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Tomato Tasting 2008

Cherry/Currant Tomatoes:

Black Cherry Dusky purple fruits, flavor is sweet yet rich and complex. Crack-resistant, good production on vigorous, tall plants. Great for drying.

Brown Berry Excellent sweet juicy flavor, extremely heavy producer.

Fence Row Cherry Large red fruits, very productive.

Galina's Yellow From Siberia, sweet golden-yellow cherry (about size of a quarter) produced in long clusters.

Gardener's Delight Also called Sugar Lump. Big yields of sugar-sweet tomatoes in clusters of 6-12.

Green Doctors Newer introduction named for person who discovered tomato in NY and Dr. Carolyn Male, renowned tomato expert.

Katinka From Russia, golden-yellow fruits are very productive.

Peacevine Cherry Developed from Sweet 100, clusters of 18-20 fruits on 2-3 foot plants. Highest vitamin C content in a cherry tomato.

Tiny Tim Dwarf plant, 10-18" tall, bears bright red tomatoes about 3/4" in diameter. Early. Good for containers.

Tonadose Des Conores Endangered heirloom from France, very red fruit have an orange tinge inside and a long, lingering flavor.

Small size fruits, early-to-mid season:

Black Zebra Rich flavor with hints of smoke and sweetness. 1.5- 2" fruits with dark red skin beneath dark green/ mahogany streaks.

Bloody Butcher

Bulgarian Triumph Bulgarian heirloom, 2-4 oz. red tomatoes grow in clusters.

Garden Peach 1-3 oz. yellow fruits have a fuzzy skin, like a peach. Stores well.

Glacier Early variety, medium-small fruits on short plant. From Sweden in 1985.

Jaune Flammée Persimmon-orange fruits are 2-3-oz. and very juicy. Tasty and slightly tangy; good early tomato for sandwiches, salads. Extremely productive French heirloom.

Pink Plum Plum-size fruits with deep pink color.

Siberian Sprawling plants with very early sets of 2-3", egg-shaped fruits. Good strong flavor.

Stupice Early tomato produces 2" fruits all season long. Good flavor and production. From Czechoslovakia.

Medium or large fruits, early-to-mid season:

Anna Banana Russian Bright yellow-orange version of 'Anna Russian'. The fruits are heart-shaped, delicious, up to 13 ozs.

Arkansas Traveler Old Southern heirloom produces under drought and high heat. Medium pink fruits, good flavor.

Black Krim Early heirloom from the Crimean peninsula. Sets well in heat, heavy producer. Rich, earthy, almost smoky flavor. Fruits 10-12 oz.

Bulgarian #7 Round red fruits, 6 ounces, with sweet and tangy flavor. Good yields.

Debbie

Diener Intense red selection of Santa Clara Canner, Italian family heirloom thought to have sparked the Calif. tomato canning industry.

Large Red Prior to the Civil War, one of the most commonly grown tomatoes in the country. Listed in the 1843 Shaker seed catalog. Deep red fruits, 2-4", are heavily ribbed and flattened in shape.

Lida Ukrainian Brought to America by Russian immigrants prior to the 1920's. A Russian heirloom tomato, round, red.

Moskvich Deep red tomatoes have a rich taste, in spite of being an early tomato. Fruits are 4-6 oz., smooth and globe-shaped with a small stem scar.

Tangerine 8 oz. round, orange fruits.

Wisconsin 55 Good all-purpose tomato bred at U of Wisconsin in the 1940s. 6-12 oz. round red fruits, good production.

Wisconsin 55 Gold Gold mutant of Wisconsin 55 found and selected in the early 1950s by the U of Wisconsin.

Yellow Perfection Heirloom from an old British seed company, 1.5- 2", round, brilliant-yellow, thin-skinned fruits.

Larger fruits, later season:

Ananas Noir AKA Black Pineapple, variant of Pineapple found in Belgium. The skin has shades of green, purple, orange, and yellow; inside is bright green streaked with pink. Large, sweet fruits.

Aunt Ruby's German Green Yellow-green fruit with a pink blush outside, bright green inside. Fruits weigh 8-16 oz. Very flavorful.

Brandywine (Sudduth's Strain) From Dorris Sudduth Hill whose family grew them for 80 years. Large, pink beefsteaks up to 2 lbs. Rich, intense tomato flavor.

Brandywine Pink Good yields of 1-2 lb. pinkish red beefsteaks with rich tomato flavor. An Amish heirloom from the USA dating back to 1885.

