Program of Contra Costa



## 2022 Slicer Tomatoes

**Aurora** Slicer / Red / 4-6 ounces / 59 days / Open Pollinated / Determinate. **NEW FOR 2022!** From Siberia, it's named for the Aurora Borealis. Compact, bushy plants produce impressively heavy crops of 4-6 ounce, red, slightly flattened round, blemish-free tomatoes with acidic but delicious tomatoey flavors. Produces well in cooler climates, including coastal climates, and can be grown in containers. An excellent choice for a heavy producing early tomato. Great for canning. **Container friendly.** \*Photo courtesy of [tomatofest.com](http://tomatofest.com)



**Black Prince** Slicer / Orange-brown / 7 ounces / 75 days / Open Pollinated / Indeterminate. A garden jewel all the way from Siberia! Unusual brown shoulders blend to orange-red at the blossom end. This 7 ounce slicing tomato makes a beautiful table presentation and has a rich, fruity flavor. \*Photo courtesy of Johnny's Selected Seeds [johnnyseeds.com](http://johnnyseeds.com)



**Black Sea Man** Slicer / Deep red-brown / 8-12 ounces / 75 days / Open Pollinated / Determinate. A hardy Russian heirloom that produces early and does well in containers. With attractive marbled flesh and a rich flavor, this potato-leaved variety is hard to beat! (*"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."*) **Container friendly.** \*Photo courtesy of Seed Savers Exchange



**Bloody Butcher** Slicer / Deep red / 4 ounces / 55 days / Open Pollinated /

Indeterminate. The name alone should make it a favorite! It's a sensational, multi-purpose slicing tomato, with an unbeatable combination—very early and high-yielding. Strong tomato flavor in medium, 4 ounce fruits that are—you guessed it—deep, dark red inside and out. Also likes West County's cooler climes. ("What a steady producer! Wonderful tangy taste.") \*Photo courtesy of [tomatofest.com](http://tomatofest.com)

**Celebrity** Slicer / Red / 7-8 ounces / 70 days / Hybrid / Determinate. A long-popular variety with good flavor. Medium-large 7-8 ounce, flavorful, globe-shaped, firm, red fruits ripen midseason. Widely adapted. superb flavor, disease resistance and heavy yield on vigorous determinate plants. AAS winner. \*Photo courtesy of Johnny's Selected Seeds [johnnyseeds.com](http://johnnyseeds.com)**Early Girl** Slicer / Red / 4-6 ounces / 57 days / Hybrid / Indeterminate. By popular demand, we are now offering this hard-to-beat, famous tomato. Vigorous, disease-resistant plants start early and bear dependably all season long, yielding 4 to 6-ounce, bright crimson fruits with a tangy flavor.**Eva Purple Ball** Slicer / Red / 4-5 ounces / 75 days / Open Pollinated /

Indeterminate. German heirloom bearing smooth, round 4-5 ounce blemish-free fruits with cherry red flesh. Has very good flavor and excellent resistance to diseases, including late blight. Does well in cooler areas. ("NOT purple, but a nice bright red. Often overlooked, which is a shame! A terrific producer! Good-sized plant doled out medium to largish tomatoes with pointed ends. Very good taste. Great for those who want their stuffed tomatoes EXACTLY the same size.") MG Seed Stock.

**Fireworks** Slicer / Red / 8-10 ounces / 60 days / Open Pollinated / Indeterminate.

**NEW FOR 2022!** The largest of the super-early, red tomato varieties. Produces an abundance of 8-10 ounce, meaty, oblate tomatoes with pointed end. Sweet, well-balanced flavor. Excellent for salads and sandwiches. \*Photo courtesy of [tomatofest.com](http://tomatofest.com)

**Green Zebra** Slicer / Green / 3-5 ounces / 80 days / Open Pollinated / Indeterminate.

Ravishing, deep green, 3-5 ounce zebra-striped tomato. Sweet, zingy flavor. Very productive plants. Favored by chefs like Alice Waters and found at specialty and farmers markets. ("One of my favorite tomatoes and grew well in my Richmond garden. Flesh is bright, psychedelic green, and the taste is both sharp and sweet at the same time.") \*Photo courtesy of Seed Savers Exchange

**Health Kick** Slicer / Red / 4-6 ounces / 74 days / Hybrid / Determinate. An even healthier tomato??

The growers of this variety say that these fruits have 50% more lycopene than other common tomatoes. But besides being good for you, these 4-6 ounce fruits have an excellent taste. Vines are resistant to Tomato Spotted Wilt Virus and bacterial speck.



