

## Terrific Tomatoes from Wilson's Garden Center 2023

Who else in Central Ohio would offer over 50 different kinds of tomatoes to enjoy this summer? Read through the descriptions and find your favorites; try some new ones too! Gardening is an adventure.

Trying something new and different adds spice to your life!

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\* New For 2023

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Name	<b>Burpee Varieties</b>	I or D	Days Until Maturity	Type	Color When Ripe
<b>Atlas Beefsteak (F1)</b>	This beefsteak tomato is ideal for containers or in-ground production. With a big yield of extra-large tomatoes and good disease resistance, Atlas will surely delight any space-saving gardener.	D	65	Beefsteak	Red (12 oz)
<b>Baby Boomer (F1)</b>	This summer, get ready for the invasion of the cherry tomatoes. Wildly prolific, each determinate patio-ready bush unleashes a bumper crop of 300 little sweets bursting with great big flavor. Whorling plants yield up 1", 1oz. cherries right until frost. GROWING TIP: Plants call for caging.	D	50-55 Days	Cherry	Red (1 oz)
<b>Burpee Big Boy (F1)</b>	When Big Boy hybrid tomato debuted in 1949, its incredible productivity and gorgeous, perfect, large red fruit made it an instant hit. What's kept Big Boy tomato a best-selling tomato all these years is the wonderful aroma and rich flavor. The fruits weigh in 10 ounces with many reaching 1 pound or more. Healthy, indeterminate vines produce all summer long. Crack Resistant.	I	78 Days	Slicing	Red (8-9 oz)
<b>Big Daddy (F1)</b>	Hear ye! Hear ye! Revolution in the tomato patch! An all-around game-changer, 'Big Daddy's a breakthrough for taste, size, disease-resistance and yield. Bred from the all-time great 'Big Boy,' 'Big Daddy' produces a mighty, delicious harvest of ruby red round meaty fruits, 15 whopping oz. apiece over a long harvest season.	I	78 Days	Slicing	Red (15 oz)
<b>Bushsteak (F1)</b>	Meet the best of the staked tomatoes—a standout for exceptional taste, size and quantity. This surprisingly compact (20-24") plant is just loaded with large, flavorful tomatoes. Well-suited for a patios, small gardens and containers, the dwarf plants offer big meaty fruit (8-12 oz.) and early maturity.	D	65 Days	Beefsteak	Red (8-12 oz)
<b>Fourth Of July (F1)</b>	Celebrate the Fourth of July with a plentiful harvest of vine-ripened red, luscious tomatoes. Plants produce plentiful 4-ounce tomatoes all season long.	I	49 Days	Slicing	Red (4 oz)
<b>Napa Grape (F1)</b>	This exclusive new tomato sets the standard for taste in grape types. Not only the consistent top choice in taste tests, but independent studies confirm that it maintains a higher sugar content than any other grape tomato. And the sweetness doesn't fade in late summer. Shiny red, 1" elongated globes are produced in abundance on vigorous vines.	I	65 Days	Grape	Red (1-2 oz)
<b>SteakHouse (F1)</b>	Big news in the tomato patch! Meet the biggest tomato ever bred. And it's not just bigger but better. Tipping the scales at up to three lbs. plus, broad-shouldered tomato titan is bigger than Big Daddy, and loaded with true heirloom tomato flavor and head-spinning fragrance. Indeterminate plants produce gorgeous, humongous fruits	I	75-80 Days	Beefsteak	Red (Up to 48 oz)
<b>Steak Sandwich (F1)</b>	These large, luscious beauties offer old-fashioned tomato taste for sandwiches and salads. They remain firm when ripe, so you can slip a slice into your favorite summer sandwich, BLT or burger and savor the rich, succulent, sweet taste. Vigorous but compact plants load up with dozens of fruit at a time, continuing for many weeks from midsummer to early fall.	I	70 Days	Slicing	Red (10 oz)
<b>SuperSauce (F1)</b>	Super Sauce produces gallons of luscious, seedless sauce from a single plant harvest—one tomato fills an entire sauce jar. Super Sauce is extraordinarily delicious and versatile as a salad tomato, as well as having a distinctive quality in that its large segments of fruit often make a shape that is perfect for a meaty and tasty hamburger slice, quite different from the horizontal slice commonly used from a large round tomato.	I	70 Days	Paste/ Saladette	Red (Up to 32 oz)

