



TOMATOES

Overview

No home vegetable garden is complete without a good crop of tomatoes. The tomato (*Lycopersicon esculentum*) is a warm-season crop and one of the most popular, and easily grown, vegetables in the country. Once you've tasted a fresh picked tomato from your own garden, you'll wonder what those bland, waxy, tasteless red orbs are that you've been getting from your grocery store produce section.

Nutrition Facts

According to the USDA, tomatoes are low in Sodium, and very low in Saturated Fat and Cholesterol. They are also a good source of Vitamin E (Alpha Tocopherol), Thiamin, Niacin, Vitamin B6, Folate, Magnesium, Phosphorus and Copper, and a very good source of Dietary Fiber, Vitamin A, Vitamin C, Vitamin K, Potassium and Manganese.

Tomato Plants

Tomatoes can be grown either from seed started indoors, or from transplants purchased at your local garden center. There is usually a large selection of transplants available at reasonable prices this time of the year, and transplants are usually the easiest way to start your tomatoes. Select healthy plants that are 6 to 8 inches tall. Check to be sure that the transplants are not root bound. That

is, that they don't have a large amount of roots poking out of the bottom of the pot.

To start your own tomato plants from seed, plant the seeds in a light, seed starter type, soil mixture at least 4 to 7 weeks before they are to be planted outdoors in your garden. One week before they are to be planted, harden-off the tomato plants by placing the potted plants in your garden to gradually expose them to increased amounts of sunlight.

Varieties

Tomatoes come in all sorts of shapes, sizes, colors, and varieties and are classified as being either determinate or indeterminate. Determinate varieties stop growing once the plant sets fruit and the entire crop is produced all at one time. Indeterminate varieties continue to grow and set fruit as long as the temperature permits.

(See Chart Below for Recommended Varieties)

Soil Preparation

Tomatoes do best in well-drained soil that is rich in organic matter and with a pH in the range of 6.2 to 6.8. They require at least 6 hours of sunlight per day. Although tomatoes love warm weather, once daytime temperatures rise above 95 degrees, nighttime temperatures stay above 85 degrees or fall below 55 degrees, tomato flowers will no longer set fruit.

Before planting tomatoes, remove all rocks, trash and weeds from the planting area and till the soil to a depth of 8 to 12 inches. To help prevent disease, be sure to practice proper crop rotation by NOT planting tomatoes in soil in which tomatoes, or any other member of the Nightshade family such as potatoes, peppers, or eggplant, were grown in the past two years.

Planting

Tomatoes should be planted after the danger of frost has passed. The table below lists the Spring and Fall Planting dates for each state but you can refer to our [Freeze and Frost Dates Tool](#) to find

the Last Frost Date for your specific area. Remember, if a frost is expected after you have planted your tomatoes, you will need to cover them with a “planket” type material or the frost will kill them.



An excellent way to encourage a vigorous root system on your tomato plants is to lay the plant on its side when planting. Dig a hole that is as deep as the transplant root ball is wide. Next dig a shallow trench just below the surface to bury the transplant’s stem in. Leave the top 3 to 4 inches of the plant sticking out of the ground and pile a little bit of dirt under this part to angle it slightly upward. Be sure to carefully trim off any leaves that are to be buried. Within a few days the plant will be completely vertical.

Stakes & Cages

If left to their own devices, tomatoes will grow only so tall before they fall over and grow along the ground. This encourages disease, poor fruit production, and is not an efficient use of space. Use stakes or cages to help support your tomatoes and keep them growing upright. Place the stake or cage in the ground shortly after planting to minimize possible root damage. If using stakes, they should be about 6 feet tall and the tomato plant should be loosely tied to the stake at 10-inch intervals to support the plant.

Weed Control

Keep the garden free from weeds, as weeds will compete with the growing tomatoes for soil nutrients and water. Do not dig too deep when using a hoe, or pulling weeds to avoid damaging the plant’s roots.

Watering & Fertilizing

Tomatoes need about 1 to 2 inches of water per week. A good way to help keep them from drying out and wilting is to put a 2-inch layer of mulch around each plant. If you don’t have adequate rainfall, water them once or twice a week. Consider drip irrigation as it conserves moisture and avoids getting the plant’s foliage wet,

which can cause diseases. Fertilize your plants once every week or two with an application of a balanced fertilizer.

