

Tomato-Fest Cheat Sheet

#1 tip for more tomatoes:

Location, location, location:

Grow a tomato variety that works for your local conditions
And make sure they get LOTS of sun!

The tomatoes listed below are well adapted to many locations, so you might find them at your local stores. Test these varieties, but don't be surprised if there's something better suited to where you live. (Refer to later pages for tomatoes adapted to specific climates):

Cherry Tomatoes

Sun-gold
Supersweet 100
* Yellow Pear

Slicing Tomatoes (larger-size)

Celebrity (semi-determinate)
Floramerica
Supersonic
Beefmaster
Better Boy
Lemon Boy
* Cherokee Purple
* Brandywine

Early Tomatoes (medium-size)

Early Girl
Ultra Girl (semi-determinate)
Champion
Early Cascade
* Green Zebra

Canning Tomatoes

* Amish Paste
* San Marzano
* Purple Russian
* Roma
* Rocky
* New Jersey Giant

* indicates Heirloom variety

Train your own seeds: Saving your seeds from last year and replanting will help adapt these varieties to your local region. Yes, you can save seed from hybrids. You may not get the exact same results, but you'll still get tomatoes. And they will adapt to your local conditions after 2 seasons of saving.

“Determinate” or “Indeterminate”:

Determinate varieties have a fixed, smaller size (good for containers) and most fruit ripens all at once (good for canning). Indeterminate varieties keep vining as long as conditions are good. No matter how much you prune indeterminates, they continue to set fruit. In this document, **determinate varieties are in green** and indeterminate varieties are in black.

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Heat, cold, wet, drought, wind, humidity, and aridity all determine a tomato's flavor and growth.

MOST tomatoes fruit between **50-90°F (10-32°C)**, but you will find some tomatoes on this list are adapted for colder and hotter fruiting. It may be more challenging to find these varieties but it will pay off in tomatoes!

4-Season Areas with distinct spring, summer, fall, winter cycles of about equal lengths: (Northeast and Midwest U.S as example)

All well-adapted tomatoes listed at the top do well, plus:

Early cascade (bred for cool)

* Pink Brandywine

* Black Prince (Siberian)

* Striped German

Hot and humid climates (Southern Florida & sub-tropical)

Well-adapted Better Boy, Celebrity, Green Zebra do well, plus:

Heat Wave II

Skyway

Sakura

Sweat Hearts

Sweet 100

Arkansas Marvel

Homestead 24

Mortgage Lifter

Floradade (Florida bred)

* Everglades (wild in Florida)

Hawaii Bred:

Anahu

Healani

Kewalo

Flamme

NOTE: If you have a season that has a very light or no winter frost and a blazing hot summer (like Florida), try growing fast maturing tomatoes in the spring and in the fall and skip summer all together. Or find a cold weather tomato to grow through your winter.

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Mountains that experience 40 degree temperature swings and high winds (Rocky Mountains in U.S. as example). You may want to grow in containers and move indoors as needed. Save your own seeds to grow even more resilient plants

Any Siberian tomatoes: [Sasha's Altai](#), Galina, Earliana, Moscow

Hot & Arid climates (Southwest U.S. as example)

Early Girl, Sweet 100, Champion, Yellow Pear do well, plus:

[Pearson](#) (semi-arid)

Porter (drought resistant)

[Homestead 24](#) (sets fruit in hot / humid conditions)

* Marvel Striped (from Mexico)

* Purple Calabash - (from Mexico)

Wet and Cold Climates (Northwest U.S. as example)

[Oregon Spring](#)

[Oregon Pride](#)

Stupice

San Francisco Fog

Cold Climate (Alaska, Canada, Maine as examples)

[World's Earliest \(Sub-Arctic Plenty\)](#)

* Purple Russian plum

* Russian Lemon plum (Wonderlight)

[Siberian Red \(sets fruit at 38 degrees F!\)](#)

Dwarf for Indoors & Containers (fast determinates)

[Toy Boy](#)

[Patio Hybrid](#)

[Tiny Tim](#)

[Small Fry](#)

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