2015 HEIRLOOM TOMATO CATALOG

(Complete descriptions, including historical data)

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So what is an HEIRLOOM?

Some people define an “heirloom” by age, such as saying that any plant that originated before 1950 (after which hybridization became popular) is an heirloom. I prefer this definition: Seeds which have been passed down through family lines - generation to generation - with no discernible divergence. The seeds were saved because they were revered. All heirlooms are also open-pollinated.

What does Open-pollinated mean?

Open-pollinated plants are simply varieties that will produce seedlings just like the parent plant, year after year.

However, tomato plants can naturally cross pollinate - especially in areas with high sweat bee populations. It is estimated that this occurs between 2-5% of the time. To put this into perspective, if you saved 100 seeds and grew them out the following year, there is the potential that between two and five of those plants will not be the same as the others. Sometimes the seedling will vary slightly. Occasionally you will end up with a plant that looks nothing like the mother. This is often referred to as an outcross. Examples would be 'Cow's Tit' or 'Great White Beefsteak'. Don’t be disappointed if this happens in your garden. You never know, you may end up with something very interesting!

What does DETERMINATE, INDETERMINATE and DWARF mean?

DETERMINATE - A plant growth habit in which stems stop growing at a certain height terminating in a flower cluster. They tend to be shorter, earlier, have a concentrated fruit set, meaning fruits tend to ripen “all at once”. They make good candidates for home processing.

Once the vine produces its first set of flowers on the main growing stem, it will then produce flowers on every following internode or every second internode until finally terminating the growing stem with a flower truss instead of a continuation of the growing tip. Same holds true for all the side shoots.

INDETERMINATE - A plant growth habit in which stems keep growing indefinitely until disease or environmental conditions kill the plant. Indeterminate tomatoes, for example, often continue to grow and produce fruit until they are killed by frost.

After setting out its first flower truss (usually at the fourth or fifth internode from seed emergence), an indeterminate will continue to put out flower trusses on every third internode of the main growing stem until terminated by frost, disease, etc. Same pattern on the side shoots.

DWARF - A misleading and often confusing name for a classification of tomato plants, as height is NOT indicative of the eventual size of the plant. Dwarf plants are characterized foremost by shortened internode spacing; thick stems on bushy plants that usually have rugose foliage, but not always. Plants can either be determinate or indeterminate, ranging from 12 inches to 4 feet, depending on the variety.

Days to Maturity – The expected range of time from which a plant is set out in the garden to the first ripe fruit. This range is highly variable depending on many factors (temp., rainfall, soil, etc.).

Early: 55-65 days
Midseason: 65 - 80 days
Late: Usually over 80 days
The TOMATO COLOR CHART

Designed by Jason Haynes.

Quite often tomato NAMES are misleading or they do not accurately represent the actual COLOR of the fruit. Sometimes, descriptions can be confusing. This chart was created to help you correctly identify tomato colors using pictures of ACTUAL tomatoes.

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**ABRACA ZEBRA**

A beautiful black tomato with dark green shoulders and bright shiny skin and deep mahogany flesh, which is juicy and meaty. A great tomato with better-than-good production. Another plus is that they didn't shut down in our horrible heat and rain this past season.

**HISTORY:** I bought these seeds via SSE member (OH AN A) last winter, and they do match his description. However, Tom Wagner also released a tomato with this name, and it is definitely not a green striped cherry. Trades Wind Fruits apparently offered a tomato with this name in the past and the description is similar, so they could be the original source.

**GROWTH HABIT:** Indeterminate  
**MATURITY:** Mid-season  
**LEAF TYPE:** Regular  
**FRUIT CLASS:** Beefsteak  
**FRUIT SHAPE:** Oblate  
**FRUIT SIZE:** Large  
**FRUIT COLOR:** Black  
**USE:** Slicing, Salsa  
**ORIGIN:** Unknown

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**AMANA ORANGE**

Big plants produce above average amounts of beautiful glowing orange, oblate, fluted fruits that can grow to 2 lbs. or more, with an average diameter of 5 inches. These big beefsteaks have an intense full flavor that most tomatoes don't match! Excellent sweet, almost tropical fruit flavors. Considered by many to be a ‘go to’ orange tomato.

**HISTORY:** First introduced to Seed Savers Exchange by Gary Staley of Brandon, Florida in 1985. Gary named this tomato after the Amana Corporation, where he worked as a Customer Service Manager.

**GROWTH HABIT:** Indeterminate  
**MATURITY:** Mid-season  
**LEAF TYPE:** Regular  
**FRUIT CLASS:** Beefsteak  
**FRUIT SHAPE:** Oblate  
**FRUIT SIZE:** Large to Ex-Large  
**FRUIT COLOR:** Orange  
**USE:** Slicing, Salsa, Sauce  
**ORIGIN:** OP - USA

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**AMAZON CHOCOLATE**

This is truly a beautiful tomato. Chocolate - olive - purple fruits have dark green faint strips spilling down from the stem over the shoulders. Fruits can reach up to one pound. Flesh is brownish-purple with green tints. Flavor is deep, rich and sweet. Above average disease resistance.

**HISTORY:** Unknown.

**GROWTH HABIT:** Indeterminate  
**MATURITY:** Mid to Late-season  
**LEAF TYPE:** Potato Leaf  
**FRUIT CLASS:** Beefsteak  
**FRUIT SHAPE:** Oblate  
**FRUIT SIZE:** Large  
**FRUIT COLOR:** Black  
**USE:** Slicing, Home-processing  
**ORIGIN:** Unknown

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**AMISH SALAD**

Up to 6 blemish-free fruits per cluster, with many clusters on large plants which have untypically heavy foliage cover. Lots of large dark pink oval fruits which are great for salads, sauces and drying, average 1 - 2 oz., with firm flesh and large seeds. The taste is mild and sweet. Good keeper. Fruits seem to last forever on the vine without rotting or losing flavor.


**GROWTH HABIT:** Indeterminate  
**MATURITY:** Mid-season  
**LEAF TYPE:** Regular  
**FRUIT CLASS:** Cherry  
**FRUIT SHAPE:** Oval  
**FRUIT SIZE:** Small  
**FRUIT COLOR:** Pink  
**USE:** Salad, Fresh, Drying  
**ORIGIN:** Heirloom - USA
ANANAS NOIRE aka Black Pineapple

French for 'black pineapple', dark dusky pink fruits with olive green shoulders are beautiful in their own right. But slice one open and a stunning combination of olive green, pink and cream flesh will reveal itself. Outstanding sweet smoky flavor; a taste that is as complex as its colors. Fruits weigh an average of 1 1/2 lbs.

HISTORY: Found in a patch of 'Pineapple' tomatoes in Belgium by horticulturist Pascal Moreau, who then developed and stabilized it.

ANNA AASA

Deep-red, round fruits hang in long clusters from the vines which produce consistently for months. They are of very good intense flavor, which is intensified when plants are not over irrigated. Good disease resistance in my 2013 garden.

HISTORY: First listed in the SSE Yearbook by Åke Truedsson of Klagshamn, Sweden (SWED TR A) in 1996, who got the seed from a Swedish woman, Anna Aasa, who said that it was a very old variety of unknown name. Åke named it after Anna.

ANNA RUSSIAN

Large, sweet, pinkish-red, heart-shaped, fruits are early maturing. Beautiful fruits normally weigh about 1 lb. each. Superb, rich old-fashioned, tomato-y flavor with lots of juice. Wispy foliage on sturdy plants produce high yields born in clusters of two or three, and turn from green to pinkish-red when mature. An excellent tomato.

HISTORY: This heirloom heart variety came from Brenda Hillenius, of Oregon, who got seed from her grandfather, Kenneth Wilcox, who received his seeds from a Russian immigrant.

ARBUZNYI

Medium to large dark mahogany fruits with dark green shoulders that cascade down in faint thin stripes. Flesh is a combination of dark purple-pink. Productive. Very good flavor, which is unique - both smoky and tangy.

AUNT ANNA

Large fruits to 1.5 lbs., very meaty with enough juice to be an excellent burger & saucer. Slightly heart shaped fruits with fantastic tomato! Seems to be drought and disease resistant!

HISTORY: According to Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds 2009 Seed Catalog, this is an heirloom collected from an elderly Amish gardener from Holmes County, Ohio.

GROWTH HABIT: Indeterminate
MATURITY: Mid-season
LEAF TYPE: Regular
FRUIT CLASS: Beefsteak
FRUIT SHAPE: Heart
FRUIT SIZE: Large to Ex-Large
FRUIT COLOR: Red
USE: Slicing, Salsa, Sauce

AUNT RUBY’S GERMAN GREEN

Slightly flattened, ±1 lb. fruits ripen to a pale greenish-yellow with a slight pink blush that extends to the inside when they are fully mature. Superb, fruity sweet and slightly spicy flavor! Considered by many to be the finest-tasting green tomato. I have a customer that uses only this tomato for his special pesto. FRUITS ARE BEST PICKED BY FEEL, NOT SIGHT. WHEN THE FRUITS ARE SOFT TO THE TOUCH, THEY ARE READY!

HISTORY: This variety comes from the preservation efforts of Ruby Arnold of Greeneville, Tennessee who passed away in 1997.

GROWTH HABIT: Indeterminate
MATURITY: Mid-season
LEAF TYPE: Regular
FRUIT CLASS: Beefsteak
FRUIT SHAPE: Oblate
FRUIT SIZE: Large
FRUIT COLOR: Green When Ripe
USE: Slicing, Salsa, Sauce
ORIGIN: OP - USA, TN

AUSSIE, PINK

I love this tomato! Large 1 + lb., glossy, semi-oblate, lightly ribbed fruits which are intensely sweet and gently tart, juicy and meaty with few seeds. Fruits were nearly flawless, as you can see and are resistant to splitting. A perfect all-around tomato! Good resistance to all tomato plant diseases.

HISTORY: Australian heirloom. I received these seeds from a commercial vendor and an epidermis test revealed that these were pink (clear skin) fruits, not red as they should be.. From all photos that I could find of Aussie on the web, they look identical to Aussie, which is supposed to be red (yellow skin/epidermis). These are just too good to not offer.

GROWTH HABIT: Indeterminate
MATURITY: Mid-season
LEAF TYPE: Regular
FRUIT CLASS: Beefsteak
FRUIT SHAPE: Oblate
FRUIT SIZE: Large - Ex-Large
FRUIT COLOR: Pink
USE: Slicing, Salsa, Sauce
ORIGIN: Heirloom, Australia

BEEFSTEAK

This old standard variety has become a classic. Fruits turn darker red as they fully mature; solid and meaty. Medium sized fruits are formed in clusters of 4 to 6 per truss. Soft skinned for easy slicing. Several plants will ensure you have enough fruits for home processing as they are very productive.

HISTORY: Old commercial variety. Also known as, 'Red Ponderosa', 'Crimson Cushion' and 'Scarlett Beefsteak'

GROWTH HABIT: Indeterminate
MATURITY: Mid-season
LEAF TYPE: Regular
FRUIT CLASS: Beefsteak
FRUIT SHAPE: Round
FRUIT SIZE: Medium
FRUIT COLOR: Red
USE: Slicing, Salsa, Sauce
ORIGIN: Heirloom - USA
**BERKELEY TIE-DYE**

Good production of green fruit with yellow and red stripes which average 8-16 ounces. Interior flesh is a true tri-color: creamy green infused with various shades of red and yellow. Each of these colors has a different flavor resulting in a spicy, sweet, tart tomato with good acid all in one fruit.

**HISTORY:** A stable unknown cross that arose in the fields of Bradley Gates of California. This cultivar originated in a patch of 500 plants of F2 ‘Beauty King’ tomatoes at Wild Boar Farms in 1999-2000.

**BEST OF ALL (Sutton's)**

Polite plants produce copious amounts of scarlet red fruits, borne in clusters, in abundance. Its drought tolerance no doubt stems from its Indian roots. More meaty than juicy, and noticeably few seeds. Old time tomato flavor - more tart than sweet.

**HISTORY:** This is a very old variety appears to have been first sold commercially by Sutton's Seeds (Est. 1806), leading you to believe that it is of English origin. However, it appears that it is actually originates from New Delhi, India. (PI 298602)

**BIG CHEEF**

Considered to be one of the best tasting "black" tomatoes available today. That isn't surprising with Brandywine Sudduth's as one of its parents. Beautiful fruits are produced in abundance on stocky plants which show good heat and disease resistance. Once you try it, it will have a place in your garden every year.

**HISTORY:** A result of a natural cross of Brandywine, Sudduth's X Unknown in the garden of Ricky "B" of Murphreesboro, Tennessee.