Insects & Diseases

Tomatoes are relatively hardy but are affected by several insects and diseases. Hornworms are 3-inch long curled caterpillars that cut plants off at the soil line, chew 1/4" holes in pods or seeds, and occasionally chew leaves. Apply a *Bacillus thuringiensis* based insecticide to control them.

Whiteflies are small, whitish insects that may be found in masses on the underside of leaves. Hose off the underside of leaves to knock off aphids or apply an insecticidal soap.

Neem oil, sulfur, and other fungicides can be used to help prevent blossom-end rot.

Deer or bird net is always a good idea, once the plants have set fruit, to keep our furry and feathered friends from enjoying our tomatoes before we do.

Harvesting & Storing

Harvest tomatoes when they are fully ripe. If you harvest them while they are still green, they can be allowed to ripen over time in the house. Keep unripe tomatoes in a well-ventilated area at room temperature until they are ripe. While fully ripe tomatoes can be kept fresh in the refrigerator for several weeks, never store green tomatoes in the refrigerator.

Recommended Varieties

The following chart lists the recommended varieties, days to harvest, spring planting dates, and where applicable, the fall planting dates for tomatoes in each state. Wherever possible, the information in the chart is in accordance with the Cooperative Extension for each state.

Search:

STATE	VARIETY - DAYS TO HARVEST	SPRING PLANTING DATES	FALL PLANTING DATES
Alabama (AL)	Days to Harvest: 70-90 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atkinson • Better Boy • Big Beef • Celebrity • Husky Gold • Monte Carlo • Small Fry • Sweet Chelsea (cherries) 	Apr 1 - Apr 30	July 1 - July 31
Alaska (AK)	Days to Harvest: 70-95 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SubArctic 25 • Early Tanana 	May 1 - June 7	
Arizona (AZ)	Days to Harvest: 70-90 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Champion • Early Girl • Sweet 100 	- Elevation - [10 to 1000 feet] • Jan - Mar 15 [1000 to 2000 feet] • Feb 15 - Mar 15 [2000 to 3000 feet] • Mar 15 - Apr 15 [3000 to 4500 feet] • May 1 - June 15 [4500 to 6000 feet] • May 10 - June 1 [Above 6000 feet] • May 25 - June 1	

Arkansas (AR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arkansas Traveler - 76 • Better Boy - 72 • Big Beef - 80 • Bradley - 75 • Celebrity - 70 • Gold - 65 • Husky Red - 65 • Juliet - 65 • Large Red Cherry - 72 • Lemon Boy - 72 • Lizzano - 50 • Mountain Pride - 77 • Pink Brandywine - 78 • Pink Cherry - 65 • Plum Dandy - 82 • Super Sweet 100 - 50 • Viva Italia - 80 	Mar 15 - May 31	July 1 - July 15
California (CA)	Days to Harvest: 60-80 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better Boy • Celebrity • Dona • Dr. Wyche's Yellow • Early Girl • Hillbilly • Snow White Cherry • Stupice • Sun Gold • Super Marzano • Sweet Million • Sweet 100 	[North & North Coast] • May 1- May 31 [South Coast] • April 1 - July 15 [Central Valley] • Mar 1 - May 31	[Southern Desert] • Dec 1 - Mar 31
Colorado (CO)	Days to Harvest: 65-80 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better Boy • Big Boy • Celebrity • Early Girl • Sweet 100 	May 13 - May 31	

Connecticut (CT)	Days to Harvest: 65-80	May 10 - May 31
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better Boy • Burpee's Jubilee • Burpee's Supersteak Hybrid • Celebrity • Cherry Grande • Del Oro • Early Girl • Golden Delight • Mountain Pride • Orange Queen • Pik-Rite • Pilgrim • Pixie • Ramapo • Red Plum • Roma • Small Fry • Super Beefsteak • Supersonic • Sweet 100 • Tiny Tim • Jet Star • UltraBoy • Yellow Plum • Yellow Stuffer • Zeneith 	

Delaware (DE)	Days to Harvest: 65-80	May 10 - May 25
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burpee • Burpee's Delicious • Delsher • Heinz 1409 • Ramapo • Roma • Spring Giant • Superman • Supersonic • Jet Star 	