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<b>Beefsteak (F1)</b>	Plant produces good yields of big 14 oz red beefsteak tomatoes. Perfect sandwich tomato with old fashion flavor. Crack Resistant. Disease Resistant: VFFT.	I	76 Days	Slicing	Red (16-32 oz)
<b>Better Boy Plus (F1)*</b>	It has a desirable, rich-looking crimson interior with a classic tomato flavor. Gardeners will fall in love with the colossal fruit size and added disease resistance of Big Beef Plus. Offers greater yield potential, along with improved disease resistance.	I	75-80 Days	Beefsteak	Red (8-10 oz)
<b>Big Beef Plus (F1)*</b>	It has a desirable, rich-looking crimson interior with a classic tomato flavor. Gardeners will fall in love with the colossal fruit size and added disease resistance of Big Beef Plus. Offers greater yield potential, along with improved disease resistance.	I	75-80	Beefsteak	Red (8-10 oz)
<b>Celebrity Plus (F1)*</b>	This tomato is everything you loved about the original, plus added disease resistance. Celebrity Plus produces large, smooth fruit with outstanding flavor that is perfect for slicing fresh or cooking in sauces.	Semi D	72-76 Days	Slicing	Red (7.5-9.5 oz)
<b>Chef's Choice Orange (F1) AAS Winner</b>	Chef's Choice Orange has a wonderful bright, almost neon, internal color and superior flesh taste and texture for an early maturing orange tomato. Excellent for soups and sauces because the intense color does not fade or discolor when cooked. Home chefs are going to love cooking with this variety as well as eating it fresh.	I	75 Days	Beefsteak	Orange (9-12 oz)
<b>Delicious</b>	Plant produces good yields of gigantic red meaty tomatoes. This tomato still holds the World Record at 7 plus pounds. Very few seeds! Excellent for salads, tomato juice, and canning. Perfect slicing tomato. Impress your neighbors and try growing a world record size tomato! Crack Resistant.	I	77 Days	Beefsteak	Red (16-24 oz)
<b>Early Girl Plus (F1)*</b>	One of the best-selling early varieties on the market just got better. Same great taste, with a great disease package to help gardeners have great success. Enjoy more fruit per yield.	I	65-70 Days	Slicing	Red (4-6 oz)
<b>Galahad (F1) AAS Winner</b>	Galahad is a brave new tomato variety that has a high level of Late Blight resistance because both parents are resistant. In this case, one plus one equals a very strong two! Galahad is a high-yielding, great tasting tomato that grows on a strong sturdy plant.	D	55 Days	Beefsteak	Red (9-10 oz)
<b>Health Kick (F1)</b>	Plant produces good yields of very flavorful extra large plum shaped tomatoes. Tomatoes turn red when mature. This variety has 50% more lycopene than any other tomato. Lycopene is an antioxidant that is proving helpful in preventing cancer and other diseases. Excellent in salads or for making sauce and paste. Disease Resistant: VFFA, Spotted Wilt, Bacterial Speck.	D	74 Days	Sauce/ Saladette	Red (4 oz)
<b>Lemon Boy * Plus (F1)</b>	Lemon Boy Plus has all the best qualities of the original, plus added flavor and disease resistance. This tomato has a unique yellow color and a sweet, tangy flavor.	I	75-80 Days	Slicing	Yellow (6-8 oz)
<b>Mountain Fresh Plus (F1)</b>	This modern hybrid has many features that make it worth growing. Developed by NC State University. The plants are compact, and very disease resistant. A superior canning or slicing variety.	D	77-79 Days	Slicing	Red (8-16 oz)
<b>Mountain Majesty (F1)</b>	Good yields of high quality, deep oblate to flattened globe shaped, extra large fruits have the ability to stay firm when fully ripe. Vigorous plants offer heavy foliage to protect fruits. Includes intermediate resistance to tomato Spotted Wilt Virus. Good crack resistance.	D	78 Days	Slicing	Red (8-14 oz)
<b>Mountain Merit (F1) AAS Winner</b>	Medium to large, 8 to 10 ounce fruits with excellent resistance to Late Blight, as well as others, makes the perfect slicing tomato. A fresh market variety with deep red fruits that are firm, oblate to flattened, globe-shaped with generally smooth blossom end scars. Crack resistant.	D	75 Days	Slicing	Red (8-10 oz)