**BIG RAINBOW**

Large (averaging a pound) to potentially really big (2 lb.) fruits are as meaty and juicy as they are gorgeous. As fruits ripen they resemble a rainbow: slight green shoulders, yellow meat with red swirls in the center extending to the blossom end. Fruits are sweet and voluptuous with little cat-facing or deformities. Very good resistance to foliar disease.

**HISTORY:** A family heirloom from Polk County, Minnesota. Original seed was sent to Dorothy Beiswenger of Crookston, Minnesota (MN BE D) in the early 1980s as a 'No Name' variety. Dorothy liked it so much that she decided to name it 'Big Rainbow' and then offered it in the SSE 1983 Yearbook under that name.
**BLACK CHERRY**
Beautiful, one-inch, dark purple fruits are amazingly rich and sweet in flavor. Vigorous vines pump out tons of fruit that pull easily from the vines. Rich, smooth taste typical of black tomatoes in a cherry size! Can produce up to 50 dusky pink fruit per truss. The greater the amount of exposure to and intensity of UV rays, the darker the color of fruit that will be produced.

**HISTORY:** Developed by the late Vince Sapp, husband of Linda Sapp, who owns Tomato Growers Supply, from a natural cross first released in 2003. The exact parentage of Black Cherry has not been shared.

**GROWTH HABIT:** Indeterminate  
**MATURITY:** Mid-season  
**LEAF TYPE:** Regular  
**FRUIT CLASS:** Cherry  
**FRUIT SHAPE:** Round  
**FRUIT SIZE:** Small  
**FRUIT COLOR:** Black  
**USE:** Fresh, Salad, Drying  
**ORIGIN:** OP - USA

**BLACK FROM TULA**
Medium sized, 3-4", slightly flattened fruits are dark brown mahogany with deep green shoulders. Meat is smooth in texture, weighing from 8 to 14 oz. each. A sweet, fruity and, smoky tasting tomato with outstanding flavor. Productive, they set well even when weather turns hot. Some cracking develops naturally on the fruit shoulders and will do so even more when over-watered.

**HISTORY:** Ukrainian family heirloom (although the name implies that it could have originated from Tula, Russia). This variety was imported from Russia via Marina Danilenkoo by Seed Savers Exchange and later offered in their 1996 Yearbook.

**GROWTH HABIT:** Indeterminate  
**MATURITY:** Mid-season  
**LEAF TYPE:** Regular  
**FRUIT CLASS:** Beefsteak  
**FRUIT SHAPE:** Oblate  
**FRUIT SIZE:** Medium  
**FRUIT COLOR:** Black  
**USE:** Fresh, salsa, Sauce  
**ORIGIN:** Ukrainian Heirloom

**BLACK KRIM**
Outstanding yields of 3-4" slightly flattened, dark purple beefsteak fruits with deep green shoulders - they turn almost black with sufficient sunlight and heat. The color varies according to the climate but generally the hotter the climate the darker the fruit. Intense, rich, slightly salty flavor. A heavy producer, but somewhat prone to cracking (which in no way effects the favor) when exposed to irregular cultural practices; this is also due to this varieties thin skin.

**HISTORY:** Originates from the Isle of Krim in the Black Sea off the coast of the Crimean Peninsula (Ukraine).

**GROWTH HABIT:** Indeterminate  
**MATURITY:** Mid-season  
**LEAF TYPE:** Regular  
**FRUIT CLASS:** Beefsteak  
**FRUIT SHAPE:** Oblate  
**FRUIT SIZE:** Medium  
**FRUIT COLOR:** Black  
**USE:** Slicing, Salsa, Sauce  
**ORIGIN:** Ukrainian Heirloom

**BLOODY BUTCHER**
Small globes (2-4 oz.) are produced in profusion in clusters of 5 to 9 fruits. Deep red fruits with a rich heirloom flavor. A must grow for super early and really great taste; they keep on going until killing frost.

A great variety for fresh use and for canning whole.

**HISTORY:** Bred by Tom Wagner, but introduced by the late Kees Sahin (Sahin Seeds), in 1998, of the Netherlands.

**GROWTH HABIT:** Indeterminate  
**MATURITY:** Early-season  
**LEAF TYPE:** Potato Leaf  
**FRUIT CLASS:** Salad  
**FRUIT SHAPE:** Globe  
**FRUIT SIZE:** Small  
**FRUIT COLOR:** Red  
**USE:** Fresh, Home-processing  
**ORIGIN:** Unknown, OP - USA
**BOETZ (aka Buyan & Boets)**

Super early at only 50-55 days, large meaty fruits are borne on determinate tree-type vines that are bushy and compact. Dwarf plants don't exceed 3 ft. in height, making them perfect container candidates. Cold tolerant with very good yields of red, elongated-oval fruits. Tangy, meaty flesh of very good flavor. The name 'Boets' means "Fighter" in Russian.

**HISTORY:** Originated from the Siberian Research Institute of Plants and Breeding in Russia. First listed in the SSE Yearbook in 2007 by Al Anderson of Ohio (OH AN A), who obtained seeds from Geza Korbely in Hungary.

**GROWTH HABIT:** Dwarf/Determinate  
**MATURITY:** Early-season  
**LEAF TYPE:** Rugose  
**FRUIT CLASS:** Paste  
**FRUIT SHAPE:** Heart/Oblong  
**FRUIT SIZE:** Medium  
**FRUIT COLOR:** Red  
**USE:** Slicing, Sauce, Canning  
**ORIGIN:** Russian commercial

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**BONNY BEST**

Over 120 YEARS later, still considered by many to be the 'go to' canning tomato. Bright scarlet fruits are smooth, round and almost completely blemish-free. Meaty, coreless, with small seed cavities and good flavor. Fruits average around 8 ounces; just on the cusp of categorizing them with the beefsteaks. Strong plants are not unruly staying under 5 ft.; Good disease resistance. Performs very well in cooler climates.

**HISTORY:** Developed by George W. Middleton of Jeffersonville, Pennsylvania from a plant selected in a field of 'Chalk's Early Jewel' in the early 1900s. First commercially introduced in 1908 by Stokes' Seeds, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Also known as 'John Baer'.

**GROWTH HABIT:** Indeterminate  
**MATURITY:** Mid-season  
**LEAF TYPE:** Regular  
**FRUIT CLASS:** Slicer  
**FRUIT SHAPE:** Round  
**FRUIT SIZE:** Medium  
**FRUIT COLOR:** Red  
**USE:** Slicing, Salsa, Canning  
**ORIGIN:** Commercial Heirloom - USA

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**BOX CAR WILLIE**

Vigorous plants yield abundant crops of 6 to 12 oz., smooth, bright orange-red slicer tomatoes with distinctly delicious well-balanced, rich, sweet flavor. It is well suited for use as a main crop tomato. Good resistance to disease and cracking.

**HISTORY:** Bred by Joe Bratka's father. Joe found seeds for this variety and several others, including 'Red Barr', 'Mule Team' and 'Great Divide' in a toolshed after his father's passing. Unsuccessful in germinating them he sent them to Carolyn Male, who did succeed. Seed was shared with other gardeners and SSE members in the mid-1990s.

**GROWTH HABIT:** Indeterminate  
**MATURITY:** Mid-season  
**LEAF TYPE:** Regular  
**FRUIT CLASS:** Beefsteak  
**FRUIT SHAPE:** Round  
**FRUIT SIZE:** Medium  
**FRUIT COLOR:** Red  
**USE:** Sauce, Fresh, Canning  
**ORIGIN:** OP - USA

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**BRANDYWINE**

This is by far the best known of all heirlooms and for good reason - everyone who tastes it is enchanted by its superb flavor. Fruits set one or two per cluster (1 lb. each) on vigorous upright plants and are an appetizing shade of dark pink. Production is light during mid-season, increasing later in the season, when the summer heat sets in. While not the highest production of any variety, I have not experienced them being stingy, either.

**HISTORY:** It is believed that the Brandywine is an Amish heirloom variety from the USA dating back to 1885.

**GROWTH HABIT:** Indeterminate  
**MATURITY:** Mid to Late-season  
**LEAF TYPE:** Potato  
**FRUIT CLASS:** Beefsteak  
**FRUIT SHAPE:** Oblate  
**FRUIT SIZE:** Large  
**FRUIT COLOR:** Pink  
**USE:** Fresh, Salsa, Sauce  
**ORIGIN:** Heirloom- USA
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<td>Pink fruits average 14 ounces but can reach 2 pounds. Incredibly rich, delightfully intense tomato flavor. While this strain is later to ripen, it is considered by many to be the most delicious strain available. Simply an exceptional tomato that no gardener should be without!</td>
<td>History: This particular strain was obtained in 1980 by Ben Quisenberry from Doris Sudduth Hill. Ms. Hill said that it had been in her family since about 1900.</td>
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<td>OP/Heirloom - various</td>
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<td>Pink heart-shaped fruits, with green shoulders, average between 8-14 oz., but can reach 2 lbs. when grown well. Meaty, with few seeds and very good to excellent flavor. Very good production. A very versatile tomato.</td>
<td>History: There are a lot of varieties called 'Bull's Heart' in various languages - some of them may be the same tomato, but some may be different even if they share the same name.</td>
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<td>GWR Bi-color</td>
<td>Slicing, Salsa, Sauce</td>
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<td>This truly amazing tomato is becoming highly sought after by 'in the know' gardeners around the world. Technically classified as a Green-When-Ripe (GWR) bi-color, each of the colors come together to create a powerhouse for the taste buds. Green shoulders extend down to the middle of the fruity where the outside is then permeated by the interior red blush, enabling you to see when the fruits are ripe. Only by slicing this tomato can you fully appreciate its beauty though - lime green outer walls fall way to yellow meat with reddish-pink swirls in the center. Bold, tangy and sweet all in one mouthful. Fruits average between 8-16 ounces.</td>
<td>History: Millard Murdock, a North Carolina tomato aficionado and artisan breeder, found and stabilized this variety from an unintentional cross of Lucky Cross X an unknown (probably dark) tomato which occurred in his garden in 2009.</td>
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<td>Compact, dark green rugose leaved plants stay under 3 foot tall with good to high production of fine tasting 4-8 oz. round orange-red fruits. Juicy, with very good acidic flavor. Plants are so fruit laden that you will need to use some hefty stakes, even though they don't need to be tall.</td>
<td>History: Unknown. First offered in the Seed Savers 2007 Yearbook by Michael Gunn of Pasadena, Texas (TX GU R), who received the seed from Jennifer Hutson of Kingston, Ontario, Canada.</td>
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CHALK’S EARLY JEWEL

Small to medium sized red fruits, 2-3" in size, are borne in clusters of 3 to 5 per spray. Fruits ripen to a deep crimson red with a meaty and tender interior. Juicy, with a hint of spiciness combined with some acidity deriving its remarkable flavor. A great standard, main-crop variety.

HISTORY: Created by James Chalk of Norristown, Pennsylvania in 1899. Later offered commercially through at least 2 seed companies. It is a cousin to ‘Bonny Best’. USDA PI 1033360

CHEROKEE CHOCOLATE

Large sprawling plants produce great yields of 10-16 oz. fruits that ripen to a rich reddish-brown exterior and deep crimson interior. Same excellent, deep flavor of Cherokee Purple.

HISTORY: A stable skin color mutation of Cherokee Purple (from clear to yellow) which was found by Craig LeHoullier in his garden in 1995.

CHEROKEE LIME

Beautiful Green-When-Ripe (GWR) beefsteak tomatoes that are tangy and noticeably sweet (as GWR's are noted for) with the most beautiful rose-colored swirl in the center that extends out to the blossom end of the fruit. Fruits average just under a pound.

HISTORY: An off-type found by Bill Jeffers of Evansville, IN in a package of Golden Cherokee.

CHEROKEE PURPLE

Large fruits are smooth with slightly ridged shoulders. Ripens to a unique dark, dusky pink/purple color. The brick-red flesh color carries throughout, especially at the stem end. Exceptional flavor is rich and full-bodied; both sweet and smoky. Plants are very productive producing early large crops of 8-16 oz. fruit.

HISTORY: Seed was sent to Craig LeHoullier by John D. Green of Sevierville, Tennessee, in 1990 as an unnamed variety. The original letter sent with the seed details that Mr. Green got the variety from a woman who, in turn, received them from her neighbor. The neighbor claimed that they have been in their family for 100 years, originally receiving them from the Cherokee Indians. Craig named the variety and listed it in the SSE yearbook the year after he first grew them (1990). It has since been learned through DNA testing that this variety is not over a hundred years old. But, it makes for a good story.
**CHERRY BERRY**

Glossy, bright-red, strawberry-shaped fruits that are blemish-free, crack-resistant, disease-resistant on hardy potato-leaved plants and seem to hang forever on the vine. Not overly sweet as the name and shape may cause you to expect - having enough tanginess to make your mouth say, "Wow!".