Florida (FL)	Days to Harvest: 65-80	[North Florida] • Feb 1 - Apr 30	[North Florida] • Aug 1- Aug 31
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amelia • Beefmaster 	[Central Florida]	[Central Florida]

• Better Boy	[Central Florida]	[Central Florida]
• BHN444-	• Jan 1 - Mar 31	• Sept 1 - Sept 30
Southern Star		
• BHN 640		
• Brandywine		[South Florida]
• Celebrity		• Aug 1 - Mar 31
• Cherokee		
Purple		
• Delicious		
• Eva Purple Ball		
• Green Zebra		
• Heat Wave II		
• Juliet		
• Mortgage Lifter		
• Red Grape		
• Sugar Snack		
• Sun Gold		
• Sweet 100		
• Sweet Baby		
Girl		

Georgia (GA)	Days to Harvest: 70-90	Mar. 25 – May 1	June 15 – July 15
	• Amelia		
	• Beefmaster		
	• Better Boy		
	• BHN 444		
	• BHN 640		
	• Big Beef		
	• Big Boy		
	• Celebrity		
	• Early Girl		
	• Jolly		
	• Mountain Fresh		
	• Mountain Pride		
	• Mountain Spring		
	• Rutgers		
	• Super Sweet 100		
	• Sweet Baby Girl		
	• Juliet		
Hawaii (HI)	Days to Harvest: 65-80	Year-round	
	• Anahu		
	• Healani		
	• Kalohi		
	• Puunui		

Idaho (ID)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better Bush - 72 • Champion - 62 • Early Goliath - 60 • Fourth of July - 49 • Golden Girl - 69 • Northern Exposure - 67 • Phoebe's - 65 • Roma - 62 • Siletz - 57 • SubArctic Maxi - 48 • Sweet 100 - 65 	May 30 - July 4
Illinois (IL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brandywine - 80 • Beefmaster - 81 • Better Boy - 72 • Burpee's Big Girl - 78 • Champion - 65 • Celebrity - 70 • Early Girl - 60 • Mountain Pride - 74 • Roma - 75 • San Marzano - 80 • Supersonic - 79 • Veeroma - 72 • Viva Italia - 80 	[Northern Illinois] • May 24 - June 15 [Central Illinois] • May 10 - June 1 [Southern Illinois] • Apr 26 - May 18
Indiana (IN)	Days to Harvest: 65-80 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amelia • BHN 411 • BHN 589 • Big Beef • Biltmore • Carolina Gold • Celebrity • Crista • Golden Sweet • Fabulous • Florida 91 • Florida 47 	[Northern Indiana] • May 15 - June 10 [Central Indiana] • May 10 - June 15 [Southern Indiana] • May 5 - June 10

- LaRossa
- Lemon Boy
- Mountain Belle
- Mountain Fresh
- Mountain Spring
- Plum Dandy
- Red Sun
- Santa
- Sun Brite
- Sun Leaper
- Sunshine
- Sweet Olive
- Jet Star

Iowa (IA) Days to Harvest: May 5 - June 20
65-80

- Better Boy
- Big Beef
- Celebrity
- Jet Star
- Lemon Boy
- Mountain Delight
- Patio
- Roma VF
- Small Fry
- Sunrise
- Super Sweet

100

Kansas (KS) Days to Harvest: May 3 - May 27
75-85

- Amelia
- Beefy Boy
- Carolina Gold
- Celebrity
- Floralina
- Florida 47
- Florida 91
- Jetsetter
- Jet Star
- Juliet
- Margherita
- Mountain Belle
- Mountain Fresh
- Plus
- Mountain Gold
- Mountain Spring
- Plum Crimson

- Plum Dandy
- Roma
- Scarlet Red
- Sun Gold
- Sun Leaper
- Suncherry
- Super Marzano
- Supersweet
100
- Sweet Olive
- Tumbling Tom

