

# Penn's Feed Denver

## Tomatoes 2012

### TOMATO CATEGORIES:

**Extra-Early and Early**

Aurora, Market Miracle, Mikarda Sweet, Mr. Stripey, Wayahead Super, Zaryanka Sunrise

**Siberian/Russian**

Aurora, Black Sea Man, Market Miracle, Mikarda Sweet, Zaryanka Sunrise

**Cold-Tolerant**

All Siberians/Russians

**Beefsteaks**

Aussie, Beefsteak, Better Boy Hybrid, Delicious, German Giant, Market Miracle, Santa Clara Canner, Stump of the World, Striped German, Virginia Sweets, Super Beefsteak, Valencia

**Paste – Roma & Canning**

Amish Paste, Opalka, Red Pear, Roma Paste, Santa Clara Canner,

**Cherry**

Blush, Chadwick Cherry, Ceylon, Fox Cherry, Isis Candy, Peacevine Cherry, Red Fig, Red Pear, Sweet 100, White Cherry,

**Grape**

Reisenstrabe, Yellow Reisenstrabe,

**Yellow, Orange, White**

Blush, Isis Candy, Mr. Stripey, Nebraska Wedding, Persimmon, Scotland Yellow, Striped German, Valencia, Virginia Sweets, White Cherry

**Purple/Black**

Black Pear, Black Sea Man,

**Drying**

Red Fig, Red Pear

**Greenhouse**

Vendor

**Hybrids**

Better Boy, Super Beefsteak, Sweet 100

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## INDETERMINATES: - “Vining” Tomatoes

**Amish Paste** – 80-90 days – Wisconsin – This large, meaty heirloom was discovered in Wisconsin although it hails from the Pennsylvania Amish. It has a superior taste, brilliant with a nice balance of sweet and acid. Excellent fresh or in sauces. Seeds of Change

**Aurora** – 65 days – Siberia - Five stars for flavor! At a taste test of dozens of tomatoes, someone shouted, “Oh my gosh! This is a tomato!” One of our best sellers. Scarlet round 2-3 oz. fruits. Seeds Trust

**Aussie** – 85 days – Australia – Heirloom This is one of those varieties to grow when you want a really big impressive red tomato to show off to your friends. This fruit is huge, at least a pound or two, and borne abundantly on large, vigorous plants. Its flavor is as big as its size, bursting with a blend of sugars and acids – a full old-fashioned tomato taste. Tomato Growers

**Beefsteak** - 70 days - Huge Beefsteak-type tomato with vigor and disease tolerance. Very firm and flavorful. Produced in abundance on strong vines.

**Better Boy Hybrid** – 75 days Produces a bushel of fruit per plant. Guinness record holder – 342 lbs. of fruit from one plant! Deep red and meaty, up to a pound each. Dense foliage cover, too. Gurney’s

**Black Pear** – 80 days – Dark brown tomatoes are shaped like miniature pears and flavored with an excellent, rich taste. Potato-leaved plants produce an abundance of these beautiful, 4-6oz. fruit, perfect for cutting up for salads or using as a unique addition to platters. Heirloom variety. Tomato Growers

**Blush** – 75-80 days A unique “julienne” cherry tomato from breeder Fred Hempel with an unforgettable tropical sweet flavor reminiscent of pineapple. Widely adapted with heavy fruit set over an extended period. Seeds of Change

**Ceylon** – 80 days A tomato like you’ve probably never seen before, these small, ruffled red fruit are unique in appearance. Their taste is rich and assertive, slightly sweet with a bit of a zing added in. Only about 2” across, these flattened scalloped tomatoes appear in great profusion, perfect for salad or as a garnish. Tomato Growers

**Chadwick Cherry** - 80 days Delicious, sweet flavor makes this 1-oz. cherry popular with home gardeners. Large vines set huge yields and are disease resistant. Developed by the late horticultural expert Alan Chadwick. He sure had a winner with this one! Baker Creek

**Coyote** – 50 days – This tiny tomato made its way from Mexico to Pennsylvania and is now cultivated all over. A tiny tomato with a big taste, you just can’t stop popping them into your mouth like candy. They need plenty of room and lots of good support to grow on. The fruits are born in clusters of 6-8 fruits. Sustainable Seed Company

**Delicious** 77 days – Set the world record for size – over 7 pounds! You may be lucky enough to harvest the tomato that beats the record, but even if not, most of your crop will be plump, meaty fruits that weigh well over a pound. The name describes the taste – flavorful, juicy and just plain delicious. Fruit resists cracking and stores for weeks. Indeterminate plants produce huge yields. Gurney