Chapman 12 oz.-2 lb. red fruit. Meaty juicy flesh, slightly tart with good yields.

Cherokee Chocolate Robust plants with reddish brown/bronze 10-16 oz fruits. Bred from Cherokee Purple, it has the same sweet, rich, smokey flavor.

Cherokee Green Sweet and flavorful green-when-ripe fruits; variety is a chance mutation of Cherokee Chocolate, a sport of Cherokee Purple.

Cherokee Purple Robust plants, good production of 10-16 oz. pink/purple fruit with green shoulders. Sweet, rich, smokey flavor. Pre-1890 Tennessee heirloom, originally grown by the Cherokee Nation.

Crimson Cushion 14-16 oz., deeply ribbed, irregular, bright scarlet fruits. Juicy and very prolific. Nice balance of tart and sweet.

Daniel

Depp's Pink Firefly Family heirloom grown since 1890 in Glasgow, KY. Large 1 lb. reddish-pink fruits are sweet.

Dora

Gary'O Sena Large purple-pink fruits, developed from Brandywine x Cherokee Purple.

Indian Stripe Dusky pink-purple 6-10 oz. fruits on high-yielding plant. Good flavor. sweet and tart flavor, juicy.

JD's Special C-Tex Pink/black beefsteak fruit, 12-20 oz, good flavor. A Brandywine/unknown black cross stabilized by the late JD Whitaker.

Large Pink Bulgarian Large, dark-pink, flattened globes, few seeds, mild sweet flavor. Vigorous.

Marizol Purple Good yields of 16 oz. pinkish-purple fruits, sweet and flavorful. Heirloom variety from Germany's Black Forest.

Milka's Red Bulgarian Large 1-2 lb. fruits with good flavor. From Bulgaria.

Neves Azorean Red 1-2 lb. red fruit with deep rich flavor, high production. Seed was brought back from the Azores by Anthony neves and over time selected for large size and good flavor.

Pale Perfect Purple Potato leaf plant with soft-fleshed, juicy globes of dusky pink fruits, 6-8 oz. High-yielding variety is cross between Ozark Pink and Purple Price.

Pineapple Large beefsteak, up to two pounds, has a mild flavor and meaty flesh with relatively few seeds. Ripens to a bright yellow, often with red stripes.

Provenzano Italian heirloom produces large, heart-shaped fruits with meaty flesh and sweet flavor. Very productive.

Red Pear

Stump of the World Dark pink heirloom beefsteak; earlier and more productive than Brandywine with a rich, complex flavor. Potato leaved. Indeterminate. Late.

Valena Pink 1-2 lb. pink beefsteak with green shoulders. Good flavor and yields. Family heirloom of Emil and Ann Valena via relatives in Cina Italy where they got seeds in the late 1960's.

Virginia Sweets Large bi-color beefsteak, fruits 1 lb., good flavor.

Vorlon Stabilized cross between Cherokee Purple and Prudens Purple. Deep purple-pink fruits w/green shoulders. Great flavor, moderate productivity.

Wanda

Watermelon Beefsteak Lightly scalloped pink beefsteak tomatoes that weigh 1-2 lbs. Rich, sweet, low-acid flavor. Ripe fruits are fragile and do not keep well.

Cooking and Drying Tomatoes:

Amish Paste Pennsylvania family heirloom dating to late 1870s. Red, plum-shaped 8 ounce fruits. Low acid, good for canning and sauces.

Federle 7" red banana-shaped fruits, rich tomato flavor and very few seeds.

Gail's Sweet Plum Large cherry-size paste tomato good for drying.

Opalka Brought to NY around 1900 from Poland. Good tasting paste tomato with 5" fruit shaped like a banana pepper, very few seeds, extremely meaty. Wispy foliage.

Orange Banana Orange-colored paste tomato, 2" x 4".

Principe Borghese Italian heirloom used for drying. Small grape-shaped fruits have few seeds, rich taste.

San Marzano It is reported that seed was brought to Italy in 1770 from Peru and grown for centuries near Naples.

Sarnowski Polish Plum 4-6 oz. mostly plum-shaped fruits on sprawling vines. Good flavor and yield. Family heirloom brought to NY from Poland in 1890s.

Sheboygan Grown since the early 20th century in Sheboygan, WI by Lithuanian immigrants. 4-6 oz. paste fruit is good fresh or cooked.

Speckled Roman Meaty paste tomato with 3" x 5" orange-red fruits with yellow stripes. Good flavor and production. Wispy foliage.