**HISTORY:** Seed source: SSE 2013 Yearbook, Neal Anderson (OH AN A). From what I can tell this is a sibling line / OP version of the earlier test trials of the hybrid "Tomato Berry.”

**GROWTH HABIT:** Indeterminate
**MATURITY:** Mid
**LEAF TYPE:** Potato
**FRUIT CLASS:** Cherry
**FRUIT SHAPE:** Strawberry
**FRUIT SIZE:** Small
**FRUIT COLOR:** Red
**USE:** Salad, Fresh, Drying
**ORIGIN:** OP

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**CHOCOLATE CHERRY**

These highly-productive plants produce trusses of 1” fruit non-stop throughout the summer. Dark purple in color, sweet and delicious in taste, this cherry makes a beautiful addition to any salad. Many people believe this is the best-tasting cherry tomato on the market.

**HISTORY:** Aaron Whaley, founder of Seed Savers Exchange, developed this tomato trying to create a plant which was superior and more uniform than *Black Cherry*.

**GROWTH HABIT:** Indeterminate
**MATURITY:** Mid-season
**LEAF TYPE:** Regular
**FRUIT CLASS:** Cherry
**FRUIT SHAPE:** Globe
**FRUIT SIZE:** Small
**FRUIT COLOR:** Black
**USE:** Fresh, Salad, Drying
**ORIGIN:** OP - USA

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**CHOCOLATE STRIPES**

Striking dark red, almost brown exteriors are streaked with green stripes. Interior meat is deep reddish-brown. Nearly blemish-free, medium to large fruits, averaging 1 lb., are sometimes typically shaped, but more often they are more u-shaped. Deliciously rich complex flavor is very sweet and yet has a full-bodied flavor.

**HISTORY:** A cross between 'Schimmeig Cregg' and an unknown pink beefsteak, developed by Al Anderson of Covington, Ohio.

**GROWTH HABIT:** Indeterminate
**MATURITY:** Mid-season
**LEAF TYPE:** Regular
**FRUIT CLASS:** Beefsteak
**FRUIT SHAPE:** Oblate
**FRUIT SIZE:** Large
**FRUIT COLOR:** Brown
**USE:** Slicing, Salsa, Sauce
**ORIGIN:** OP - USA

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**CLIMBING TRIPLE L CROP**
*(aka GIANT TREE)*

Large (1 lb.) dark pink - crimson tomatoes that grow as big as 6 inches across. It has meaty centers with solid divisions. It is by far the most productive tomato, often producing 2 bushels from just one plant. Plants can easily reach 12-18 feet. Tomatoes are mildly flavored and meaty with few seeds. This variety is much more suited to growing in cooler climates.

**HISTORY:** Breeder and vendor: Burgess Seed and Plant Co., Galesburg, Michigan. Parentage: unknown; probably one of more vigorous strains of potato-leaf Ponderosa type, parent plant found in field of Colossal. Characteristics: strong, climbing potato-leaf vines that is very productive under favorable conditions. Adaptation: same areas as beef-steak types. Burgess Catalog. 1937. (USDA PI 303799).

**GROWTH HABIT:** Indeterminate
**MATURITY:** Mid to Late-season
**LEAF TYPE:** Potato
**FRUIT CLASS:** Beefsteak
**FRUIT SHAPE:** Oblate
**FRUIT SIZE:** Large
**FRUIT COLOR:** Pink
**USE:** Fresh, Juice, Sauce
**ORIGIN:** OP
CLINT EASTWOOD'S ROWDY RED

Deep red, round, nearly blemish free, fruits have a characteristic point on the blossom end. Robust flavor with firm, juicy flesh that is sweet in the background, fruity yet balanced with acidity, and complex flavor. Prolific plants produce loads of 3” to 4”, 10-12 oz. fruits which are excellent for eating fresh, cooking or canning. Proven resistant to several of the most common tomato diseases: verticillium wilt, fusarium wilt, nematodes and tobacco mosaic.

HISTORY: Introduced by Gary Isben, owner of TomatoFest.

COSTOLUTO GENOVESE

Bright red (6-10oz.), flattened, globes range from fairly smooth to heavily scalloped and pleated. Fruits are meaty, full-flavored, and well-balanced with a bit of acidity.

For sauce, nothing beats Costoluto Genovese. It comes through the processor practically finished sauce and it is a tomato that tastes entirely different cooked than raw.

HISTORY: This old Italian heirloom has been a favorite along the Mediterranean for sauces and concentrates since before the nineteenth century.

COSMONAUT VOLKOV

Early for a large beefsteak, 4-inch red fruits are sweet, rich and full bodied. This underestimated variety, is incredibly productive and tastier than many others. Old-time flavor with a sharp edge. Fruits can vary in shape and size. Disease resistant plants, do well in cold summers or poor soils, yet produces well in hot weather.

HISTORY: Named by the former space engineer Igor Mikhailovich of Maslov after his friend Vladislav Volkov, a Russian cosmonaut, who was killed during the landing of the Russian spaceship Soyuz 11, along with the other crew members.

COUSTRALEE

A large red beefsteak with some ribbing at the shoulders, grow in clusters of two or three. Fruits are typically about 4 inches across, quite meaty, and smoothly textured. Fruits average 1 lb., but can reach 3 to 4 pounds when properly grown. High yields of superbly tasting fruits. The flavor is intense and pure – neither tart nor sweet, but well-balanced.

HISTORY: A French heirloom given to Seed Savers Exchange by Norbert Parreira of Hellimer, France.
### COW'S TIT

**GROWTH HABIT:** Indeterminate  
**MATURITY:** Mid-season  
**LEAF TYPE:** Regular Leaf  
**FRUIT CLASS:** Paste  
**FRUIT SHAPE:** Elongated  
**FRUIT SIZE:** Medium to Large  
**FRUIT COLOR:** Red  
**USE:** Slicing, Sauce, Paste  
**ORIGIN:** OP – USA, NC

Large, 7" long, red elongated fruits shaped like well, you know! Very good sweet taste, excellent both fresh and processed. High yields of fruits keep well after picking, one of the best paste tomatoes available.

**HISTORY:** Original single plant was found in a Valle Crucis, North Carolina grower’s field associated with the Mast Farm Inn in summer of 1994 by Keith Mueller. Plant was an off type that stood out in size and foliage color from plantings among ‘Mountain Pride’ and ‘Better Boys’.

### COYOTE

**GROWTH HABIT:** Indeterminate  
**MATURITY:** Mid-season  
**LEAF TYPE:** Regular  
**FRUIT CLASS:** Currant  
**FRUIT SHAPE:** Round  
**FRUIT SIZE:** Small  
**FRUIT COLOR:** Yellow  
**USE:** Salad, Fresh, Drying  
**ORIGIN:** Heirloom - Mexico

Small (1/2 oz.), ivory-yellow fruit is produced in sprays - hundreds per plant! Vigorous vines with many delicate leaves are early, and keep producing until hard frost. Superb flavor! Winner of many Tomato Testing festivals.

**HISTORY:** This variety was given to heirloom tomato collector Craig LeHoullier by Maye Clement during a Pennsylvania Horticultural Society Harvest Fair show, as a cluster of fruit on the vine. She indicated that it grew wild in her home country of Mexico. Craig believes it may actually be *L. pimpinellifolium*. However, Ms. Clement stated that it is called ‘Coyote’ in her hometown.

### CZECH’S BUSH

**GROWTH HABIT:** Dwarf / Determinate  
**MATURITY:** Mid-season  
**LEAF TYPE:** Rugose  
**FRUIT CLASS:** Salad  
**FRUIT SHAPE:** Globe  
**FRUIT SIZE:** Medium  
**FRUIT COLOR:** Red  
**USE:** Slicing, Sauce, Canning  
**ORIGIN:** Czechoslovakia - OP

Heavy yields of round 4-6 ounce red fruits early in the season. Attractive stocky plants with rugose foliage will need a sturdy stake for support as these plants may be short in stature, but they will become heavily fruit laden. Excellent choice for containers, but make sure you use as big of a pot as you have, because this is a beast of a (dwarf) plant.

**HISTORY:** Seed was originally sent to Ben Quisenberry in 1976 by Milan Sodomka of Czechoslovak, and later offered by Seed Savers Exchange.

### DEMIDOV

**GROWTH HABIT:** Dwarf / Determinate  
**MATURITY:** Early to Mid-season  
**LEAF TYPE:** Rugose  
**FRUIT CLASS:** Slicer  
**FRUIT SHAPE:** Oblate  
**FRUIT SIZE:** Medium  
**FRUIT COLOR:** Pink  
**USE:** Slicing, Pink, Sauce  
**ORIGIN:** OP - Russia

Beautiful, baseball sized (seed saved from 7.2 ounce fruit) come on early and in profusion. Fruits are nearly blemish-free and resisted cracking even with weeks of rain. The flavor is outstanding - a sweet start with a nice acid finish. This is a keeper!

This is a beast of a tree-type plant. You will need to have heavy duty stakes to keep the plant from falling over. Heavy, rugose foliage cover.

**HISTORY:** Russian variety from Siberia, introduced by Western Siberian Potato-Vegetable Exp. Lab.
DIAZ
This potentially HUGE variety was bred to try and break the current world record for the largest tomato. In 2011, Julian Diaz (the breeder) produced a 4.20 lb. fruit from it. Julian received his seeds from a 3.59 lb. specimen grown by Duane Perry of Ohio; beyond that, the parentage is uncertain. As you can see from the photo (mine, 2013), 'normal' growth is still quite large, with fruits averaging 1lb. even in my distressed garden. Size aside, this is a great tasting tomato. Just a few of these plants and all your sauce needs will be taken care of for the season.

HISTORY: The namesake of Julian Diaz of Indiana, who is a well-known Giant Tomato grower, having once won the state championship for the heaviest tomato.

GROWTH HABIT: Indeterminate
MATURITY: Mid-season
LEAF TYPE: Regular
FRUIT CLASS: Beefsteak
FRUIT SHAPE: Oblate
FRUIT SIZE: Large to XL
FRUIT COLOR: Red
USE: Fresh, Salsa, Sauce
ORIGIN: OP - USA

DINNER PLATE
Variable shaped, with earlier fruits taking on a more oblate beefsteak shape, without the heavy pleating. The fruit can get well over a pound and the plants are very productive. Very juicy for a heart-shaped tomato, which tend to be meatier. Dark, high crimson, red flesh lends itself to making this perfect a perfect tomato for sauces, paste or ketchup. Just an excellent for all-round use.

HISTORY: An heirloom tomato that traces back at least to the SSE 1982 Yearbook, where it was listed by Will Bonsall of Maine (ME BO W). Both heart-shaped and beefsteak fruit, pink and red have been reported. The correct version are red heart-shaped.

GROWTH HABIT: Indeterminate
MATURITY: Mid-season
LEAF TYPE: Regular
FRUIT CLASS: Beefsteak
FRUIT SHAPE: Variable / Heart
FRUIT SIZE: Large to XL
FRUIT COLOR: Red
USE: Fresh, Salsa, Sauce
ORIGIN: Unknown - OP

DIXIEWINE
A workhorse, that outperformed in my wretched rain-soaked, cold-then- hot, then water deprived garden, it also had to compete with the roots of a mature maple tree. All of this and it just kept pumping out blemish-free fruits just like the one that you see pictured. If you are a fan of Brandywine this one is for you - way more productive and unbelievable flavor.

HISTORY: Original cross was made by Bill Jeffers, of Evansville, IN. (Pedigree: Brandywine X Neves Azorean Red). Sister line to Texwine and McMurray #10.

GROWTH HABIT: Indeterminate
MATURITY: Mid to Late-season
LEAF TYPE: Regular
FRUIT CLASS: Beefsteak
FRUIT SHAPE: Oblate
FRUIT SIZE: Large
FRUIT COLOR: Red
USE: Fresh, Salsa, Sauce
ORIGIN: OP - USA

D’JENA LEE’S GOLDEN GIRL
Plants produce huge amounts of 6 – 8 oz. fruits which have a distinctive clear orange color and a flavor that is sweet, tangy, and richly balanced.