**Fox Cherry** - 80-90 days – Delicious, large, red, heirloom cherry tomatoes that seem to be one of the best-tasting large cherries around. The vining plants are very reliable; even in years when the wilt kills about everything else these seem to do great. The fruit weigh about 1 oz. each and are perfect for salads. Baker Creek

**German Giant** – 77 days This family heirloom variety produces an abundance of deep pink tomatoes that are just huge and brimming with luscious flavor. The plant’s potato-leaved foliage may remind you of Brandywine, but this one matures fruit that are earlier, larger and more plentiful than those of Brandywine. German Giant tomatoes are smooth in shape, 2 lbs. or more, and full of rich but sweet taste that make a tomato scrumptious. Tomato Growers

**Isis Candy** – 67 days - This delightful variety produces yellow-gold cherry tomatoes with red marbling. Marbling varies from just a red blush to extensive streaking inside and out. What is consistent, however, is the sweet taste that is also rich and fruity, and very delicious. Tomatoes are about 1” across and are round to oblate in shape. Very productive plants bear throughout a long season. Tomato Growers

**Mikarda Sweet** – 67 days Siberia Sweet flavor with and ever so slight acid bite. Long, pear-shaped, 3-4” 5-7 oz fruits. Seeds Trust

**Mr. Stripey** – 56 days (Tigerella) Huge crops of red fruits with clearly defined yellow-orange stripes. 1-1/2 to 2 inch tomatoes have a rich, tangy flavor and are a beautiful novelty for adding whole or cutting into salads. The American Heritage Seed Company Conifer, Co

**Opalka** – 83 days A very large tomato that has the appearance of a bull’s horn with massive solid fruit. Definitely a paste tomato with a dry texture and low seed count, it will become one of the more unique plants in your garden. This heirloom tomato is amazing to behold and difficult to find. If you grow tomatoes for paste, this is the one to grow. Pinetree

**Peacevine Cherry** 70-80 days Prolific tresses of delicious red fruits. Complex flavor begins tart and finishes sweet. Found by independent research to be extremely high in vitamin C and gamma-amino butyric acid, a body sedative that calms jitters. Seeds of Change

**Red Fig** – 85 days Philadelphia heirloom documented to 1805. Heavy yields of 1 1/2 “ pear-shaped fruits that are great for fresh eating. Used as a substitute for figs years ago by gardeners who would pack crates of dried tomatoes for winter use. Seed Savers Exchange

**Red Pear** - 78 days Bright red, pear-shaped, 2” long fruit borne in clusters. Excellent for canning, sauce, juicing, and salads. Produced throughout a long season. Tomato Growers 1st year saved seed

**Riesetomate** – The most novel tomato we have seen, this tomato is like a big bunch of cherry tomatoes all fused together: an amazing trait that had everyone here asking questions about the alien-looking bumpy tomatoes. Also called “Traveler Tomato” (“reise” is German for travel or “journey”) for the ability to tear it apart a piece at a time, with no need for a knife. This type of tomato traces it’s roots to Central America where the native people would carry traveler tomatoes on trips – to eat as they walked. Bright red tomatoes taste – well, rather sour, strong and acid. The perfect tomato for those who love raw lemons, but who cares? They are still far-out and groovy. Baker Creek

**Santa Clara Canner** – 80 days Good yields of 10-12 oz. reddish-orange beefsteaks. This variety was once used in the California canning industry. Westcliffe Seed Lending Library Bob’s Tomatoes

**Scotland Yellow** – 80 days A very productive plant from Scotland that yields excellent quantities of 2-3 oz. golden yellow tomatoes perfect for salads. Westcliffe Seed Lending Library - Bob’s Tomatoes

**Stump of the World** - 80 days Dark pink beefsteak fruit reach about one pound and grow on potato-leaved vines. The variety was part of Ben Quisinberry Collection, which also contributed the variety Brandywine. Stump of the World is a bit smaller and more productive than Brandywine, but, like Brandywine, offers outstandingly rich, complex flavor. Tomato Growers

**Striped German Tomato** – 78 days The flat, medium to large, variably ribbed-shoulder tomatoes are shaded yellow and red. The marbled interior looks beautiful sliced. Complex, fruity flavor and smooth texture. Medium-tall vines. Johnny’s – 1<sup>st</sup> year saved by Beki Javernick, Canon City, Co

**Super Beefsteak VFN** – 80 days Even better than Beefsteak! Gurney’s

**Super Beefsteak Hybrid** 80 days – An improved beefsteak type with heavier yields and better disease resistance. Smooth, meaty fruits average more than 1 lb. each. Burpee