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<b>Park's Whopper Improved (F1)</b>	The original Whopper was an American classic, and its successor is simply the home gardener's dream tomato: greater disease resistance, higher yields, a longer season, and better taste! These big, juicy, crack-resistant tomatoes, 4 inches or more across, ripen uniformly (even when the weather is overcast!) and finish 5 days sooner than the old Whopper. Then they keep right on coming in huge quantities until frost. Disease Resistant VFN	I	65 Days	Slicing	Red (14 oz)
<b>Supersteak (F1)</b>	Plant produces good yields of large 2 lb size red beefsteak tomatoes. The tomatoes have rich tomato flavor, are meaty. Excellent for salads and sandwiches. Crack Resistant. Disease Resistant: VFN	I	80 Days	Beefsteak	Red (14 oz)
<b>Supersonic (F1)</b>	This variety is very similar to Better Boy and Big Boy. It produces heavy yields of great tasting, crack resistant, large tomatoes.	I	79 Days	Slicing	Red (12 oz)
<b>Supremo (F1)</b>	Supremo earns its name with every extra-large, blocky deep red fruit it sets. You're going to use it not only for sauces and canning, but as a go-to salad slicer! Supremo is a taste treat fresh from the vine, canned, frozen, or sauced! And the disease resistance of this compact, early to midseason plant is unbeatable: it demonstrates superior resistance to fusarium wilt races 1-3, bacterial speck, root knot, and verticillium wilt, as well as good resistance to spotted wilt.	D	68 Days	Sauce/ Saladette	Red
<b>Beefmaster (F1)</b>	Plant produces enormous yields of large meaty 2 lb beefsteak tomatoes. Tomatoes turn deep red when mature. Excellent for salads or sandwiches. Disease Resistant: VFNASt.	I	80 Days	Beefsteak	Red (16-24 oz)
Name	Low Acid Tomatoes	I or D	Days Until Maturity	Type	Color When Ripe
<b>Amish Paste HEIRLOOM</b>	A multitasking heirloom paste tomato from Wisconsin well-suited for paste, or as a slicing tomato. Acorn-shaped, the very large 8-12 oz. fruits are deep red, thick-fleshed and nearly seedless.	I	74-85 Days	Sauce	Red (8-12 Oz)
<b>Carolina Gold (F1)</b>	Plant produces high yields of extra large golden yellow tomatoes. Tomatoes are very flavorful and turn golden yellow when mature. Resistant to Gray Wall. Disease Resistant: VFF	D	71 Days	Beefsteak	Golden Yellow (10 oz)
<b>Jet Star (F1)</b>	This was Wilson's main variety when we grew tomatoes for our farm produce market. Plant produces high yields of medium red tomatoes. Excellent for salads, sandwiches, and canning. Very pleasant, low acid flavor. Add lemon juice for canning. Disease Resistant:VF.	I	72 Days	Slicing	Red
<b>Pink Girl (F1)</b>	Plant produces good yields of very flavorful and juicy 8 oz pink tomatoes. Tomatoes turn pink when mature and have a very pleasant taste. Excellent in salads or sandwiches. Disease Resistant: VFT.	I	76 Days	Slicing	Pink (8 oz)
<b>San Marzano* (HEIRLOOM)</b>	Early, large, plum-shaped Roma tomato is a sweet, classic Italian paste variety. Very productive and high yielding.	I	70-80 Days	Sauce/ Saladette	Red (5-8 oz)
<b>Super Sweet 100 (F1)</b>	With the same great flavor that made its predecessor a standard garden favorite for many years, these also have a higher vitamin C content than any other tomato. The bright red, 1-inch globes are amazingly sweet, and arise prolifically on plants resistant FV.	I	70 Days	Cherry	Red (1 oz)
<b>Yellow Pear</b>	Plant produces heavy yields of 1 1/2" yellow pear shaped tomatoes. A great tasting tomato. Excellent in salads and eating fresh.	I	70 Days	Pear	Yellow (1 oz)
Name	Heirloom and Old Time Favorites	I or D	Days Until Maturity	Type	Color When Ripe
<b>Black Krim HEIRLOOM</b>	Plant produces high yields of dark reddish-black beefsteak tomatoes. Tomatoes have a rich tomato flavor and turn to reddish black (black tomato) when mature. Interior is reddish green and very sweet. Excellent for salads and sandwiches. A heirloom from the Black Sea region of Russia.	I	75 Days	Beefsteak	Reddish-Black (8 oz)