HISTORY: his 1920’s family heirloom of the Lee family won first prize at the Chicago Fair, ten years in a row (1920’s to 1930’s), so it's rumored. It was named for the grand-daughter of Minnesota financier, Jim Lee. Dáiena (pronounced as "Zshena"), his grand-daughter, was part Indian. On moving from Minnesota to Illinois in 1929, Dáiena gave started plants to Reverend Morrow (then 15-years old), who nurtured and preserved this variety. Seeds eventually became available through Southern Exposure Seed Exchange in 1981.

GROWTH HABIT: Indeterminate
MATURITY: Mid-season
LEAF TYPE: Regular Leaf
FRUIT CLASS: Salad
FRUIT SHAPE: Globe
FRUIT SIZE: Medium
FRUIT COLOR: Orange
USE: Salsa, Fresh, Sauce
ORIGIN: OP - USA
**DWARF STONE (LIVINGSTON'S)**

Very prolific, compact plants with sparse, rugose foliage, smooth fruits, which ripen evenly. They are very easy to grow - not very tall and are loaded with 2 - 3" red tomatoes that are mild and sweet.

**HISTORY:** Introduced in 1902 by A. W. Livingston. My original seed stock came from GRIN PI 339941.

**EARLY WONDER**

Compact, sturdy, determinate plants around 3 foot tall, produce 3-6 oz. dark pink globes of very good flavor - juicy and sweet; One of the best tasting short season varieties that even do well in cool weather. A great candidate for containers. This variety is well suited for canning whole.

**HISTORY:** Named and released by the Burgess Seed and Plant Company. Parentage is unknown but original seed is to have come from a home gardener from California in 1947.

**ECKERT POLISH**

High yields of pink beefsteaks are oblate and lightly ribbed; meaty with not too many seeds and good juice. Fruits average between 8 oz. and 1 ½ pounds. Flavor is excellent - more sweet than acidic. Prolific, disease resistant plants. A must try! A keeper!

**HISTORY:** Heirloom from Poland. Carolyn Male received seeds from Duane Smith in 1991; she then introduced it through Seed Savers Exchange in 1992.

**EVA PURPLE BALL**

Smooth, round 4-5 ounce blemish-free pink fruits with red flesh. Very good flavor. Healthy plants and foliage, does well in humid areas. This is a real work horse and an excellent candidate for home processing, as a couple plants will provide plenty of fruits at one time.

**HISTORY:** Brought from the Black Forest region of Germany in the late 1800s by the family of Joseph J. Bratka of Elmwood Park, New Jersey.
EXTREME NORTH (Krainiy Sever)

These small, tree-type, thick-stemmed plants were bred for the cold (Zones 3-4). They produce red, smallish globe fruits of good flavor, early.

HISTORY: Introduced to North America by Andrey Baranovski of Minsk, Belarus in 2007 and later distributed by Dan and Val McMurray. The Russian name (Krainiy Sever) was translated when seeds were traded and has been become known here as 'Extreme North'.

GROWTH HABIT: Dwarf / Determinate
MATURITY: Early-season
LEAF TYPE: Regular
FRUIT CLASS: Salad
FRUIT SHAPE: Globe
FRUIT SIZE: Small
FRUIT COLOR: Red
USE: Slicing, Salsa, Canning
ORIGIN: OP - Russian commercial

FIREWORKS

What makes this variety really special is that it is one of the largest (up to 8 oz.), earliest red slicing tomatoes available, and it has very good flavor. This combination of size, earliness and good taste is truly uncommon. Fruits are bright red-orange, round and considerably blemish-free. Loads of fruit on vigorous plants.

HISTORY: Bred by Tim Peters of Peters Seed and Research in Oregon.

GROWTH HABIT: Indeterminate
MATURITY: Early-season
LEAF TYPE: Regular
FRUIT CLASS: Slicer
FRUIT SHAPE: Globe
FRUIT SIZE: Medium
FRUIT COLOR: Red
USE: Fresh, salsa, Sauce
ORIGIN: US - Commercial

FRANK’S LARGE RED

Flattened, oblate, lightly ribbed red beefsteaks average a pound, but regularly go larger, especially if well cultivated. Production is very good both in the cool spring and hot summer. Very good, old-fashioned flavor; both sweet and tart. This one really stood out in my 'less than perfect' 2013 garden.

HISTORY: Eastern Kentucky Family Heirloom, old seed discovered in the attic following the death of a family member.

GROWTH HABIT: Indeterminate
MATURITY: Mid-season
LEAF TYPE: Regular
FRUIT CLASS: Beefsteak
FRUIT SHAPE: Oblate
FRUIT SIZE: Large to XL
FRUIT COLOR: Red
USE: Fresh, Salsa, Sauce
ORIGIN: Heirloom - KY, USA

GAJO DE MELON

One ounce fruits are pink and yellow, blended and marbled together, in lovely melon tones. The skin is very a pretty bi-color, but the red does not appear on the inside. In my garden, fruits do not come into their true coloration until they are fully ripe. Outstanding, sweet, fruity flavor! Very prolific.

HISTORY: Seeds were first offered in 2006 by Seed Saver Exchange member Eduardo Valenzuela of California.

GROWTH HABIT: Indeterminate
MATURITY: Mid-season
LEAF TYPE: Regular
FRUIT CLASS: Cherry
FRUIT SHAPE: Round
FRUIT SIZE: Small
FRUIT COLOR: Bi-color
USE: Fresh, Salad, Drying
ORIGIN: OP - USA
GARY'O SENA

Vigorous, plants set well and produce rather early for such large sized fruits (70-75 days). First fruits have been recorded as early as 68 days. Medium to large dark pink-purple fruits with a little green on the shoulders have an excellent sweet flavor. The skin is thin, the core is small. Fruits can be variable in shape throughout the season. Sets well in heat, too, probably to its Brandywine parentage.

HISTORY: Bred by Keith Mueller, Kansas City, MO. Original cross was Brandywine X Cherokee Purple. Stabilized varieties from this cross include Dora, Gary'O Sena and Liz Birt and Bear Creek.

GEORGE'S GREEK BEEFSTEAK

Notes to myself from 2013: "GROW THIS!" Large (1 lb. +), red, slightly flattened and slightly fluted beefsteaks with above average production in a way below average gardening year. The taste was excellent, too.

HISTORY: Tatiana Kouchnareva received seed from her co-worker Tina Exarchoulis, of Vancouver, BC in 2005, it in her garden in 2006 and then offered it in the 2007 SSE Yearbook. Tina said that her Dad (George Exarchoulis) has been growing this tomato for many years in his garden in Vancouver, BC, and that he brought the original seeds with him when he immigrated to Canada from Greece.

GERMAN QUEEN

Sturdy, vigorous and earlier than most other beefsteaks. Pink, 1 lb.+, fruits are slightly ribbed and nearly blemish free. A milder, less acidic flavor along with a meaty texture which makes this variety a slicing and sandwich favorite. It consistently outperforms nearly all other varieties from the beginning of the season to the end in my garden. Plants offered this year are from seed that I collected from a near blemish-free 2 1/4 lb. ripe fruit quite early in the season.

HISTORY: An heirloom from Kentucky. SSE TOMATO 86

GOLD MEDAL

Orange and yellow splashed with pink fruits are heavily marbled with red inside and out. Good production of 8 - 12 oz. (and sometimes to 1 lb. or more). Ben wrote: "The sweetest tomato you ever tasted. The yellow with streaks of red makes them very attractive and a gourmet's joy when sliced." Winner of the 2008 SSE Tomato Tasting.

GRANDMA OLIVER'S CHOCOLATE

A great full flavored sweet tomato. Not very well known, yet, this one has come up through the tomato addicts rank and files as a "must grow".

Fruits are brownish thru dark brick red with olive green shoulders. Interior flesh is a deep, dark smoky pink.

HISTORY: A cross developed by Marianna's Heirloom Seeds from Grandma Oliver's Green and a black tomato.

GROWTH HABIT: Indeterminate
MATURITY: Mid-season
LEAF TYPE: Regular
FRUIT CLASS: Beefsteak
FRUIT SHAPE: Oblate
FRUIT SIZE: Large
FRUIT COLOR: Black
USE: Fresh, Salsa, Sauce
ORIGIN: OP - USA

GREAT DIVIDE

Outstanding, near blemish-free red fruits that average around 3/4 of a pound, but can go substantially larger. One of the best red beefsteaks around. Distinctively rich old-fashioned tomato flavor. This should be a staple in everyone's garden.

HISTORY: Bred by Joe Bratka's father. Joe found the seeds in glass jars in a tool shed on their/his property, could not germinate any of them and sent seeds to Carolyn Male (NY MA C), who succeeded in germinating the seed. Carolyn Male offered the seeds at Garden Web in 2005, giving non-SSE members access to this great variety, which deserves wider recognition.

GROWTH HABIT: Indeterminate
MATURITY: Mid-season
LEAF TYPE: Regular
FRUIT CLASS: Beefsteak
FRUIT SHAPE: Globe
FRUIT SIZE: Medium
FRUIT COLOR: Red
USE: Fresh, Salsa, Sauce
ORIGIN: OP - USA

GREAT WHITE BEEFSTEAK

Large, 1 lb., creamy pale yellowish - white fruits are superbly wonderful. The flesh is so good and deliciously fruity; it reminds one of a mixture of fresh exotic fruits, yet retaining enough acid to make your taste buds take notice. Fruit are smoother than most large beefsteak types, and yields can be very high.

HISTORY: This fine variety was developed by Glecklerâ. They state the following on their website: "This tomato was a mutation grown out of a packet of an orange oxheart type seed we received from a gardener to try in the 1980’s, which only one plant came to produce a large white tomato that resembled a beefsteak tomato."

GROWTH HABIT: Indeterminate
MATURITY: Mid-season
LEAF TYPE: Regular
FRUIT CLASS: Beefsteak
FRUIT SHAPE: Oblate
FRUIT SIZE: Large
FRUIT COLOR: White
USE: Fresh, Salsa, Sauce
ORIGIN: OP - USA

GREEN ZEBRA

Fruits are variable in shape, but mostly slightly elongated globes with some slight ridges on the shoulder. Averaging 2 inches wide, and 3 ounces, alternating dark-green zebra-like striped skin will have a slight yellow-blush when ripe. Interior flesh is an emerald color and superbly tangy. Plants show some resistance to Septoria leaf spot. As with all GWR (Green When Ripe) fruits, it is best to pick fruits by feel, rather than by sight.

HISTORY: Developed in 1985 by heirloom tomato breeder Tom Wagner of Tater Mater Seeds.

GROWTH HABIT: Indeterminate
MATURITY: Mid-season
LEAF TYPE: Regular
FRUIT CLASS: Salad
FRUIT SHAPE: Oval
FRUIT SIZE: Medium
FRUIT COLOR: GWR
USE: Slicing, Salsa, Sauce
ORIGIN: USA - Created OP
GUIDO

Another standout in my far from perfect 2013 garden. Wispy-leaved plants with above average production of meaty, juicy, deep crimson colored fruits averaging around a pound; Very, very tasty. Still fairly unknown and only available by a few small seed vendors.

HISTORY: There is no known history of this variety other than it was originally offered via the SSE Yearbook in 2007 by now deceased Dan and Val McMurray of Wynndel, BC, Canada, who got the seeds from R.R. Bruijn, The Netherlands.

HARVARD SQUARE

New to me in 2013, I loved it - It's beautiful, it's big and it tastes great. It seems that there may be at least two different strains circulating. Mine (photographed) were Green When Ripe, with interior red marbling that permeated the exterior skin when completely ripe. Fruit size was variable from 8 oz. to over 1 1/2 lbs.

HISTORY: First introduced in Seed Savers 2007 Yearbook by Martin Longseth of Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, who got the seed from Pat Yourell, Old Webster Farm, Sparta, Wisconsin. This was sport of Green Copia.

HAYSLIP

Deep crimson, round fruits, 3" in diameter with very good to excellent rich balanced taste - both acidic and sweet. Meaty and with good juice; a great all-around tomato. Fruits are nearly blemish-free.

This is an excellent canner tomato. High crimson (red color) makes for a nice dark sauce. Fantastic production, too. Don't overlook this one.

HISTORY: Unknown

HOMESTEAD

Homestead tomato was developed in Florida where high temperatures can prevent tomatoes from setting fruit. A favorite after more than 50 years, it is a workhorse, producing medium, meaty red tomatoes in a concentrated time. Large seeds with lots of gel, with plenty of juice. Flavor is more sweet than acid, even with lots of rain. Would make a great saucing tomato.

HISTORY: Bred by the Florida Agriculture Experimental Station and the Southeastern Breeding Laboratory, USDA, Charleston, South Carolina. Commercially sold in the mid-1950's by both Glecker's and Burpee.
**HOMESTEAD JELLYBEAN F4**

Glossy, dark-red elongated grapes are borne in profusion on manageable 4 foot plants. The flavor is fantastic, being tangier than sweet, yet in good combination. Fruits hang on the vine seemingly forever; however the flavor tends to get tarter when left for too long. Disease resistant and drought tolerant.