Kentucky (KY)	• Basket King - 55	[Western] Apr 20 - June 1
	• Better Boy - 72	
	• Big Beef - 70	[Central]
	• Big Early - 62	May 5 - June 15
	• Brandywine - 78	[Eastern
	• Bucks County Hybrid - 74	Mountain] May 15 - July 1
	• Carolina Gold - 72	
	• Celebrity - 75	
	• Cherry Grande - 60	
	• Cupid - 71	
	• Early Girl - 58	
	• Fabulous - 77	
	• Jolly - 70	
	• Juliet - 60	
	• Kentucky Beefstake - 90	
	• Mountain Belle - 65	
	• Mountain Fresh - 77	
	• Pink Girl - 72	
	• Plum Dandy - 76	
	• Plum Crimson - 80	
	• Roma - 76	
	• Solar Set - 76	
	• Sugary - 60	
	• Sun Gold - 57	
	• Supersweet 100 - 65	
	• Sweetie - 65	

Floralina (NY)	Days to Harvest: May 1 - May 15	Early Harvest
70-75		
• Better Boy		
• Bella Rosa		
• BHN 981		
• BHN 876		
• Big Beef		
• Carolina Gold		
• Celebrity		
• Champion		
• Crista		
• Cupid		
• Floralina		
• Florida 91		
• Heatwave II		
• Jet Star		
• Juliet		
• Mountain Fresh		
Plus		
• Mountain		
Spring		
• Muriel Roma		
• Picus Roma		
• Pink Girl		
• Phoenix		
• Small Fry		
• Solar Fire		
• Solar Set		
• Sun Gold		
• Sun Gold		
Cherry		
• Sun Leaper		
• Sun Master		
• Sweet Million		
• Talladega		
• Terrific		

Maine (ME)	Days to Harvest: May 28 - June 15	
65-80		
• Bellstar		
• Big Beef		
• Celebrity		
• Daybreak		
• Early Cascade		
• First Lady		
• First Pik		
• Juliet		
• Matt's Wild		
• Moskvich		
• New Girl		
• Plum Crimson		
• Pruden's		

• Redsun

Purple

- Red

Brandywine

- Redsun
- Royal Mountie
- San Marzano
- Striped

German

- Sunchief
- Sun Gold
- Sunstart
- Sweet Million
- Ultrasonic

Maryland (MD)	Days to Harvest:	May 1 - June 15	June 15 - July 5
	65-80		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amish Paste• Banana Legs• Better Boy• Big Beef• Big Boy• Big Rainbow• Brandywine• Bucks County• Cherokee		
	Purple		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Celebrity• Delicious• Early Girl• First Prize• Fourth of July• Gardener's		
	Delight		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Georgia Streak• German		
	Johnson		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Giant Belgian• Golden Boy• Golden Sweet• Green Zebra• Jet Star• Juliet• Kellogg's		
	Breakfast		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lemon Boy• Mammouth		
	German Gold		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mortgage Lifter• Park's		
	Whopper		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paul Robeson		

• San Marzano

- Pineapple
 - Pruden's
- Purple
- Red Candy
 - Red Pear
 - Roma
 - Rutgers
 - San Marzano
 - San Remo
 - Santa
 - Smarty
 - Solid Gold
 - Striped
- German
- Stupice
 - Sun Cherry
 - Sungold
 - Super Italian
 - Supersonic
 - Supersteak
 - Sweet Chelsea
 - Sweet 100
 - Sweet Million
 - Tomosa
 - Yellow Pear
 - Viva Italia

Massachusetts (MA) Days to Harvest: Apr 26 - May 15
65-80

- Amish Paste
- Beefsteak
- Big Boy
- Black Cherry
- Brandywine
- Celebrity
- Cherokee

Purple

- Early Girl
- Gold Nugget
- Opalka
- Orange

Banana

- Roma
- San Marzano
- Sungold
- Super Sweet 100

Michigan (MI) Days to Harvest: May 17 - June 5
60-70

- Betterhov

• Celebrity

- Bigbeef
- BHN 826
- BSS 832
- Celebrity
- Cherokee

Purple

- Delicious
- Early Girl
- Fletcher
- Heinz 1439
- Kellogg's

Breakfast

- Linda
- Mountain Glory
- Mountain

Spring

- Polbig
- SVR 1400
- Reba
- Rocky Top
- Roma
- Townsville
- Yellow Pear

Minnesota
(MN)

