



Marty's Tomato Picks

Tomatoes grow best in at least a half day of sun. The best time to plant is mid April to early May, after the soil has warmed up. Tomatoes like a loamy, slightly acidic soil. To achieve that, work in FoxFarm Happy Frog Soil Conditioner then add a garden fertilizer like ferti•lome Tomato and Vegetable Food or Dynamite. Tomatoes root all the way up their stems, so it's OK to plant deeper than the original soil line. Many tomatoes, especially determinate ones, can also be planted in containers using a well draining potting mix. After planting, water with a water soluble starter fertilizer such as FoxFarm Grow Big or ferti•lome Blooming and Rooting. Then mulch with Cottonseed Hulls. Stake or cage the vines to conserve space and keep leaves and fruit off the ground, reducing disease.

Variety	Disease Resistance	Vine	Fruit Size	Comment	Days
Amish Paste			Med 8 oz	Good canner/sauces, low acid, from early 1900s	
Beefmaster	VFN	I	2 lbs +	Hybrid, the standard of large tomatoes	80
Better Boy	VFNAST	I	Med/Lg 12 oz +	Great slicer, sturdy vines, heavy producer	75
Big Beef	VFFNTAST	I	Lg 16 oz +	The best of the BIG tomatoes	73
Brandywine			Lg 16 oz +	Heirloom, potato leaf variety from 1885	80
Bush Husky Red	VFA	D	5 to 7 oz	Repeat producer, 4' tall, great for containers	68
Carbon		I	Med 12 oz	Black fruit, award winning taste	76
Celebrity	VFFNTAST	I	Med 8 oz +	Nice compact plant, mid season standard	70
Cherokee Purple		I	Med/Lg 12 oz +	Dark fruit, heavy producer, great taste	80
Early Girl	VFF	I	4 to 6 oz	Firm fruit, great early variety	57
Glamour	V	I	Med 8 oz	A favorite for many years, dependable	75
Golden Jubilee		I	Med 8 oz	Low acid, smooth fruit, All-American 1943	80
Granny Smith		I	Med 8 oz	Stays green, great for frying, good keeper	72
Jet Star	VF	I	Med 8 oz	The Standard, low acid, the best for Kansas	72
Lemon Boy	VFN	I	Med/Lg 12 oz +	Favorite for salads and gourmet dishes	72
Merced		D	Med	Heavy producer all summer long	69
Patio	F	D	4 oz	Stocky, 2' plant for bed or containers	50-60
Striped Zebra		D	3 - 4 oz	Pickling, sauces, and sandwiches, Heirloom	78
Sweet 100	VF	I	1", 1 oz	Clusters of 100, very sweet, Extra Vitamin C	
Tiny Tim		D	3/4"	Great for pots and baskets, 18" tall plant	45
Yellow Pear		I	1"	Salads, fresh or pickled, kids favorite, 8' plant	70

Disease Resistance: V=Verticillium, F=Fusarium, FF=Fusarium 1 and 2, N=Nematodes, T=Tobacco Mosaic, A=Alternaria, St=Stamphylium Grey Leaf Spot

Vine Size: I=Indeterminate varieties are vining plants that continue to grow and bear fruit all season. D=Determinate varieties are more compact plants and produce fruit for a shorter season.