**HISTORY:** These seeds are from fruits that I purchased at a roadside farm stand in Islamorada, FL in March, 2013. The woman who ran the farm stand said they were purchased from a farm in Homestead, FL. I have to assume they were a hybrid.

**GROWTH HABIT:** Indeterminate  
**MATURITY:** Mid-season  
**LEAF TYPE:** Regular  
**FRUIT CLASS:** Cherry  
**FRUIT SHAPE:** Grape  
**FRUIT SIZE:** Small  
**FRUIT COLOR:** Red  
**USE:** Fresh, Salad, Drying  
**ORIGIN:** OP - USA

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**INDIAN ZEBRA**

Maroon-purple-pink skin with dark green shoulders that form stripes halfway down the fruit. Roundish fruits average in the 8-12 oz. range. Excellent flavor with good balance of sweet/acid and very productive. Retained good flavor even with weeks of rain. Very meaty, seed cavities are on the outside edge; seeds are surrounded by green gel. Seems to be very crack resistant.

**HISTORY:** From the garden of Clyde Burson, Sr., of Strong, Arkansas.

**GROWTH HABIT:** Indeterminate  
**MATURITY:** Mid-season  
**LEAF TYPE:** Regular  
**FRUIT CLASS:** Beefsteak  
**FRUIT SHAPE:** Globe  
**FRUIT SIZE:** Large  
**FRUIT COLOR:** Black  
**USE:** Fresh, Salsa, Sauce  
**ORIGIN:** Heirloom - Arkansas, US

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**INDIRA GANDHI**

Deep, dark, smoky brick-red fruits, with dark green shoulders. Dark flesh that actually smells very good when sliced; clear seed gel. Fantastic flavor. Good production of just 8 - 14 ounce fruits.

**HISTORY:** Introduced by Andrey Baranovski (BELR BA A) of Belarus in the 2009 SSE Yearbook. He states his original seed came from a Russian non CV, from a 2007 seed trade with a local Belarusian seed collector, named after famous former Indian Prime-minister killed in 1984.

**GROWTH HABIT:** Indeterminate  
**MATURITY:** Mid-season  
**LEAF TYPE:** Regular  
**FRUIT CLASS:** Beefsteak  
**FRUIT SHAPE:** Oblate  
**FRUIT SIZE:** Large  
**FRUIT COLOR:** Black  
**USE:** Fresh, Salsa, Sauce  
**ORIGIN:** Heirloom - Belarus

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**ISIS CANDY**

These precious little 1-inch morsels of mottled yellow and red have a dazzling starburst pattern on the blossom end when completely ripe. Prolific amounts of fruits are produced on short trusses of double rows of 6 to 8 fruits. The flavor is a complex blend of sweetness and fruitiness - with a sugar content as high as 14%! Firm flesh with large seed cavities. Flavor is enhanced when grown on the dry side.

**HISTORY:** Bred by Joe Bratka of NJ, one parent is Marizol Purple. Joe Bratka introduced it through SSE in 1992.

**GROWTH HABIT:** Indeterminate  
**MATURITY:** Mid-season  
**LEAF TYPE:** Regular  
**FRUIT CLASS:** Cherry  
**FRUIT SHAPE:** Round  
**FRUIT SIZE:** Large  
**FRUIT COLOR:** Bicolor (yellow)  
**USE:** Fresh, Salad, Drying  
**ORIGIN:** OP - USA
ITALIAN HEIRLOOM

Red fruits averaging a pound are produced in abundance. Green shoulders fade as the fruit matures. Excellent full tomato flavor. Very good disease resistance. Ideal for slicing and processing. This one just kept pumping out the tomatoes last summer; didn’t seem to be effected by the drought or crazy temperature fluctuations.

**HISTORY:** Italian heirloom. SSE tomato 642.

ITALIAN ROMA

Short compact determinate plants produce 5-6 ounce bright red elongated fruits in abundance. Firm, meaty with thin skins and few seeds and great flavor. Because this is a determinate plant, fruits will ripen about the same time making them the perfect candidate for sauce, paste and salsa. This variety also has higher sugar content than others.

**HISTORY:** Italian heirloom.

JD’s SPECIAL C-TEX

Slightly flattened, purple-black beefsteaks with excellent flavor. Fairly heavy producer, of 8 -14 ounce fruits, on strong plants. Flesh is dark brownish red and very meaty.

**HISTORY:** Developed by J.D. Brann in the early 1980’s (*Early Girl X Black Krim*) and was promoted by his family who owns Conroe Greenhouses, Inc., in Conroe, TX. It was exclusive to Conroe Greenhouses up until 2009 when other seed vendors also started to offer this variety. This explains 'C-Tex' and 'Special' in the name, where 'C Tex' refers to 'Conroe, Texas'.

JEWELS OF ODIORNE

Smooth tasting brownish-purple cherries with very small seeds, which are surrounded by green gel. The flavor ranks up there with 'Black Cherry' and 'Chocolate Cherry', but these have proven to be more heat tolerant and more importantly, crack-resistant. Dad thought they were great!

**HISTORY:** Found by a gentleman (known as 'Lochlainn', on various web forums) in NH at a garden center labeled as White Cherry. Named after his after favorite state park in NH called Odiorne Point in Rye, NH. Odiorne is pronounced (oh-dee-orn).
**KBX**

Deep apricot-orange beefsteaks, 3-4 inches in diameter with most in the 12-16 ounce range. Creamy texture, with few-moderate amount of seeds. Nice balance of sweet/acid taste. Thin-skinned, but not prone to cracking or splitting. Good disease and heat tolerance. Many prefer KBX to *Kellogg's Breakfast* - grow both and decide for yourself!

**HISTORY:** This is the potato-leaf version of *Kellogg's Breakfast*. Found by Martha Hufford of SE VA.

**GROWTH HABIT:** Indeterminate  
**MATURITY:** Mid to Late-season  
**LEAF TYPE:** Potato  
**FRUIT CLASS:** Beefsteak  
**FRUIT SHAPE:** Oblate  
**FRUIT SIZE:** Large  
**FRUIT COLOR:** Orange  
**USE:** Fresh, Juice, Sauce  
**ORIGIN:** OP - USA

**KELLOGG'S BREAKFAST**

Large, 1-2 lb., true orange beefsteaks are thin-skinned, meaty, with few seeds and a fantastic balance of sweetness and tanginess. Juice and inside flesh have the same bright orange color as orange juice. Winner of many taste tests.

**HISTORY:** Originated via Darrell Kellogg of Redford, Michigan. It was shared with, and introduced to Seed Savers Exchange by, long time member Bill Minkey of Darien, Wisconsin, in 1993, who received his seed from Darrell.

**GROWTH HABIT:** Indeterminate  
**MATURITY:** Mid-season  
**LEAF TYPE:** Regular  
**FRUIT CLASS:** Beefsteak  
**FRUIT SHAPE:** Oblate  
**FRUIT SIZE:** Large to XL  
**FRUIT COLOR:** Orange  
**USE:** Fresh, Juice, Sauce  
**ORIGIN:** OP - USA

**KICKAPOO CREEK**

Thick-stemmed, large and robust plants produce softball-sized pink fruits that are slightly ribbed from stem to blossom end. They are very meaty, with balanced juice. Sweet, great flavor. Plants produce later, but production makes up for it. This is great all-round tomato. Use it for slicing fresh, juice or sauce.

**HISTORY:** In the spring of 2010, I received two plants from a gentleman who owns a vineyard in Edward, Illinois, called Kickapoo Creek Winery. He was given four plants from one of his seasonal workers, who spoke very little English, only saying that her family back in Germany had been growing them for years. I feel fortunate to have received them as they are an excellent example of why heirlooms are so important for so many reasons. Since I know no other history, I’ve decided to call this tomato ‘Kickapoo Creek’.

**GROWTH HABIT:** Indeterminate  
**MATURITY:** Mid to Late-season  
**LEAF TYPE:** Regular  
**FRUIT CLASS:** Beefsteak  
**FRUIT SHAPE:** Oblate  
**FRUIT SIZE:** Large to XL  
**FRUIT COLOR:** Red  
**USE:** Fresh, Juice, Sauce  
**ORIGIN:** Heirloom - Germany

**KOLB PINK**

Good yields of beautiful one-pound pink beefsteak fruits with rich tomato flavor. An excellent slicer. Seems to be tolerant of drowning and drought (Thank you 2013 gardening season).

**HISTORY:** Gary Staley (FL ST G) offered it in the 1989 SSE Yearbook with this description: “dark pink, seeds came from Kolb Greenhouse in Storm Lake, Iowa 50 + years ago.”

**GROWTH HABIT:** Indeterminate  
**MATURITY:** Mid to Late-season  
**LEAF TYPE:** Regular  
**FRUIT CLASS:** Beefsteak  
**FRUIT SHAPE:** Oblate  
**FRUIT SIZE:** Large  
**FRUIT COLOR:** Pink  
**USE:** Fresh, Salsa, Sauce  
**ORIGIN:** Heirloom - US, Iowa
**KORALICK**

Copious amounts of 1 inch, slightly elongated, bright red fruits on short bush type plants that remain under 3 foot tall. A multi-flora, fruits are produced in clusters of up to twenty, and all ripen at the same time on each truss. Juicy, sweet flavor.

Blight resistant and BER disease resistant. An early producer with consistent high yields of great tasting fruits. This variety would be an excellent candidate for a large container. When the plant starts setting fruits, the fruits overwhelm the foliage - all your eyes can see are hundreds of red fruits.

**HISTORY:** Polish heirloom.

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**KOSOVO**

Huge, deep-pink, heart-shaped fruits are very meaty while still being juicy. Prolific, the fruits are simply beautiful. Fruits average 10 oz., but can grow up to 1 lb. However, it is the intense tomato flavor that really makes this one special; Very meaty, yet juicy, with a complex, sweet rich and intense flavor.

**HISTORY:** Seed was collected by Glenn Parker of New Zealand from a U.N. worker in the Kosovo region of former Yugoslavia in the 1990s. First offered in the Seed Savers 2003 Yearbook by Carolyn Male of Salem, New York (NY MA C), who got the seed from Glenn Parker in New Zealand.

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**LITHUANIAN**

Light pink, variably shaped, but mostly flattened beefsteaks average between 1 - 2 lbs. Very meaty, really good tasting and very productive for such large fruits.

**HISTORY:** Don Podolia of WV (deceased) received them from a Lithuanian source. He shared them with Carolyn Male who offered them in the 2003 SSE Yearbook.

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**LIVINGSTON'S BEAUTY**

This variety has been around for almost 130 years. Medium-sized, 4 to 8 ounce, pink fruits are smooth-skinned and as the name implies, beautiful. Delicious, true “homegrown” tomato flavor. A strong grower, very productive and fairly early. Introduced in 1886.

**HISTORY:** An actual page from Livingston Seed Company.
LONG TOM

Long, meaty fruits with a nipple on the blossom end are firm textured and have a good quality sweet flavor. Highly productive, plants will need to be staked securely to hold itself upright. Vines produce flowers early but the fruit take a long time to ripen. The fruit are prone to cracking in overly damp conditions.

HISTORY: Ben Quisenberry tomato selected in Virginia by grower Barbara Rosholdt.

GROWTH HABIT: Indeterminate
MATURITY: Mid to late
LEAF TYPE: Regular
FRUIT CLASS: Paste
FRUIT SHAPE: Elongated
FRUIT SIZE: Large
FRUIT COLOR: Red
USE: Slicing, Sauce, Ketchup
ORIGIN: Heirloom - USA

LUCKY CROSS

Beautiful yellowish-orange and red exteriors with interior pink marbling which matures to almost solid red-pink at the blossom end. Very large vines, with moderate to good production of large (mostly 10-14 ounces but some jumbos up to 1 1/2 lbs.). They have a fabulous, creamy, complex sweet rich flavor that really packs a punch.

HISTORY: This new open pollinated tomato (1997) came to us from Craig LeHoullier of North Carolina. It is his second named variety to come from an accidental cross with a ‘Brandywine’.

GROWTH HABIT: Indeterminate
MATURITY: Mid to Late-season
LEAF TYPE: Potato
FRUIT CLASS: Beefsteak
FRUIT SHAPE: Oblate
FRUIT SIZE: Large
FRUIT COLOR: Bi-color
USE: Fresh, Juice, Sauce
ORIGIN: OP - USA

MARIANNA’S PEACE

Beautiful, pink fruits average around one pound, plus or minus. Dense, creamy, sweet flesh with rich complex flavors. Good to very good production, when grown well. The shoulders of the fruit are the last to ripen, don’t pick it green - wait until the entire fruit is pink for peak flavor!