Days to Harvest: May 15 - June 1
65-80

- Basket Vee
- Better Boy
- Big Beef
- Big Boy
- Big Rainbow
- Black from Tula
- Black Prince
- Box Car Willie
- Brandywine
- Celebrity
- Early Cascade
- Oregon Spring
- Patio Hybrid
- Red Mountie
- Red Rider
- Roadside Red
- Sunrise
- Sunstart
- Sunshine
- Sweet 100
- Sweet Million
- Tumbler
- Johnny's 361

Mississippi

Days to Harvest: Mar 15 - May 7

Mississippi (MS)	Days to Harvest: 70-85 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better Boy • Celebrity • Mountain Pride • Mountain Spring 	
Missouri (MO)	Days to Harvest: 70-85 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avalanche • Beefmaster • Better Boy • Big Beef • Carolina Gold • Celebrity • Floralina • Florida 47 • Florida 91 • Jet Star • Mountain Delight • Mountain Fresh • Mountain Spring • Mountain Supreme • Show-Me 	[North Missouri] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 15 - May 30 [Central Missouri] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 10 - May 20 [South Missouri] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apr 20 - May 10
Montana (MT)	Days to Harvest: 65-85 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black Sea Man • Bloody Butcher • Celebrity • Coldset • Early Girl • Early Pick • Early Sub Arctic • Fantastic • Gem State • Juliet • New Yorker • Northern Exposure • Oregon Spring • Patio Princess • Pixie • Prairie Fire • Siberian • Springset • Stupice • Sunaold 	May 17 - June 15

- Sub Arctic
- Plenty
- Sugary
- Super Sweet
- 100
- Sweet Baby
- Girl
- Tumbler
- Yellow Pear

Nebraska (NE) Days to Harvest: May 15 - June 1
65-80

- Amish Paste
- Better Boy
- Big Beef
- Big Mama
- Bush Celebrity
- Husky Red
- Cherry
- Mountain Pride
- Quick Pick
- San Marzano
- Sungold
- Sweet Million

Nevada (NV) Days to Harvest: Mar 15 - Apr 20
70-80

- Ace 55
- Celebrity
- Champion
- Early Girl
- Floramerica
- Garden Delight
- Heartland
- Large Cherry
- Patio
- Spring Giant
- Sweet 100

New Hampshire (NH) Days to Harvest: June 6 - June 30
65-80

- Big Beef
- Biltmore
- Brandywine
- Cherokee
- Purple
- Fabulous
- First Pik
- Florida 47
- Jolly
- Matt's Wild

- Mortgage Lifter
- Moskvich
- Mountain Fresh
- Mountain Spring
- Plum Dandy
- Polbig
- Pony Express
- Pruden's
- Purple
- Red Grape
- Royal Mountie
- San Marzano
- Striped
- German
- Sun Gold
- Sunguard
- Sunoma
- Super Sweet 100
- Sweet Million
- Tami G

New Jersey (NJ)	Days to Harvest: 65-80 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burpee • Burpee's Delicious • Delsher • Heinz 1409 • Ramapo • Roma • Spring Giant • Superman • Supersonic • Jet Star 	May 10 - June 25
New Mexico (NM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ace 55 - 80 • Beefmaster - 80 • Beefsteak - 75 • Better Boy - 75 • Burpee's Big Boy - 78 • Celebrity Hybrid - 72 • Fantastic Hybrid - 85 • Hybrid Early Girl - 52 • Rutaers - 75 	[North New Mexico] • May 3 - May 24 [South New Mexico] • Apr 14 - May 7

- Brandywine - 85
- Lemon Boy - 72
- Red Cherry - 75
- Supersweet 100 - 65
- Sweet Million - 65
- Yellow Pear - 78
- Amish Paste - 82
- Roma - 76
- San Marzano - 80
- Tuscan - 75
- Viva Italia - 76

New York (NY)	Days to Harvest:	May 14 - June 10
	65-80	
	• Basket Vee	
	• Better Boy	
	• Big Beef	
	• Big Boy	
	• Big Rainbow	
	• Black from Tula	
	• Black Prince	
	• Box Car Willie	
	• Brandywine	
	• Cascade	
	• Celebrity	
	• Cherokee	
	Purple	
	• Classica	
	• Cosmonaut	
	Volkove	
	• Currant,	
	Daybreak	
	• Early Cascade	
	• Early Cherry	
	• Early Girl	
	• Fruity Orange	
	• Gold Dust	
	• Gold Rush	
	• Golden Queen	
	• Green Zebra	
	• Jet Star	
	• Jubilee	
	• La Roma	