Name	Heirloom & Old Time Favorites	I or D	Days Until Maturity	Type	Color When Ripe
<b>Brandywine HEIRLOOM</b>	Potato leaf plant produces good yields of 1 to 2 lb pinkish red beefsteak tomatoes. Tomatoes have rich tomato flavor and pinkish red when mature. No disease resistance so give it the best of care. An Amish heirloom variety from the USA dating back to 1885. Considered a low-acid.	I	85 Days	Beefsteak	Pinkish Red 16-24 oz
<b>Cherokee Purple HEIRLOOM</b>	Plant produces high yields of 6 to 12 oz purplish pink tomatoes. Tomatoes have a sweet rich flavor and turn deep pink with purplish tint and green shoulders. Not a great yielder with little disease resistance. Grown over 100 years ago by the Cherokee Indians.	I	90 Days	Beefsteak	Purplish Pink (6-12 oz)
<b>Costoluto Genovese HEIRLOOM</b>	This Italian heirloom variety from the Tuscany region produces loads of bright red tomatoes with terrific flavor. Tomatoes are typically about 8 ounces, but may be larger, with a smooth shape rather than the heavily ribbed shape typical of Costoluto Genovese. The flavor is high in sugar, but also high in acid, making for outstanding taste that's wonderful fresh or made into sauces.	I	80 Days	Sauce	Red (6-8 oz)
<b>Hillbilly HEIRLOOM</b>	Potato leaf plant produces good yields of large 2 lb orange-yellow beefsteak tomatoes with red and pink streaks. Very flavorful. Excellent for salads and sandwiches.	I	85 Days	Beefsteak	Orange Yellow W/ Red / Pink Streaks (16-32 oz)
<b>Kellogg's Breakfast (HEIRLOOM)</b>	Recently named one of the best heirloom tomatoes by the food editors of Sunset magazine, Kellogg's Breakfast is finally getting the recognition it deserves. Originally bred in Michigan by a gardener named Kellogg, it is absolutely unique, both for its size and for its bold golden skin and juice, exactly the color of fresh-squeezed orange juice! This giant sets fruit weighing anywhere from 16 to 32 ounces. Slightly flattened, the globes are massive, hanging over the edges of sandwich bread. A good mix of solids and gels makes for a delicious bite, and you'll need many, many bites to finish just one Kellogg's Breakfast!	I	80 Days	Beefsteak	Orange (16-32 oz)
<b>Mortgage Lifter HEIRLOOM</b>	Plant produces good yields of 1 to 2 lb beefsteak tomatoes. Tomatoes have a sweet rich flavor and turn deep pink when mature. This variety was developed in the 1930's by Mr. Byles of Logan, WV to help pay off his home mortgage. He was able to pay off his mortgage in 6 years by selling the tomato plants. He crossed a German Johnson, Beefsteak, and Italian & English varieties to come up with this unique variety. Excellent for slicing and salads. Disease Resistant: VFN	I	80 Days	Beefsteak	Deep Pink (16-24 oz)
<b>Old Fashion (Striped German) HEIRLOOM</b>	Incredibly beautiful tomato with flavor to match. Huge, bi-colored and ribbed fruit. Yellow with red starting at blossom end. Striking slicer with fruity taste. A must!	I	78 Days	Slicing	Yellow & Red Bicolor
<b>Pineapple HEIRLOOM</b>	Plant produces good yields of extra large 2 lb yellow tomatoes with red streaks both on the outside and inside. The tomato is very flavorful. Plant bears an abundant crop all season long. A heirloom variety from the USA. Considered Low Acid.	I	85 Days	Slicing	Yellow & Red Bicolor (16-32 oz)
<b>Rutgers Select HEIRLOOM</b>	This old-time favorite produces heavy yields of 7 oz red tomatoes. Tomatoes are very flavorful. Excellent for slicing, sauce, and paste. Good canning variety. Disease Resistant.	D	73 Days	Slicing	Red (7 oz)
Name	Small Fruited, Roma And Cherry Tomatoes	I or D	Days Until Maturity	Type	Color When Ripe
<b>Candyland Red (F1) AAS WINNER</b>	Dark red fruit is round, smooth, and just about half an inch in diameter, weighing in at ¼-ounce, yet every bit is packed with supersweet, rich flavor. You will quickly get used to grabbing a handful of Candyland Reds every time you enter the vegetable garden -- they're a wonderful snack straight off the vine! Smaller than cherry tomatoes, currants are just one quick bite: intensely flavored yet so tiny! If you are new to growing this veggie, make Candyland Red Hybrid your way to start. The garden performance will astound you, and the flavor will satisfy your sweet tooth the healthy way.	I	55 Days	Small Fruited	Red (1/4 oz)