HISTORY: A family heirloom that dates back to at least the 1900s, the seeds were brought to America during WW II from Bohemia, Czechoslovakia.

GROWTH HABIT: Indeterminate
MATURITY: Mid-season
LEAF TYPE: Potato
FRUIT CLASS: Beefsteak
FRUIT SHAPE: Oblate
FRUIT SIZE: Large
FRUIT COLOR: Pink
USE: Fresh, Juice, Sauce
ORIGIN: USA via Czechoslovakia

MARTHA LOGAN

Large, somewhat variable shaped fruits from round to oblate are light yellow with a pink blush and pink interior swirl which extends outward at the blossom end. Sweet, complex flavor. Very good production on stout vines.

HISTORY: A bee-cross of Lucky Cross X Unknown found by Millard Murdock of East Flat Rock, NC in 2006.

GROWTH HABIT: Indeterminate
MATURITY: Mid-season
LEAF TYPE: Potato
FRUIT CLASS: Beefsteak
FRUIT SHAPE: Oblate
FRUIT SIZE: Large
FRUIT COLOR: Yellow, bi-color
USE: Fresh, Juice, Sauce
ORIGIN: OP - USA, NC
**MATT'S WILD CHERRY**

This is not a plant for the meek gardener as they can easily take over a very large area, due to the inherent nature of the species to produce many, many long rampant thin suckers from nearly every leaf crotch.

If you are willing to prune aggressively, you will be rewarded with high yields of small bright red cherries, 0.5” in diameter. Very good bold balanced flavor and good disease resistance, too. It is best to harvest the entire sprig of fruits as they will spoil quickly otherwise.

**HISTORY:** Originated from Mexico where it grows wild, *L. esculentum var. cerasiforme*.

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**McMURRAY#10**

McMurray #10 is a pink tomato, but the flesh is so deep, bloody red that the tomato appears nearly purple when fully ripe. It has no core, just solid meat with very few seeds and scant gel, but lots of tasty juice and intense tomato flavor. Smooth, fairly crack free, one compact indeterminate, large leaved, heavy foliage vines. One of the best looking and best tasting tomatoes around. Also surprisingly productive in this horribly hot and dry summer.

**HISTORY:** A Bill Jeffers (Evansville, IN) cross (*Brandywine x Neves Azorean Red*). Sister line to *Dixiewine* and *Texwine*.

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**MICRO TOM**

Considered the world’s smallest tomato plant (fact!), with mature plants reaching a diminutive 6 to 8 INCHES tall! What she lacks in height, she makes up for in production, bearing endless amounts of flavorful, 1 oz., deep red fruits with a characteristic pointed blossom end. I found that the best flavor came from fruits that were allowed to fully mature (to a dark red, as opposed to orangey-red) on the plant.

Micro Tom is an ideal house plant for windowsills or patios, letting you enjoy vine-ripened tomatoes year round!

**HISTORY:** Developed by the University of Florida.

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MONEY MAKER

Round, bright-red fruits weigh about 3 to 8 ounces, and arise by the many dozen on extra vigorous plants. Expect the vines to reach 5 feet or so, just studded with luscious fruit. The flavor is full, meaty, and sweet — absolutely delicious fresh or cooked! High in antioxidants, and vitamins A and C.

HISTORY: This variety has been popular in England for years for growing under glass. Bred by the F. Stoner Seed Co. and released in 1913. Donated to USDA seed bank in 1963 from United Kingdom.

GROWTH HABIT: Indeterminate
MATURITY: Mid-season
LEAF TYPE: Regular
FRUIT CLASS: Slicer
FRUIT SHAPE: Round
FRUIT SIZE: Small to medium
FRUIT COLOR: Red
USE: Slicing, Salsa, canning
ORIGIN: Commercial Heirloom

MRS. MAXWELL'S NORTHERN-ITALIAN

Large pink mostly globe shaped fruits with olive green shoulders, which is part of the skin and completely edible. Fruits average just less than 1 lb. to slightly larger. Fruits come on earlier than most beefsteaks of this size and keep chugging 'em out till they are killed by frost. Very good flavor and drought resistance. This truly fine tomato is the perfect example of a family's preservation effort. Definitely one to try!

HISTORY: Originally an Italian heirloom, this variety was saved by Mrs. Maxwell of Mexico, Missouri. She was given seed by a friend from Italy. Over the next 30 years she saved seed of the largest, earliest and non-cracking fruits each year.

GROWTH HABIT: Indeterminate
MATURITY: Mid-season
LEAF TYPE: Potato
FRUIT CLASS: Beefsteak
FRUIT SHAPE: Globe
FRUIT SIZE: Large to XL
FRUIT COLOR: Pink
USE: Fresh, Juice, Sauce
ORIGIN: OP - Lithuania

NEW BIG DWARF

Another old timer that should be grown more. I was really surprised at that size of fruits that this plant produced — a few were well over half a pound! Big pink, oblate mini-beefsteaks with good mild flavor.

This plant likes to be well feed and well-watered (the latter applies more so if being grown in a pot) and will reward you handsomely until killing frost for doing so.

HISTORY: PI 645154 - A cross between Ponderosa X Dwarf Champion, introduced by Isbell's Seed Company in the early 1900's.

GROWTH HABIT: Dwarf / Indeterminate
MATURITY: Mid-season
LEAF TYPE: Rugose
FRUIT CLASS: Slicer
FRUIT SHAPE: Globe, oblate
FRUIT SIZE: Medium
FRUIT COLOR: Pink
USE: Salsa, Fresh, Sauce
ORIGIN: OP - USA

NORTHERN LIGHTS

Dark yellow - orange skin and flesh which is infused in the center with link pink streaks. Some fruits turn almost entirely pink on the blossom when dead ripe. Meaty and nearly coreless, with good juice ratio. Fruits average 1 pound each. The favor is excellent; favored by chefs. They make a stunning display when sliced.

HISTORY: Believed to have originated in Oaxaca, Mexico.

GROWTH HABIT: Indeterminate
MATURITY: Mid-season
LEAF TYPE: Regular
FRUIT CLASS: Beefsteak
FRUIT SHAPE: Oblate
FRUIT SIZE: Large
FRUIT COLOR: Yellow bicolor
USE: Fresh, Juice, Sauce
ORIGIN: OP - Mexico
**ORANGE RUSSIAN 117**

Large, 8-14oz., bicolor fruits are orange-yellow with red streaking from the blossom end upwards. Sliced fruits reveal reddish pink heart centers with coloration marbled throughout. Flesh is meaty and creamy, with little gel and few seeds. Mild, pleasant flavor. Very good production on disease resistant vines. They are good both for fresh eating or home processing.

**HISTORY:** Bred by Jeff Dawson in CA, as a selection from an initial cross between *Russian #117 X Georgia Streak.*

**GROWTH HABIT:** Indeterminate  
**MATURITY:** Mid-season  
**LEAF TYPE:** Regular  
**FRUIT CLASS:** Paste / Slicer  
**FRUIT SHAPE:** Heart  
**FRUIT SIZE:** Large  
**FRUIT COLOR:** Yellow BiColor  
**USE:** Slicing, Salsa, Sauce  
**ORIGIN:** OP - USA

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**PALMIRA'S NORTHERN-ITALIAN HEIRLOOM**

Classic, red fruits, on vigorous plants which produce loads of tomatoes -you'll only need a couple of plants if you intend to make your own sauce! Good, solid tomato taste, slightly more acidic than sweet, with few blemishes. Very vigorous, and very productive.

**HISTORY:** Introduced by 'Skip', who states that it is an heirloom from northern Italy.

**GROWTH HABIT:** Indeterminate  
**MATURITY:** Mid-season  
**LEAF TYPE:** Regular  
**FRUIT CLASS:** Beefsteak  
**FRUIT SHAPE:** Globe  
**FRUIT SIZE:** Medium  
**FRUIT COLOR:** Red  
**USE:** Fresh, Juice, Sauce  
**ORIGIN:** OP/Heirloom - Italy

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**PATIO PRINCESS**

Dwarf plants are perfect to grow in pots or in limited space gardens. Only reaching 18 to 24 inches tall, with strong upright habit. Large red cherries. Fusarium Wilt tolerant.


**GROWTH HABIT:** Determinate  
**MATURITY:** Early to Mid-season  
**LEAF TYPE:** Rugose  
**FRUIT CLASS:** Cherry  
**FRUIT SHAPE:** Globe  
**FRUIT SIZE:** Small  
**FRUIT COLOR:** Red  
**USE:** Fresh, Salads, Kabobs  
**ORIGIN:** USA - Hybrid

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**PAUL ROBESON**

This tomato has almost a cult following among seed collectors and tomato connoisseurs who simply cannot get enough of its amazing flavor. Black beefsteaks about the size of tennis balls, are mostly round, but some are slightly flattened. Deep, rich coloration - dusky, dark-red, with dark-green shoulders, and red flesh which is so distinctive, sweet and smoky. Originating from Siberia, it sets fruits at lower temperatures, making it an excellent choice for cooler growing regions.

**HISTORY:** This Russian variety was named in honor of the famous black opera singer star of *King Solomon's Mines* (1937). Paul Robeson was also a Russian Equal Rights Advocate for Blacks. His artistry was admired world-wide, especially in the Soviet Union.

**GROWTH HABIT:** Indeterminate  
**MATURITY:** Mid-season  
**LEAF TYPE:** Regular  
**FRUIT CLASS:** Beefsteak  
**FRUIT SHAPE:** Globe  
**FRUIT SIZE:** Large  
**FRUIT COLOR:** Black  
**USE:** Fresh, Juice, Sauce  
**ORIGIN:** Heirloom - Russia
**PENNHEART**

Consistently impressive amounts of fruits produced even under less than ideal conditions. Heavy crops of medium sized (6 to 9 oz.), flattened globes which ripen to a deep scarlet red.

Early, big yields, robust plants and large fruits - what more could you ask for? The perfect ‘I only have room for one tomato on my deck’ plant!

**HISTORY:** Breeder: Pennsylvania Agricultural Experiment Station, Pennsylvania State College. Parentage: Oxheart x Penn State Earliana. Introduced by the Schell Seed Company in 1944. My original seed stock came from GRIN PI 270205.

**PERON**

Medium-sized semi-determinate bushy vines are very resistant to fungus diseases which commonly plague tomatoes. A very heavy yielder of extraordinary quality fruits. Flesh is very solid and meaty, without a core. Ripens to a beautiful deep red color over the entire fruit without green or yellow shoulders. Velvety-smooth skin is very crack resistant. Flavor is mild, and quite exceptional. Fruits keep exceedingly long after ripening.

**HISTORY:** Conflicting histories. Tatiana's TBASE describes it as being developed prior to 1954 by Prof. Abelardo Piovano of Argentina while Southern Exposure Seed Exchange states: Introduced 1951 by Gleckler's from Argentina.

**POLISH LINGUISA**

Bright red fruits average 10 ounces or better. Grown well, they can become exceptionally large. Seeds were saved from a 1lb fruit. Meaty enough for saucing or drying, but good enough to eat fresh on salads and sandwiches. Extremely productive, it out-produces many commercial hybrids and beats them on flavor hands down.

**HISTORY:** An old heirloom dating back to the 1800's. It is not from Poland, but was developed in upstate New York.

**PRUDEN’S PURPLE**

Large fruits, average 1 lb. or more, are not really purple, but rather a deep pink-red with occasional shoulder ribbing. Almost seedless, smooth skinned fruits and of excellent flavor – a nice tart bite that overlays the sweet to create a balanced, intensely tomato flavor. Very tasty, very productive and early for a large beefsteak! Good tolerance of cool weather and otherwise challenging conditions.

**HISTORY:** An heirloom tomato, which dates to 19th century. This could originate for Ontario, Canada.
**PUSZTA KOLOSZ**

Extra-large stout vines, with dense foliage produce bountiful harvests of huge, red-orange fruits that average between 1.5 lbs. and 2 lbs. Fruit is almost solid meat with few seeds. The flavor is outstanding - wonderfully sweet and mild yet balanced acid. This variety is not easy to find (anywhere), and I don't use this expression lightly. The beautiful woman in the photo is Barb Crown of Harsens Island, MI. Wondering what it weighed? Two and a half pounds!

**HISTORY:** Originally from Cluj, Transylvania, Romania. Many Hungarians live in Romania and the name 'puszta' means 'prairie' in Hungarian. 'Kolosz' is the Hungarian name for Cluj.