La Rosa
 • La Rosa
 • Lemon Boy
 • Moskvich
 • Mountain Fresh
 • Mountain
 Spring
 • Mr. Stripey
 • Nova
 • Plum Dandy
 • Roma
 • Sarah's
 Goldstar Cherry
 • Striped
 German
 • Striped Roman
 • Sunbeam
 • Sungold
 • Sunrise
 • Supersonic
 • Supersweet
 100
 • Tappy's
 Heritage
 • Taxi
 • Ultra Sweet
 • Viva Italia

North Carolina
 (NC)

Days to Harvest: Apr 20 - July 15
 85-95

- Whopper5
- Mountain Pride
- Celebrity
- Better Boy
- Husky Gold
- Patio
- Big Beef
- Golden Boy

North Dakota
 (ND)

Days to Harvest: May 28 - June
 60-100 24

- Keepsake

Brandywine

- Banana Legs
- Early Wonder
- Yellow Currant
- Opalka
- Dr. Neal

Striped German

- Gold Nugget
- Kellogs

Breakfast

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valencia Wonder Light <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verna Orange • Dr. Wyche's Yellow • Moskrich 		
Ohio (OH)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beefmaster - 80 • Better Boy - 70 • Big Beef - 73 • Bush Steak - 65 • Celebrity - 70 • Early Girl - 50 • Golden Boy - 80 • Jet Star - 72 • Jolly - 70 • Jubilee - 78 • Juliet - 60 • Lemon Boy - 80 • Mountain Gold - 70 • Mountain Delight - 70 • Mountain Pride - 74 • Pik Red - 71 • Small Fry - 65 • Sugary - 60 • Sungold - 56 • Supersonic - 79 • Supersteak - 80 • Super Sweet 100 - 65 • Sunsugar - 65 • Sweet 100 - 65 • Sweet Million - 65 • Yellow Pear - 75 	May 9 - June 5	
Oklahoma (OK)	Days to Harvest: 65-80 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better Boy • Big Beef • Brandywine • Carmello 	Apr 10 - Apr 30	July 1 - July 15

- Carnival
 - Celebrity
 - Flora-dade
 - Heatwave
 - Jet Star
 - Juliet
 - Milano
 - Mountain Bell
 - Mountain Pride
 - Pik-Red
 - Roma
 - San Remo
 - Small Fry
 - Summer Flavor
- 5000
- Sungold
 - Sunny
 - Sunray
 - Sunrise
 - Sweet 100
 - Sweet Million
 - Yellow Pear

Oregon (OR)	Days to Harvest:	[Medford]
	65-80	• May 17 - June
	• All Star	10
	• Better Boy	
	• Carnival	[Ontario]
	• Celebrity	• May 13 - June
	• Cold Set	6
	• Earlirouge	
	• Earlibright	[Portland]
	• Early Cascade	• Apr 15 - May
	• Early Girl	10
	• Fantastic	
	• Fireball	
	• Gold Nugget	
	• Golden Boy	
	• Heavyweight	
	• Jetfire	
	• Jubilee	
	• Keno	
	• Large German	
	Cherry	
	• Medford	
	• New Yorker	
	• Orange Queen	
	• Oregon Spring	
	• Pilgrim	
	• Pik Red	
	• Pik Rite	

- Santiam
- Setmore
- Small Fry
- Spring Giant
- Springset
- Supersonic
- Sunny
- Sweet 100
- Sweetie
- Yellow Plum
- Willamette

Pennsylvania (PA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better Boy - 74 • Big Beef - 73 • Big Girl - 78 • Brandy Boy - 78 • Bush Early Girl - 60 • Carolina Gold - 75 • Celebrity - 70 • Cold Set - 65 • Delicious - 79 • Early Girl* 60 • First Lady (II) - 65 • Health Kick - 75 • Husky Gold - 70 • Italian Gold - 70 • Jolly - 75 • Juliet - 60 • Lemon Boy - 72 • Mini Charm - 60 • Mountain Delight - 76 • Navidad - 65 • Patio - 70 • Pink Girl - 76 • Puebla - 75 • Roma - 75 • Sun Sugar - 62 • Sugar Snack - 65 • Super Sweet 100 - 65 • Sweet Chelsea 	May 9 - June 5
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Sweet Corn

