



**THE
TOMATOES
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IT'S SUNDAY**



2011 Tomato Season Varietal Overview HEPWORTH FARMS

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Overview

TOMATO TYPE	# of Varieties
HEIRLOOM	58
Cherry & Grape	25
Field (Red, Yellow, Orange)	22
Plum	12
TOTAL	117

148,000 TOMATO PLANTS
42 miles of Tomatoes on
55 acres



Our Favorites



Variety	Comment
Brandywines (Pink, Yellow and Red)	Its the heirloom our customers expect to see...the tomato our packers love to pack, they are delicious and large.
Prudence Purple	Pink, scrumptious, savory and sweet. Earlier and bears heavier than Brandywines and better disease resistance.
Black Velvet	(hybrid) This is our favorite “black” (mahogany) tomato. Round, firm, on the tart side, nice texture. No cracking , lush healthy plants, good blossom and fruit set. <i>One negative: low germination</i>
Striped German	We accidentally did not seed this fine tomato in our late planting and we missed their pretty striped yellow/red color and large size in our pack. Customers asked for them.
Eva Purple	This year we had more cracking and varying size than we ever had . This (normally) is a perfectly round, smooth, medium size tomato with a unique deep pink color.
Pomodoro Red Pear	This is Gerry’s favorite “sauce” tomato – makes thick delicious sauce. It is also dense beefsteak with excellent flavor for fresh eating. Cracking near the stem – but you just can’t beat this heavy, large, ribbed, red Northern Italian tomato for sauce.



Our Favorites, *cont.*



Variety	Comment
Cherokee Purple	Our favorite “purple,” full flavor, striking in our mix. Some cracking, good disease resistance.
Beauty	Red Beefsteak “old fashioned” flavor. Less cracking than other reds. <i>Note: poor germination.</i>
Costaluto Genovese	Medium, ribbed, red, acidic Italian tomato, our favorite customer’s favorite tomato – so we will grow it.
Juanne Flamme	Fantastic tomato – small, smooth, round, prolific, no cracking, GREAT fruity perfectly balanced taste...every mix heirloom box should have a Juanne Flamme.
Pink Brandy-master	Favored in the field over Pink Brandywine and Suddith. Beautiful pink (darker than Suddith), firm, great flavor.
Orange Russian 117	Our favorite oxheart – rich, sweet, well-balanced delicious flavor, meaty. High yield in the field. <i>NOTE: we lose many perfectly beautiful tomatoes in the packing house because of softness. Should pick on the turn.</i>
Japanese Black Trifele	Unusual pear shape, intriguing burgundy color with green shoulder, delicious rich complex flavor. High yielder, great disease resistance, set well after heat wave.
Green Zebra	We just have to grow this pretty, zingy tasting tomato. Highly crack resistant. Must pick before they ripen to maintain firm texture.

We will grow again



Variety	Comments
Marvel Striped	A “pretty” addition to our pack. Ribbed, flat, medium sized, yellow, orange and pink/red streaks, meaty, sweet and juicy.
Aunt Ruby German	Although only our most experienced workers can tell a ripe Aunt Ruby from a green tomato, which makes it difficult to manage in field and packing house, this is an excellent green-when-ripe tomato.
Black Zebra	Stunning color. This is the only tomato we grow for its beauty only – so we won’t grow very many. Varying in flavor from bland to interesting.
Moskovich	An early heirloom: excellent fruit load, deep red with a rich satisfying flavor, medium red.
Black Krim	Challenging to manage in the field because it wants to be picked half-green or the texture will be mealy. The color is exotic and so is the flavor . Early producer that keeps on producing. We’ll give this another try.
Wins All	Consistent producer of pink, round, tasty, mostly blemish free fruit.
Red Calabash	Small, oblong, ribbed , thin skinned, and the flavor is yummilious – sweet and oh-so-tasty. Plants are loaded with fruits.
Cuor di Bue	Beautiful, heavy, deep pink oxheart with a “real” tomato taste. The downside was lots of dropped/#2 fruit.
Wapsipinico Peach/ Garden Peach	Was not able to conclude which is better, but enjoy the different color and texture in our pack. They are soft so we won’t grow many. Fared well in tastings.