**Sweet 100 Hybrid** – 65 days – “Thousands of sweet, little fruits.” Huge, multiple-branched clusters of 1/2 inch very sweet fruit with high vitamin C content. Mouth-watering flavor. Vigorous vines bear abundantly until frost and need staking for best results. Gurney’s seed, Tomato Growers description

**Tommy Toe** – 70 days Australian Heirloom Round to slightly elongated. Bright red and prolific with excellent flavor and plenty of juice. Resists most diseases. Sets loads of fruits. Seeds Trust

**Thessaloniki** – 75-80 days – Greece Greek variety with beautifully smooth, large red fruits. Tomatoes are 3-4” in diameter and juicy with an excellent flavor. Good yields and crack resistant. Tomato Growers

**Valencia** – 59 days – Maine. This is a seductive old heirloom tomato! Bright-orange, round, smooth, large, 8-20 oz., nearly seedless fruits with rich, tomato flavor. Looks like a navel orange on the vine. Some staking required. Seeds Trust

**Vendor** – 75 days – Greenhouse Tomato Holland. Where disease is a problem, vendor shines as the best open-pollinated tomato in our greenhouse trials. Somewhat compact plants produce 6-9 oz., bright-red fruits. V & F Resistant Seeds Trust

**Virginia Sweets** – 80 days This heirloom variety is simply one of the best tasting, best producing gold-red bicolor we have ever grown. On top of that, the tomatoes are stunningly beautiful and enormous weighing at least 1 lb.

each. Golden yellow beefsteaks are colored with red stripes that turn into a ruby blush. Flavor is sweet and rich, and harvests are abundant. Tomato Growers

**White Cherry** – 80 days – The pale, almost translucent, lemon yellow 1” tomatoes are borne on vigorous vines. They have a very pleasant, sweet/tart flavor. Pinetree

**Yellow Reisenstraube** – 75-80 days Germany Everyone loves our popular ‘red’ variety, but here is the brilliant yellow version of this fantastic grape tomato. Imagine clusters of delicious, golden grape tomatoes, these are even sweeter than the red ones! Super productive plants with pointed, grape-sized fruits. Baker Creek

## DETERMINATES: “Bush” Tomatoes

**Black Sea Man** – 75 days Russia Russian heirloom from Marina Danilenko. Small plants produce medium-sized brownish-pink fruits with olive green shading. Well-marbled flesh is attractive when blanched and peeled. Rich flavor. Potato leaf foliage. Seed Savers Exchange

**Market Miracle** – 65 days – Siberia. Great tomato flavor is a balance of sweet as well as acidic! Obviously bred for the competitive Siberian market. Compact plants produce showy solid 8-12 oz. beautiful red fruits. Seeds Trust

**Nebraska Wedding** – The ultimate “love-apple” according to Amy Goldman’s colorful story in The Heirloom Tomato. Nebraskan brides reportedly still receive these seeds as a wedding gift. Listed in the 1983 SSE yearbook by Dorothy Beiswenger of Crookston, Minnesota. Reliable producer of stunning 4” round fruits with glowing orange skin. Well-balanced flavor. Plants typically grow less than 36” tall, but benefit from staking. Seeds of Change

**Persimmon** (75-80 days) - 5-7 oz This beautiful deep orange fruit has incredible taste and resemble a fuyu persimmon. Meaty, sweet, with very few seeds, this main season slicer is popular at the local farmer’s market. A main season slicing variety with deep orange fruit. Juicy and flavorful. Round 3" globes on 5-6' vines. Seeds of Change

**Roma Paste** - 75-85 days – Rich paste tomatoes with meaty flesh and few seeds are long renowned for delicious sauces and pastes. Great for canning. Compact vines produce 8-10 tomatoes per pound. Disease resistant. The American Heritage Seed Company

**Wayahead Super** – 63 days – Jung’s introduced this tomato in 1921 and it continues to have a loyal fan base due to its early 63 day maturity, abundant fruit and fine tomato flavor. The smooth, bright red, firm and juicy medium-size tomatoes are delicious fresh and are among the finest for juice.

## SEMI-DETERMINATE (A little of both – vining and bush.)

**Zaryanka Sunrise** – Siberia – 68 days – Lots of beautiful, orange-red, 6-8 oz. beauties. Very meaty. Almost beefsteak. Great size and color for farmer’s markets. Tidy, compact plants. Seeds Trust – 2<sup>nd</sup> year saved seed.