- 64
- Sweet Million - 65
- Sweet
- Tangerine - 68
- Tami G - 61
- Tough Boy - 75
- Ultra Sweet* 62
- Victoria
- Supreme - 70
- Viva Italia - 72

Rhode Island (RI) Days to Harvest: Apr 29 - May 20

- 65-80
- Big Beef
- Biltmore
- Brandywine
- Cherokee
- Purple
- Fabulous
- First Pik
- Florida 47
- Jolly
- Matt's Wild
- Mortgage Lifter
- Moskvich
- Mountain Fresh
- Mountain
- Spring
- Plum Dandy
- Polbig
- Pony Express
- Pruden's
- Purple
- Red Grape
- Royal Mountie
- San Marzano
- Striped
- German
- Sun Gold
- Sunguard
- Sunoma
- Super Sweet
- 100
- Sweet Million
- Tami G

South Carolina (SC)	Days to Harvest:	[Piedmont]	[Piedmont]
	55-105	• May 1 - May	• July 10 - July
	• Better Boy	30	20
	• Better Bush		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved • Big Beef • Celebrity • Early Girl • Juliet • Park's Whopper • Small Fry • Super Sweet 100 • Sweet Million • Terrific • Tropic • Viva Italia 	[Central] • Apr 5 - Apr 25 [Coastal] • Mar 25 - Apr 10	[Central] • July 10 - July 20 [Coastal] • July 25 - July 30
South Dakota (SD)	Days to Harvest: 65-80 Days to Harvest: 60-100 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keepsake Brandywine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Banana Legs • Early Wonder • Yellow Currant • Opalka • Dr. Neal Striped German <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gold Nugget • Kellogs Breakfast <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valencia Wonder Light <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verna Orange • Dr. Wyche's Yellow <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moskrich 	May 25 - June 21	
Tennessee (TN)	Days to Harvest: 75-85 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big Boy • Betterboy • Celebrity • Early Girl • Enchantment • Sweet Million • Lemon Boy • Sweet Cluster 	Apr 10 - June 10	
Texas (TX)	Days to Harvest: 65-80 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amelia 	[Plant Hardiness Zone 6]	[Plant Hardiness Zone 6]

• BHN444	• May 10 - June 1	• June 1
• Bingo		
• Carnival		[Plant
• Celebrity	[Plant	Hardiness Zone
• Cherry	Hardiness Zone	7]
• Florida 47	7]	• June 15
• Florida 91	• Apr 10 - May 1	
• Grape		[Plant
• Porter	[Plant	Hardiness Zone
• Red Cherry	Hardiness Zone	8]
• Roma	8]	• July 1
• Solar Fire	• Mar 15 - Apr	
• Sunpride	10	[Plant
• Sunchief		Hardiness Zone
• SunLeaper	[Plant	9A]
• Tomatillo	Hardiness Zone	• July 10
• Top Gun	9A]	
• Yellow Pear	• Feb 20 - Mar	[Plant
	10	Hardiness Zone
		9B]
	[Plant	• Aug 1
	Hardiness Zone	
	9B]	
	• Feb 10 - Mar	
	10	

Utah (UT)	• Celebrity - 70	Apr 15 - June
	• DX 52-12 - 70	15
	• Early Cascade	
	- 65	
	• Longkeeper -	
	78	
	• Oregon Spring	
	- 52	
	• Pole King - 75	
	• Presto - 55	
	• Roma - 75	
	• Royal Chico -	
	75	
	• Sweet 100 - 60	

Vermont (VT)	Days to Harvest:	May 14 - June
	65-80	10
	• Basket Vee	
	• Better Boy	
	• Big Beef	
	• Big Boy	
	• Big Rainbow	
	• Black from Tula	
	• Black Prince	
	• Box Car Willie	