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Name	<b>Small Fruited, Roma And Cherry Tomatoes</b>	I or D	Days Until Maturity	Type	Color When Ripe
<b>Cupid (F1)</b>	Plant produces heavy yields of red grape tomatoes. There are a lot of grape tomatoes on the market, but Cupid advances to the next level in the areas of quality, flavor, yields and holding ability. The tomatoes are crack resistant and grow in grape like clusters. Keeps producing all season long up to the first frost. Great eating right off the vine, or in salads. Disease Resistant: FASt.	I	66 Days	Grape	Red (1/2 - 3/4 oz)
<b>Gold Spark (F1)</b>	Our new favorite snacking tomato! Gold Spark fruit are large, dark yellow beauties with unfailingly delicious, sweet, meaty flesh. Very adaptable, indeterminate plants yield heavy clusters of these elongated, 2 inch, crack-resistant grapes that offer excellent shelf life.	I	68 Days	Grape	Yellow (.5-1 oz)
<b>Early Resilience (F1) AAS Winner</b>	Early Resilience is a rounded Roma tomato with a deep red interior color, uniform maturity and good quality flesh for canning and cooking. Overall, this is an excellent variety that would be a home canner's dream. This could very well replace some of the other Roma varieties as a new standard .	D	70 Days	Roma Sauce/ Saladette	Red (3-3.5 Oz)
<b>LaRoma III (F1)</b>	An excellent roma tomato known for its vigor and uniformity. Bright red, meaty fruits are large, 5 to 8 ounces, and full of flavor. Disease resistant plants are very vigorous and produce fruit abundantly throughout the growing season. The perfect variety for any home gardener who enjoys canning or making their own pastes and sauces.	D	62 Days	Roma Sauce/ Saladette	Red (5-8 Oz)
<b>Little Bing (F1)</b>	Compact plants, with a tidy habit and healthy green foliage, are appealing in gardens and patios. At less than 24" tall, plants flourish in containers, stays a manageable size and produces lots of tomatoes in a period of a few weeks for a large harvest. Fruits are delicious fresh or in your favorite recipes. Small trellises can be used if needed. Yields large amounts of 1", flavor-filled, red cherry tomatoes.	D	60-65 Days	Cherry	Red (1/2 oz-1 oz)
<b>Midnight Snack (F1) AAS Winner</b>	Midnight Snack is a unique indigo-type cherry tomato that ripens to red with a beautiful glossy black-purple overlay when exposed to sunlight. This coloration comes from the accumulation of anthocyanin pigments, the same reason blueberries are blue and contain healthy antioxidants. The indeterminate growth habit means vines should be staked and, lucky for us gardeners, plentiful fruits will ripen all season long! Midnight Snack is great in salads or eaten straight off the plant...a guilt-free treat any time of the day or night. Judges commented on the improved taste of this indigo tomato and said this is a "Big improvement in purple tomatoes!"	I	65-70 Days	Cherry	Red Black Purple Overlay (1/2 - 1 oz)
<b>Purple Zebra* (F1)</b>	2022 AAS Winner! Purple Zebra tomato is a fun new addition to striped tomatoes, producing tomatoes that are rich with complex flavors and a moderately firm texture. Dark red fruits with green stripes and a deep mahogany red interior do not produce muddy coloration like other tomatoes of this type. The taste is sweet and acidic leaning to sweet. Overall, this tomato has a better taste and thinner skin than comparisons with excellent disease resistance. Judges in the know say this is a very marketable fruit for farmers' market growers. High disease resistance to ToMV, Verticillium Wilt Va/Vd, Fusarium Wilt Race 1, Leaf Mold A-E, Late Blight PH2/PH3, and intermediate resistance to TYLCV and TSWV.	I	75-80 Days	Small Fruited	Red/Green Striped (3-4 oz)
<b>Rapunzel (F1)</b>	Just like its fairy tale namesake, Rapunzel puts out long, cascading trusses, each with up to 40 sweet, bright red cherry tomatoes that keep coming all summer long. The long stems are quite impressive when picked fully loaded with tomatoes, which can be enjoyed individually as they ripen.	I	70 Days	Cherry	Red (3/4-1 oz)
<b>Red Racer (F1) AAS Winner</b>	Cocktail size, 1-1/2 inch tomatoes have a good sweet/acid balance, weigh 2 ounces, are uniform in size and grow in clusters. Compact plants produce huge yields 7 to 10 days earlier than comparable varieties. Ideal for small space and container gardens. One judge summed up this winner saying "Red Racer is small in size but big in taste!" Also resistant to Tomato Mosaic Virus.	D	57 Days	Small Fruited	Red (2 oz)