**GROWTH HABIT:** Indeterminate
**MATURITY:** Mid to Late-season
**LEAF TYPE:** Potato
**FRUIT CLASS:** Beefsteak
**FRUIT SHAPE:** Oblate
**FRUIT SIZE:** Large to XL
**FRUIT COLOR:** Red
**USE:** Fresh, Juice, Sauce
**ORIGIN:** Heirloom - Romania

(IMAGE CREDIT: George Crown)

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**RASPBERRY SUGAR PLUM 'Sakharnaya Sliva Malinovaya'**

Beautiful dark pink plums, which tend to vary in shape, with some more pear shaped. Sweet and juicy. If you are a seed saver, and you like small-fruited tomatoes, make sure to plant one of these as they are very difficult to find.

**HISTORY:** An open-pollinated Russian commercial variety.

**GROWTH HABIT:** Indeterminate
**MATURITY:** Mid-season
**LEAF TYPE:** Regular
**FRUIT CLASS:** Cherry
**FRUIT SHAPE:** Oval
**FRUIT SIZE:** Small
**FRUIT COLOR:** Pink
**USE:** Fresh, Salad, Drying
**ORIGIN:** OP - Russian commercial

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**RAYMONDO'S AUSTRALIAN MIST**

Outstanding sweet flavor! Light yellow fruits are borne in trusses of up to 8 fruits. Large, potato-leaved plants provide ample coverage to prevent sun-scald. Disease resistant and drought tolerant. Flavor is further enhanced when grown on the dry side.

**HISTORY:** A stabilized cross of Galina’s Yellow x Snow White, originally made by "Raymondo" (as known on web forums) of Australia in 2007/2008. He sent seeds to Dean Slater (Copemish, MI) who advanced the line. My grow-out furthered the stabilization. Dean obtained permission to name the cross.

**GROWTH HABIT:** Indeterminate
**MATURITY:** Mid-season
**LEAF TYPE:** Potato
**FRUIT CLASS:** Beefsteak
**FRUIT SHAPE:** Globe
**FRUIT SIZE:** Medium
**FRUIT COLOR:** Pink
**USE:** Fresh, Juice, Sauce
**ORIGIN:** OP - USA/Australia

(IMAGE CREDIT: Mark Jenkins)

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**REBEL YELL**

Superior, powerful tasting pink fruits are both tart and super sweet all in the same bite! Creamy texture. It does very well in hot climates and has above average production. Very tall plants that needs a lot of caging. Fruits can range from 5 to 8 ounce.

**HISTORY:** A stabilized potato leaf segregation line from a cross Stump of the World x Bear Claw made by Rob Gee of Ohio in 2007. Selected and stabilized by Blane Horton of Jackson, MS.

**GROWTH HABIT:** Indeterminate
**MATURITY:** Mid-season
**LEAF TYPE:** Potato
**FRUIT CLASS:** Beefsteak
**FRUIT SHAPE:** Globe
**FRUIT SIZE:** Medium
**FRUIT COLOR:** Pink
**USE:** Fresh, Juice, Sauce
**ORIGIN:** OP - USA

(IMAGE CREDIT: Mark Jenkins)
**RIESENTRAUBE**

Beautiful, red, grape-shaped fruits weigh approximately 3/4 oz. each, with a distinctive sharp pointed tip at the blossom end. Excellent, bold, old fashion tomato flavor. 'Riesentraube' translates from the German as "giant bunch of grapes" - up to 350 flowers are produced per cluster! This is the perfect tomato for drying.

Note: I wish that more of the fruits would have been red in the photo, but my Pug was eating all the ripened fruits before I realized what was going on!

**HISTORY:** Originally from East Germany, it also may have been grown by the Pennsylvania Dutch as early as 1855.

**GROWTH HABIT:** Indeterminate  
**MATURITY:** Mid-season  
**LEAF TYPE:** Regular  
**FRUIT CLASS:** Cherry  
**FRUIT SHAPE:** Grape  
**FRUIT SIZE:** Small  
**FRUIT COLOR:** Red  
**USE:** Fresh, Salad, Drying  
**ORIGIN:** Heirloom - Germany

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**ROMEO**

Very large paste tomatoes which are long and fat with a blunt point on the blossom scar end. Fruits can reach up to one and half pounds. Good flavor, thin skin, meaty with few seeds. No green shoulders, dark-crimson colored when fully ripened lend it to being a perfect sauce, ketchup, paste variety.

**HISTORY:** Bred by Tim Peters of the now defunct Peter's Seed and Research Company.

**GROWTH HABIT:** Indeterminate  
**MATURITY:** Mid-season  
**LEAF TYPE:** Regular  
**FRUIT CLASS:** Paste  
**FRUIT SHAPE:** Oblong  
**FRUIT SIZE:** Large - Ex-Large  
**FRUIT COLOR:** Red  
**USE:** Slicing, Sauce, Paste.  
**ORIGIN:** OP - commercial heirloom

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**ROSE AMISH GRAPE**

Beautiful dark pink plum-shaped cherries are produced in abundance on massive plants. Borne in clusters, fruits are thin-skinned with sweet tomato flavor. Plants are strong growers and will need to be staked or caged securely.

**HISTORY:** I received seed from Aud Zeneberg of Heirloom Fusion, LLC (Traverse City, MI). She received seed from local Amish neighbors.

**GROWTH HABIT:** Indeterminate  
**MATURITY:** Mid  
**LEAF TYPE:** Regular  
**FRUIT CLASS:** Cherry  
**FRUIT SHAPE:** Grape  
**FRUIT SIZE:** Small  
**FRUIT COLOR:** Pink  
**USE:** Salad, Fresh, Drying  
**ORIGIN:** Unknown

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**SANTA MARIA**

Last summer, my friend KennyJ brought me over a tomato that he had been bragging about. Taking a wedge off with his pocket knife, he says "Here, try it!" W.O.W Truly the best tasting 'paste' I've ever eaten.

Dark red fruits are far more meaty than seedy. I will say that this one is much sweeter than it is acid. Still balanced, but certainly not tart.

**HISTORY:** Introduced by The Sample Seed Shop, this heirloom originally hails from Italy and continued to be grown in the Buffalo New York area.

**GROWTH HABIT:** Indeterminate  
**MATURITY:** Mid-season  
**LEAF TYPE:** Regular  
**FRUIT CLASS:** Paste  
**FRUIT SHAPE:** Oblong  
**FRUIT SIZE:** Large  
**FRUIT COLOR:** Red  
**USE:** Slicing, Sauce, Paste.  
**ORIGIN:** Italy - family heirloom
**SARA’S GALAPAGOS**

Itty-bitty fruits - the size of a dime - pack a bold, distinctive and sweet punch. Large sprawling plants tend to fend off the worst of disease. Copious amounts of fruits are produced; so much so that even if you lose some to critters or over-ripeness, there are plenty left to take their place.

**HISTORY:** Seeds were gathered and brought back from Galapagos Islands by Amy Goldman, while visiting with her daughter, Sara. It is believed to be a stabilized inter-species cross.

**GROWTH HABIT:** Indeterminate  
**MATURITY:** Mid-season  
**LEAF TYPE:** Regular  
**FRUIT CLASS:** Currant  
**FRUIT SHAPE:** Round / oblate  
**FRUIT SIZE:** Small  
**FRUIT COLOR:** Red  
**USE:** Fresh, Salad  
**ORIGIN:** Galapagos Islands

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**SOUTHERN NIGHTS**

Medium to large, 10+ oz. fruit are beautiful with green shoulders, cola brown skin and smoky fuchsia flesh. Coloration will be darkest when grown in very warm conditions. Production can vary from fair to heavy, seemingly dependent on the weather, with the highest production in cooler weather. Typical of 'black' tomatoes, at first bite the flavor is a deep and tomato-y, progresses into a smoky savoury-ness which is further enhanced by a dash of salt.

**HISTORY:** An uncommon old traditional Russia cultivar. The name refers to pitch black nights in southern regions.

**GROWTH HABIT:** Determinate  
**MATURITY:** Mid-season  
**LEAF TYPE:** Potato  
**FRUIT CLASS:** Beefsteak  
**FRUIT SHAPE:** Oblate  
**FRUIT SIZE:** Medium to large  
**FRUIT COLOR:** Black  
**USE:** Fresh, Juice, Sauce  
**ORIGIN:** OP - Russia

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**SPUDATULA**

Previously known as 'Black from Tula Potato Leaf'. Same delicious outstanding, rich, slightly salty, smoky-fruity flavor on potato leaved vines. Many people are discovering that potato-leaved plants are inherently more disease resistant. There is no scientific proof at this time, but it is suggested that the increased amount of foliage better enables the plant to outgrow / outpace the disease progression. 8-12 oz. purple-black fruit, with dark green shoulders, and of course, excellent flavor.

**HISTORY:** Discovered by Darrel Jones, owner of Selected Plants in his Alabama garden in 2002 from a packet of Black from Tula seed he had purchased from Chuck Wyatt (deceased; owner of Heirloom Tomatoes).

**GROWTH HABIT:** Indeterminate  
**MATURITY:** Mid-season  
**LEAF TYPE:** Potato  
**FRUIT CLASS:** Beefsteak  
**FRUIT SHAPE:** Oblate  
**FRUIT SIZE:** Medium to large  
**FRUIT COLOR:** Black  
**USE:** Fresh, Juice, Sauce  
**ORIGIN:** OP

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**SPUDAYELLOW STRAWBERRY 'SELECT'**

Polite, less than 6 ft. plants generously produce large apricot-orange beefsteaks that are slightly flattened, with lightly fluted pale green shoulders, which fade upon maturation. Heavy, meaty, with few seeds. Very tasty; sweet more than acid. Excellent heat and drought tolerance, as proven in my 2013 garden.

**HISTORY:** A bee-cross between German Red Strawberry and an unknown, found by Bill Malin (SpudLeafWillie), while living in Hillsboro, NM (2006).

**GROWTH HABIT:** Indeterminate  
**MATURITY:** Mid-season  
**LEAF TYPE:** Potato  
**FRUIT CLASS:** Beefsteak  
**FRUIT SHAPE:** Oblate  
**FRUIT SIZE:** Large to XL  
**FRUIT COLOR:** Yellow  
**USE:** Fresh, Paste, Sauce  
**ORIGIN:** OP - USA
**STRAWBERRY MARGARITA**

Reddish dark pink, slightly ruffled 10–22oz fruits are meaty and juicy. Good to outstanding complex flavor and with good production. A great main crop choice as it goes from fresh eating to salsa to sauces with ease.

**HISTORY:** Seeds originated with Jesus Carpio of Durango, Mexico and were eventually offered through the SSE Yearbook.

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**SUGAR LUMP (aka "Gardener's Delight")**

Beautiful trusses of 6 to 15 fruits per spray. The super sweet fruits are 3/4 - 1 inch in diameter and deep dark red in color. Very prolific. Fruits are very versatile - hand-to-mouth, salad, drying and sauce.

**HISTORY:** Bred by Paul Tellhelm and introduced in 1950-1951 by Ernst Benary Samenzucht (formerly of Erfurt, East Germany; now Hann Muenden, Germany). It was named "Benary's Gartenfreude, Hochzucht". Offered commercially by Jung Quality Seed, Randolph, Wisconsin in 1960 as 'Jung's Sugar Lump'.

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**SUPER SIOUX**

Bright red, 4–6 oz. fruits are globe-shaped, thick-walled and fleshy with a very nice old-time tart flavor. Crack-resistant, high yields. This variety is a good choice for hot, dry locations as it sets fruit well in high temperatures. An improved version of 'Sioux'.

**HISTORY:** Bred by Burrell Seed Growers from 'Sioux', developed at the University of Nebraska in 1944. Donated to USDA in 1961 by Petoseed Company, Inc.

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**SUPER SWEET 100**

Hundreds of delicious, extra-sweet, 1 oz., bite-sized tomatoes, you'll want to pop one in your mouth every time you pass by. Each long cluster can produce up to 100 tomatoes or more and continues to bear until the first fall frost. The beautiful ruby red fruits are loaded with Vitamin C. An improvement of the favorite Sweet 100 tomato, it has a sweeter flavor and disease resistance to Verticillum and Fusarium (race 1) wilt.

**HISTORY:** Commercial hybrid
SWEETIE

An extremely sweet cherry with 1 to 1-1/2 inch fruits borne in clusters. The juicy fruits have a sugar content sometimes exceeding 14%. The large plants produce all summer. Lots of foliage helps protect against sunscald and heat stress. Only 50 days to your first tomatoes, be the ‘first on your block’ with homegrown fruits in hand. Share with your neighbors. It’ll drive them crazy.