**Ilse's Yellow Latvian** Slicer / Yellow-orange / 10 ounces / 78 days / Open Pollinated / Indeterminate. **NEW FOR 2022!** A terrific yellow-orange heirloom tomato. Featuring large, regular-leaf tomato plants with wispy leaves that yield lots of 10 ounce, 2 to 3 inch, slightly-elongated, yellow-orange tomatoes with very well balanced sweet flavors. A cooks treat! Meaty walls makes this a very good sauce tomato. Also a fine salsa tomato. Suited for cooler growing regions. \*Photo courtesy of [tomatofest.com](http://tomatofest.com)



**Italian Heirloom** Slicer / Red / To 16 ounces / 80 days / Open Pollinated / Indeterminate. Outstanding heirloom from Italy. Robust plants loaded with red fruit weighing up to one pound. With a full tomato flavor and easy to peel, it's ideal for slicing and canning! (*"An Italian classic...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."*) \*Photo courtesy of Seed Savers Exchange



**Legend** Slicer / Red / 12-16 ounces / 68 days / Open Pollinated / Determinate. One of the earliest-maturing slicer tomatoes, 5-8 inch, with a sweet flavor and just a little acid to add zing. Developed at Oregon State University, Legend shows strong tolerance to blight strains which makes it particularly well-adapted to West County's cooler climates. Great taste, early, and disease-resistant—an unbeatable combination! (*"This is an early producer and produced longer than any other variety in my garden the last two years. Plants are loaded with beautiful, red slicers."*) **Container friendly.** \*Photo courtesy of Territorial Seed Company



**Momotaro** Slicer / Pink / 6-7 ounces / 70 days / Hybrid / Indeterminate. The most popular tomato in Japan and named after a hero—"Peach Boy"—in Japanese folklore, it has an unsurpassed taste that is sweet and intensely rich with just the right amount of acid to make it tangy at the same time. Radiant, dark pink, perfectly round globes weigh up to 6-7 ounces. Heat tolerant and crack resistant. (*"This grew so well in my West County garden. Enough tomatoes to give friends and family."*) \*Photo courtesy of Territorial Seed Company



**New Girl** Slicer / Red / 4-6 ounces / 62 days / Hybrid / Indeterminate. Even more disease resistant than Early Girl! These 4-6 ounce fruits also have a better flavor.



**Patio** Slicer / Red / 3-4 ounces / 70 days / Hybrid / Determinate. Popular? You bet! Compact 2 foot plants with beautiful rugose leaves are perfect for a large container. May produce up to 50 (!) 3-4 ounce fruits in an 8-week harvest season. Good flavor.



**Pink Boar** Slicer / Deep red-green / 2-4 ounces / 75 days / Open Pollinated / Indeterminate. This gorgeous small slicer is a deep wine color with hints of metallic, olive striping. Strong plants are loaded with irresistible fruits, even in cooler climates, perfect for salads, garnishes and hors d'oeuvres, but it may not make it to the kitchen. Pink Boar is from the Wild Boar Series bred by Brad Gates. \*Photo courtesy of High Mowing Organic Seeds



**Siletz** Slicer / Red / 14-16 ounces / 70 –75 days / Open Pollinated / Determinate. Reliable and early! Flavor-packed, 4 to 5-inch, deep-red slicing tomatoes are nearly seedless. Vigorous plant. Good acid taste in an early tomato. Developed by Dr. Jim Baggett at Oregon State University, these plants yield well in cooler weather. (“*I decided last year to grow this tomato in a grow bag and was amazed at the results compared to previous years growing it in raised beds. Maybe it was the new soil or a better location, but it was the first to produce the most beautiful clusters of red 14 to 16-ounce (!) tomatoes. It is a determinate, but for me it produced all summer long and was one of the last to survive in my garden. Very compact and not much staking needed. Easy to slice, juicy and delicious. This will definitely be a mainstay in my summer garden.*”) **Container friendly.** \*Photo courtesy of Territorial Seed Company



**Stupice** Slicer / Red / 3-4 ounces / 55-75 days / Open Pollinated / Indeterminate. Originally from the former Czechoslovakia. Forms a compact plant with potato leaf-like foliage. One of the best early tomatoes with good yields. Very cold-tolerant, it bears until frost! With good disease and drought resistance, what else could you want? Oh yes, 3-4 ounce delicious fruits in clusters. (“*I chose this tomato in particular to honor my paternal grandparents, both immigrants from Czechoslovakia, who passed through Ellis Island on their journey to the United States. Stupice fared well under widely fluctuating temperatures in Orinda all summer long with high yield. Naturally salty and very tasty!*”) \*Photo courtesy of Seed Savers Exchange



**Super Bush** Slicer / Red / 5-6 ounces / 75 days / Hybrid / Determinate. 2-3 foot plants are perfect for large containers and produce juicy fruits with sweet, tomatoey flavor. Tough, disease-resistant. **Container friendly.** \*Photo courtesy of reneesgarden.com



**Thorburn's Terra-Cotta** Slicer / Orange multi / 7 ounces / 75 days / Open Pollinated / Indeterminate. **NEW FOR 2022!** Incredible flavor, color and history! Introduced in 1893 by James Thorburn of New York, this is one sensational tomato. With honey-brown skin, orange-pink flesh, and green seed mass, this is an eye-catching slicer with an out-of-this-world flavor. The tomato produces heavily during mid-season and then drops off quickly once cool weather sets in. As a cooker it will yield a pumpkin-orange sauce with a floral aroma. \*Photo courtesy of Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds rareseeds.com