Won't grow next year



Variety	Comment
Cherokee Green	Interesting tomato, but did not produce tomatoes for our pack. Difficult to manage in our production system.
Ananas Noire	Spectacular and weird, but the taste was just not there.
Great White	Too controversial...Amy saw it on our customers' display and said it looked lifeless. Men in the field say not to grow it. Gail thinks it's beautiful shiny and unique color and sweet taste make it worthy to grow 😊
Purple Russian, Black Prince, Tigerella, Silvery Fir Tree, Yellow Perfection, Nyagous, Black Seaman, Rose, Marglobe, Black Pear, Manitoba, Rose de Berne, Stupice, Burbank Slicing, Early Girl, Early Wonder, Polbig, Siberian, Beaverlodge, Ida Gold, Taxi, Sunny Boy, Lemon Boy	Just too many seconds to make growing commercially worthwhile OR there was another tomato that was similar but better considering our markets.
Zapotec	Interesting and good looking deeply ribbed tomato that's great for stuffing – but it's hollow core leaves most customers feeling cheated.
Red Zebra	This is not a good eating tomato. Poor taste and texture can not overcome its good looks.

Cherry Tomatoes

We'll Grow Again	Not again and why:
Sungold – the flavor is divine, but cracking remains a problem (when it rains)	Korolick: small, inconsistent, cracking, not commercially viable in our system.
SunSugar – better looking and disease resistant than Sungold (but taste is not as fantastic).	Gold Nugget: Its earliness does not make up for it's flaws.
Black Cherry – large deep purple, great fruit set, juicy tasty and beautiful.	Cherry Buzz - comparatively unremarkable.
Elettro – Pricey but our in- field favorite red round.	Favorita – Pricey – perfectly fine tomato but didn't see the advantage.
Brown Berry – Unusual color, rich taste	Chocolate Cherry – the verdict is not completely in...its a lovely tomato but the color is not as brilliant as the black cherry and it cracks more.
Red and Yellow Pear – Shape works well in our mix cherry pack, flavor is not remarkable, though.	
Yellow Mini – our favorite yellow round.	
Bing Cherry and Chadwick: large red rounds	
Zebra Cherry – beautiful, enhances the look in our mix pack, but the flavor is just ok. Skin is thick. Its a bit of a novelty, we'll grow in limited quantities. Plant does not liked to be pruned.	
Washington Cherry – early and prolific with no real flaws. Comparatively short season.	

Grape Tomatoes

We'll Grow Again	Not again and why
Five Star and Montesino: Large, bright red, firm Red Grape, healthy plants	Golden Honey Bunch: Has a wonderful flavor, but was round and not Grape-shaped enough. Difficult to differentiate in our product line. Cracking.
Solid Gold and Golden Sweet: Large Yellow Grape, good tasting, healthy plants	
Cabernet: less firm, smaller and the shape is rounder than Five Star. Can't sell in our grape tomato pack, but its beautiful color, unusual shape and sweet taste works well in our mix. We'll grow in limited quantities.	
Sakura Honey: We were very happy with this PINK grape tomato...great addition to our mix.	

***** NOTE: We didn't grow Cupid this year but we love it and will grow it again.**

Plum Tomatoes

We'll Grow Again	Not again and why
La Roma III – This is our standard plum, although this year had disproportionate high yield of #2s	Bell Star - good looking, early, blemish free, but lacking in flavor for a good sauce tomato.
Speckled Roman (and Striped Roman) gorgeous looking, sweet and savory taste makes these a keeper. The feedback from our Chef-customers was excellent.	BHN 901 – beautiful Yellow Plum, suffered with nail head disease
Juliet – This is a tasty little tomato, fantastic for drying. In most years, extremely high yield of perfect tomatoes; this year we did have uneven coloring (yellow on the stem end).	Black Plum – small and tasty, high #2 yields, not a strong addition to our product line.
Golden San Marzano – gorgeous golden color and classic Roma shape, makes excellent sauce.	Amish Paste - this was a commercial failure, varying in shape and size, yielded nearly all #2s.
	San Marzano – we keep saying we aren't going to grow this, but there is a customer demand for the "name."

Field Tomatoes

- Early tomato trial produced three winners out of 11 Field tomatoes varieties:
 - ✓ **Ultimate Opener**
 - ✓ **Oregon Spring**
 - ✓ **Orange Blossom** (downside: thick skinned)
- Our tried and true favorites:
 - **Mountain Fresh Plus**
 - **Carolina Gold** – *although we had a lot more cracking than ever before.*
- Will Grow Again
 - **Mountain Gold**
 - **BHN 876**

Still looking for....

- Another large “black” tomato that has a rich, complex delicious flavor and produces enough #1 tomatoes to make it worth it.
 - Carbon, Black, Black Brandywine, Paul Robeson were all fine but had enough flaws that they remain on our “maybe” list.
- Another purple tomato.
- A commercially viable tasty red tomato that can rival Mountain Fresh’s shipping and shelf life.