TAOS TRAIL

Plants produce 8 oz., red-orange fruits with a characteristic pointed blossom end. I hadn’t considered these as hearts, in the past but they are consistently producing at least 50/50 globes and blunt hearts. They are flavorful, sweet, zesty, and moderately acidic. Excellent production, with lots of fruits at the same time; good canner, juicer, slicer, or salad tomato. Plants are incredibly heat tolerant and disease resistant in my garden.

HISTORY: From the late Dan McMurray. Seed was saved from an F1 Hybrid “Santa Fe” in the early 2000’s.

TED’S PINK CURRANT

Recently (2011) found by an observant gardener in Florida, comes the only known pink currant in existence. It has beautiful, somewhat lacy, foliage and is very sprawling in its habit. It abundantly supplies fruits that are about one-half inch in diameter. Sweet and mild, these plants thrive in the heat. Currants are best left to an area of the garden where they will not be overwatered.

HISTORY: Ted Darnowski of Florida recognized this mislabeled plant his daughter-in-law had bought at a roadside stand, near Davie FL.

TEXWINE

Compact vines with dense foliage begin producing midseason, but don’t come into their own until later. Beautiful, near blemish free fruits can vary in size from what you see in the photo to much larger boat-shaped fruits, that are a deep crimson red. Superior flavor is further enhanced in dry weather.

HISTORY: Original cross was made by Bill Jeffers, of Evansville, IN, in 2006. Pedigree: Brandywine X Neves Azorean Red. Sister line to Dixiewine and McMurray #10.
TIFFEN MENNONITE

Large, 1 pound, 5 ½ inch, pink fruits are variable in shape - some with ribs, some more of a flattened globe. It is the flavor, though, that makes this variety so superior – sweet and richly complex. It is favored by many over ‘Brandywine’ due to its earlier maturity and larger production.


GROWTH HABIT: Indeterminate
MATURITY: Mid-season
LEAF TYPE: Potato
FRUIT CLASS: Beefsteak
FRUIT SHAPE: Oblate, variable
FRUIT SIZE: Large
FRUIT COLOR: Pink
USE: Fresh, Juice, Sauce
ORIGIN: Heirloom - WI, USA

TOMMY TOE

Exceptionally vigorous plants yield hundreds of large red cherry tomatoes throughout the season, with a good sugar balance. The superb flavor won it top billing over 100 other varieties in an Australian taste test. The fruit ripen in clusters over a long growing period. The plant is considered free of all diseases common to tomatoes but some splitting may occur during adverse weather conditions or overwatering.

HISTORY: An Heirloom from the Ozark Mountain region of Eastern USA.

GROWTH HABIT: Indeterminate
MATURITY: Mid-season
LEAF TYPE: Regular
FRUIT CLASS: Cherry
FRUIT SHAPE: Round
FRUIT SIZE: Small
FRUIT COLOR: Red
USE: Fresh, Salad, Drying
ORIGIN: Heirloom - Ozark Mtns

UNCLE MARK BAGBY

Medium - large, deep pink, 8 – 12oz, fruits with great rich flavor and a meaty texture. Excellent slicing tomato yet meaty enough for cooking. Tall plants are very productive. This is another family heirloom that deserves way more attention and unfortunately is not widely known.

HISTORY: The story is that Mark Bagby brought this tomato with him when he immigrated to western Kentucky from Germany in 1919. His grandniece, Nancy Forsythe shared seeds with Melody Rose of Benton, Kentucky (KY RO M) who first offered them in the 2002 SSE Yearbook.

GROWTH HABIT: Indeterminate
MATURITY: Mid-season
LEAF TYPE: Potato
FRUIT CLASS: Beefsteak
FRUIT SHAPE: Oblate, variable
FRUIT SIZE: Large to XL
FRUIT COLOR: Pink
USE: Fresh, Juice, Sauce
ORIGIN: OP - Lithuania

VINSON WATTS

This tomato has proven to be quite popular with many people. A large pink beefsteak, with old fashion tomato flavor - excellent balance of sugars and acids. Creamy and meaty. Extremely disease resistant and heat tolerant.

HISTORY: Prior to his death in March, 2008, Vinson Watts (Morehead, KY) improved his namesake tomato for fifty-two summers. The original seed was from Lee County, Virginia and given to him by his work supervisor, Wilson Evans, at Berea College, KY.

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FRUIT CLASS: Beefsteak
FRUIT SHAPE: Oblate
FRUIT SIZE: Large
FRUIT COLOR: Red
USE: Fresh, Juice, Sauce
ORIGIN: Heirloom, US KY-VA
**VIRGINIA SWEETS**

This is a beautiful tomato. And it's really big - at least one pounders. You'd think that this would limit its production, but it doesn't, they come on with a vengeance, albeit later in the season. This is great for those of you canning, because you just can't get the depth in sauces, or chili, without adding in different colored tomatoes! Yellow epidermis, bright yellow flesh, red blushing on outside, with a hint of blush in the meat. Almost all meat, no core, very few seeds with little juice.

**HISTORY:** SSE TOMATO 2159. A US heirloom.

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**VORLON**

Vigorous vines with heavy yields of 8-16 oz. purple fruits with glossy green shoulders. Skin is clear with green striped shoulders showing through on it. Excellent flavor! Dense, meaty flesh with a very little core. Seed cavities are along the outside edge and contain many seeds surrounded by green gel with lots of juice.

**HISTORY:** Stabilized accidental cross between *Cherokee Purple X Pruden's Purple* that appeared in the garden of Joe Fisher of Winterport, Maine (ME FI J) in 1998. Said to be named for the enigmatic alien race of the T.V. program Babylon 5.

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**WATSON GIANT**

Look at the size of that whopper! It weighed out at 1 lb. 15.2 ounces. This was one of the first fruits produced, and it is common for the fruit sizes to decrease as the season progresses. But don't get me wrong, these are big 'maters! Plants are very, very productive with BIG flavor, too!

**HISTORY:** Unknown variety.

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**WES**

A true jewel of a tomato. Medium-large (8-12 oz.), deep red hearts with outstanding flavor. Wonderful, rich tomato flavor with just the right blend of sugar and acid. - it's sweet although not overly so, juicy yet extremely meaty with very few seeds. The flesh texture is wonderful. Expect good production from these high-yielding, wispy-leaved plants.

**HISTORY:** First offered in the Seed Savers 1994 Yearbook by Carolyn Male (NY MA C), who obtained the seeds from Robert Richardson, NY in 1994.
**WEST VIRGINIA SWEET MEAT**

Beautiful pink beefsteaks between 14-20 ounces are meaty, productive and of exceptional fine flavor. Plants are not overly rampant and quite drought resistant.

**HISTORY:** Seeds originally came from Patty Brown of Ohio. Patty's mother, who lives in West Virginia, bought a plant at an Amish nursery in Hidden Valley, Marsdale, PA, and Patty saved seeds from the fruits. Patty called it 'Sweet Meat' and shared the seeds with her gardening friends via various tomato forums in the early 2000s. 'West Virginia' was added to the name later to indicate the origin.

**GROWTH HABIT:** Indeterminate  
**MATURITY:** Mid-season  
**LEAF TYPE:** Regular  
**FRUIT CLASS:** Beefsteak  
**FRUIT SHAPE:** Globe  
**FRUIT SIZE:** Large  
**FRUIT COLOR:** Pink  
**USE:** Fresh, Juice, Sauce  
**ORIGIN:** OP

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**HISTORY:** Unknown

**GROWTH HABIT:** Dwarf / Determinate  
**MATURITY:** Early-season  
**LEAF TYPE:** Regular  
**FRUIT CLASS:** Cherry  
**FRUIT SHAPE:** Round  
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**USE:** Fresh, Salad, Kabobs  
**ORIGIN:** Unknown - OP

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**HISTORY:** (PI 645048) Said to have been introduced in 1882 by A.W. Livingston. Commercially offered in 1941 by the Earl May Seed Co.

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**MATURITY:** Mid-season  
**LEAF TYPE:** Regular  
**FRUIT CLASS:** Beefsteak  
**FRUIT SHAPE:** Globe  
**FRUIT SIZE:** Large  
**FRUIT COLOR:** White  
**USE:** Fresh, Juice, Sauce  
**ORIGIN:** Commercial heirloom

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**HISTORY:** PI 644794 An improvement on Ponderosa made by the Henderson seed company in 1924; there was a naming contest and the name of "Winsall" was chosen for this improved variety. Over 40 years later, it was still being sold commercially. Vaughn's 1961 Catalog (p.28) 85 days for maturity, fruits purplish pink, solid and meaty non-acid and smoother than other flat fruited varieties.

**GROWTH HABIT:** Indeterminate  
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**FRUIT CLASS:** Beefsteak  
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**WISCONSIN GOLD 55**

4 - 8 ounce, round, sometimes slightly elongated dark orange fruits with firm flesh yet are also juicy. These have proven to be cold tolerant with good disease resistance. And excellent choice for folks that grow for home processing.

**HISTORY:** An orange sport of Wisconsin 55, preserved for over 50 years by one man. This splendid cultivar represents some of the last focused open-pollinated tomato breeding done at the University of Wisconsin in the early 1950's by J.C. Walker, who was actually a plant pathologist.

**YELLOW PEAR**

Picture perfect, bite-sized, pear-shaped, yellow fruits are produced in clusters all season long. The flavor is mild-sweet. Very productive, and heat-resistant. Excellent for popping in your mouth fresh out of the garden, salads, pickling and preserving.

**HISTORY:** First grown in the early 1800's.

**ZAPOTEC**

Probably one of the most gorgeous tomatoes I have ever grown. Large heavily pleated, pyramid shaped, pink fruits are blemish-free, and produced in abundance, on large vines which are both disease and drought resistant. Fruits average 8 - 16 ounces. Inside the tomato, it is partially hollow so it is great for stuffing. The flavor is sweet and somewhat fruity. Considered a 'stuffing tomato', the seed cavities are numerous with seeds and gel held mostly in the top half of the fruit, giving the appearance of the insides being hollow

**HISTORY:** Heirloom variety originally grown by the Zapotec Indians from the interior of Oaxaca, Mexico.

**ZARCA**

This variety is not commercially available anywhere else in the world that I'm aware of.

Fruits come on early, and don't stop until frost kills them. They hang on the vine forever, are disease resistant, crack-resistant and nearly blemish-free. Red plum-shaped fruits, with two rather large seed cavities, hold large seeds which are surrounded by green gel. Fruits are borne in clusters of 6 to 8 fruits. This is an outstanding variety. Superb tangy flavor.

**HISTORY:** Unknown. This variety was sent to me by my friend 'KYGreg', who received seed from 'Deneka' of Romania.
**ZEBRA HEART**

While the history is shaky, one thing is certain for sure - this is a stunning tomato! Considered a GWR (Green When Ripe), the skin is Technicolor - lemon, lime and pink! Interior flesh is light lime green. Flavor is excellent!

I can say with a fair amount of confidence that you will not find this variety offered anywhere else in the world - in 2015. Now, that won't be true for 2016 as I dispersed seed throughout the US this fall/winter.

**HISTORY:** A bee cross which appeared on an Ohio farm about 2000 (assumed to be John Siegel of Covington, OH), later distributed and/or stabilized by Al Anderson of Troy, OH.

**GROWTH HABIT:** Indeterminate  
**MATURITY:** Mid-season  
**LEAF TYPE:** Regular  
**FRUIT CLASS:** Beefsteak  
**FRUIT SHAPE:** Oblate, variable  
**FRUIT SIZE:** Large  
**FRUIT COLOR:** Green When Ripe  
**USE:** Fresh, Juice, Sauce  
**ORIGIN:** OP - USA

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**ZOGOLA**

Luscious, 1 lb. +, crimson fruits are slightly flattened with mild fluting at the shoulders. Meaty and juicy with a rich and tangy, well balanced full flavor. They are very meaty, typically with few small seed cavities. Good disease resistance.

**HISTORY:** A Polish heirloom. Carolyn Male of Latham, New York, obtained this variety from Joe Bratka of New Jersey and introduced the variety to Seed Savers Exchange in 1993.

**GROWTH HABIT:** Indeterminate  
**MATURITY:** Mid-season  
**LEAF TYPE:** Potato  
**FRUIT CLASS:** Beefsteak  
**FRUIT SHAPE:** Oblate, variable  
**FRUIT SIZE:** Large to XL  
**FRUIT COLOR:** Red  
**USE:** Fresh, Juice, Sauce  
**ORIGIN:** Heirloom - Poland