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Name	Small Fruited, Roma And Cherry Tomatoes	I or D	Days Until Maturity	Type	Color When Ripe
<b>Siam Mini</b>	Enjoy homegrown tomatoes year round! Referred to as "Kitchen Minis" by the breeder, these small potted plants were produced to grow indoors on windowsills or counters - pick delicious, 1/2" fruits in the comfort of your home. Plants, 14 to 16" tall, provide up to 2 quarts of tomatoes on one plant! Support with stakes if needed. Can be grown outdoors on patios as well.	D	70-84 Days	Small Fruited	Red (1/2-1 oz)
<b>Sugary (F1) AAS Winner</b>	Sugary. The name says it all. Judges raved about the sweet tomato flavor. The half-ounce dark pink fruit has a sugar content of 9.5%, higher than most others. The fruit is produced in clusters like grapes and can be eaten like them. Sugary tomatoes have a distinct shape; they are oval with a pointed blossom end. In addition to the flavor, Sugary plants produced a high yield with a noticeable lack of cracked fruit. Look for ripe fruit on the strong semi-indeterminate vines within 60 days from transplanting into warm, prepared garden soil or large containers. Plants are vigorous and may need pruning to contain growth. Sugary should set a new standard for 'cherry' sized tomatoes with a sweet flavor.	Semi-Indeterminate	60 Days	Grape	Red (1/2-1 oz)
<b>Sugar Plum* (F1)</b>	Produces heavy yields of ½ to 1 oz bright red grape tomatoes. They are very sweet and flavorful. It has been rated the best-tasting grape tomato in taste tests! Perfect for salads and snacks. An excellent choice for home gardens.	I	67 Days	Grape	Red (1/2-1 oz)
<b>Sunsugar (F1)</b>	Beautiful round nuggets of golden color; thin tasty skin. This golden-yellow cherry packs terrific tomato "tang" as well as a high sugar content into every small fruit. The result is the best eating you'll ever have from a cherry tomato! Go ahead, pop them like candy! They're loaded with vitamin A!	I	62-67 Days	Cherry	Golden Yellow (1/2-3/4 oz)
Name	NON Tomato	I or D	Days Until Maturity	Type	Color When Ripe
<b>Tomatillo Super Verde</b>	A fresh-on-the-market green tomatillo. Extra-large fruits are firm, weigh about 2-1/2 ounces each, have strong healthy husks, an attractive green color, and above-average shelf life. Sturdy plants have excellent vigor, cover, and fruit set. Features better uniformity, higher yield potential, and an extended harvest window – all improvements over comparable varieties.	I	75 Days		Green (2.5 oz)

### Tomato Information

**Determinate:** Ripens over 3-4 weeks on bushy vines that usually need little or no staking.

**Indeterminate:** Vines continue to grow and produce fruit all season until frost. Large vines need support.

### Tips to prevent blossom end rot:

Blossom end rot is caused by calcium deficiency, usually induced by fluctuations in the plant's water supply. To help prevent blossom end rot follow the tips below.

Maintain consistent levels of moisture in the soil throughout the growing season by giving your plants adequate water. Water thoroughly at root zone in the morning to prevent diseases. Tomato plants need about 1.5 inches of water per week during fruiting. Extreme fluctuations in soil moisture can result in a greater incidence of blossom end rot.

- Mulch will help maintain even moisture
- Allow soil to warm before planting; cold soils limit nutrient uptake.
- Fertilize with tomato fertilizers such as Bumper Crop Tomato & Vegetable Fertilizer or Master Nursery Tomato Food which have additional calcium needed by tomatoes. It works great on peppers, as well!