Don't eat them

- Brandywine
- Cascade
- Celebrity
- Cherokee

Purple

- Classica
- Cosmonaut

Volkove

- Currant,
- Daybreak
- Early Cascade

- Early Cherry
 - Early Girl
 - Fruity Orange
 - Gold Dust
 - Gold Rush
 - Golden Queen
 - Green Zebra
 - Jet Star
 - Jubilee
 - La Roma
 - La Rosa
 - Lemon Boy
 - Moskvich
 - Mountain Fresh
 - Mountain
- Spring
- Mr. Stripey
 - Nova
 - Plum Dandy
 - Roma
 - Sarah's

Goldstar Cherry

- Striped
- German
- Striped Roman
 - Sunbeam
 - Sungold
 - Sunrise
 - Supersonic
 - Supersweet
- 100
- Tappy's
- Heritage
- Taxi
 - Ultra Sweet
 - Viva Italia

Virginia (VA)

Days to Harvest:
55-105

Mar 15 - May 1

July 1 - Aug 1

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better Boy - 105 • Big Beef - 73 • Celebrity - 70 • Mountain Spring - 75 • Plum Dandy - 70 • Sweet 100 - 65 	
Washington (WA)	Days to Harvest: 70-90 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Girl • Oregon Spring • Patio Hybrid • Sweet 100 • Sungold • Celebrity • Glacier • Sweet Baby Girl • Taxi 	2-3 weeks after last frost
West Virginia (WV)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better Boy - 75 • Big Beef - 73 • Celebrity - 75 • Mountain Delight - 68 • Roma - 75 • Rutgers - 82 • Supersonic - 80 	May 1 - June 15
Wisconsin (WI)	Days to Harvest: 60-70 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beefmaster • Better Boy • Brandywine • Burpee's Big Boy • Campbell 1327 • Celebrity • Early Girl • Flash • Floramerica • Gardener's Delight • Heinz 1350 • Jet Star • Jubilee • Lemon Boy • New Yorker 	May 20 - June 10

- Patio
- Pink Girl
- Pixie
- Roma
- Small-Fry
- Super Sweet 100
- Tiny Tim
- Ultra Sweet
- Viva Italia
- Wayahead
- Yellow Pear

Wyoming (WY)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebrity - 70 • Cold Set - 65 • Early Girl - 52 • Gardener's Delight - 65 • Good 'n Early - 62 • Italian Gold - 70 • Lemon Boy - 72 • Roma - 75 • Sub-Arctic Plenty - 51 • Super Sweet 100 - 65 	May 20 - June 10
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7 THOUGHTS ON “TOMATOES”



Laura Taylor

APRIL 12, 2012 AT 9:10 AM

Rick, this is good basic information for anyone wanting to grow tomatoes. The chart of varieties for different states is an interesting approach. I especially like that you included planting dates for both Spring and Fall. Thank you!

REPLY



Rick Bickling

APRIL 15, 2012 AT 2:18 PM

Laura – Glad you liked the information on tomatoes. Thanks for your comments...Rick

REPLY

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Robyn Owens

MAY 30, 2012 AT 9:18 AM

Very informative Rick, thank you. So glad I happened upon your info!

May I ask you a question?

I live in zone 6a, and was wondering if I could set out very young tomato transplants in June? They are heirloom tomatoes that are from here in Kentucky, and just got the seed the first week of May so they are just now about 2 inches tall and just now getting their second set of leaves.

Should I keep growing them until they are bigger then set them out, or just go ahead and put them in the ground now?

REPLY



Rick Bickling

MAY 30, 2012 AT 9:48 PM

Robyn – Glad you found the site informative! I like to plant my seedlings when they are anywhere from 5 to 12-inches tall, but before they get root bound. It looks like for your area that May 15 – July 1 is the best time to plant tomatoes. Be sure to “Harden them off” by placing them outdoors in partial shade for an hour or two the first day, 3 to 6 hours the second, and all day the third. By the fourth day, they should be able to handle direct sunlight for a few hours. It takes about 7 days to harden off most varieties before planting. If there is frost predicted in your forecast you will need to bring them inside. Hope this helps and best of luck with your tomatoes...Rick

[REPLY](#)



julius

APRIL 26, 2013 AT 2:27 AM

good info on the subject!!

[REPLY](#)