

Tomatoes



Tomatoes are America's favorite fruit and if you want to start a good argument among a group of gardeners, just ask them which tomato is the best. That said, here are a few that do well here:

1. **Heritage.** Heritage tomatoes are those that you can collect seeds from and start from seed and will usually come true from their seed. Coming true means that you will get the same tomato from the seed you gathered as the original seed you planted. Bear in mind that if you have several types of tomatoes growing in your yard, this may not work well for you because the varieties will cross pollinate. Some of our favorite heritage tomatoes are

Cherokee Purple. A larger tomato with a dark skin and very good flavor.

Mortgage Lifter. A large tomato noted for its heavy production, this tomato is said to have belonged to a family that owned a service station. They grew tomatoes at the station and sold them to customers. The tomato plants were so productive that they were able to use the proceeds from the sales to pay off their mortgage.

Amish Paste. A smaller Roma type tomato known for its use to make tomato paste.



Cherokee Purple



Mortgage Lifter



Amish Paste

2. Hybrids. Hybrids have been developed by a number of sources to provide various specific traits. Some of our favorites are:

Celebrity. A nice medium size tomato with good flavor that tends not to split from rain.

Early Girl. A nice medium size tomato with good flavor that produces a little earlier than others.

Roma. There are many varieties of roma. These are large, plum tomatoes with a little higher acid than other types which makes them perform well both on the table and for cooking, salsa and other stored methods.



Celebrity



Early Girl



Roma