

2018 Heirloom Tomato Varieties
UCCE Master Gardeners of Yolo County Annual Plant Sale

Many of the varieties of tomatoes below have been grown for several years by local Master Gardeners at their homes or in our demonstration garden at Woodland Community College. The variety "Description" is from seed catalogs, and the "Yolo County" comments are based on our experience growing them, and our taste tests at the Woodland Tomato Festival each August.

Variety	Catalog Description and Comments on Growing in Yolo County	Color	Type	Ripens
Abe Lincoln <i>Heirloom</i>	Medium sized meaty and flavorful almost round, disease resistant and slightly acidic. Yolo County: <i>Dependable MG favorite back by request.</i>	Red	Indet.	Late
African Queen <i>Heirloom</i>	Large potato leaf plants produce heavy crops of 1-2 lb., 3-5", jade-pink, lightly fluted beefsteak tomatoes with red flesh and delicious flavors. Yolo County: <i>(New variety this year)</i>	Pink	Indet.	Mid
Amish Gold <i>Heirloom</i>	Cross between Amish Paste and Sungold; 1 ½ to 2" oblong shaped with pointed tip; color and flavor of Sungold and meatiness of Amish Paste. Sweet/tart tomato flavor. Yolo County: <i>(New variety this year)</i>	Orange	Indet.	Late
Amana Orange <i>Heirloom</i>	Huge light orange beefsteak. Excellent sweet almost tropical fruit flavors. Yolo County: <i>Top scorer in 2017 tasting; good producer.</i>	Orange	Indet.	Late
Asoychka <i>Heirloom</i>	Medium sized meaty yellow/orange with luscious sweet citrus flavor. Produces abundant dependable crops. Yolo County: <i>Abundant producer; good taste.</i>	Orange	Indet.	Mid
Aunt Rubys German Green <i>Heirloom</i>	Slightly flattened beefsteak variety from Greenville Tenn.; ripens to a pale greenish-yellow with a slight pink blush; fruity sweet and slightly spicy taste. Yolo County: <i>(New variety this year)</i>	Green	Indet.	Mid
Big Rainbow <i>Heirloom</i>	Sweet tasting 2# beefsteak fruit. Very striking sliced, as the yellow fruits have neon red streaking through the flesh. Yolo County: <i>Favorite for color and taste after its debut last year.</i>	Yellow	Indet.	Mid
Black Krim <i>Heirloom</i>	Beefsteak with intense flavor slightly salty. Fruits slightly flattened. Purple/black with green shoulders. Yolo County: <i>Good producer and scores high in taste tests, MG favorite black.</i>	Black	Indet.	Mid

Black Sea Man <i>Heirloom</i>	Potato-leafed medium black with green shoulders. Full bodied flavor, complex almost creamy tomato taste. Does well in container. Yolo County: <i>Top scorer in 2017 tomato tasting.</i>	Black	Det.	Mid
Brandywine <i>Heirloom</i>	Large plants with clusters of medium to large beefstake fruit with an “old fashion tomatoey flavor”; heat loving. Yolo County: <i>Moderate producer with above average taste.</i>	Red	Indet.	Late
Carmello <i>Heirloom</i>	Heavy producer of medium sized red fruit. Good slicer; salads and sauces. Yolo County: <i>In top 10 last year’s Tomato Festival tasting; good producer.</i>	Red	Indet.	Mid
Cherokee Purple <i>Heirloom</i>	Beefstake fruit to 1 pound with rich complex flavor. Purple black with dark interior Yolo County: <i>Good late season producer of above average taste.</i>	Black	Indet.	Late
Chocolate Stripes <i>Heirloom</i>	Red with olive green striping; 3-4” fruit; produces well into the autumn garden; great sandwich and salad tomato. Yolo County: <i>(New variety this year)</i>	Red/ Green	Indet	Mid
Eva Purple Ball <i>Heirloom</i>	Beautiful reliable problem free tomato. Fruit is perfectly round, medium sized with a tropical spice flavor. Grows well in heat, pinkish to purple color. Yolo County: <i>Good producer</i>	Pink	Indet	Mid
Green Zebra <i>Heirloom</i>	Small, round yellow/gold with green zebra stripes and lime-green flesh. Heat loving With lemon/lime flavor. Yolo County: <i>A must have but doesn’t last long off plant.</i>	Green	Indet.	Mid
Hawaiian Pineapple <i>Heirloom</i>	Large beefstake with nice pineapple flavor, yellow/orange. Yolo County: <i>Scores high in taste and appearance.</i>	Yellow	Indet.	Late
Legend <i>Heirloom</i>	Short, bushy plants produce 3-4” smooth round fruit with few seeds. Great for salads and canning. Strong tolerance to west coast blight strains. Good for containers Yolo County: <i>Must have for many Master Gardeners</i>	Red	Det.	Early
Orange Strawberry <i>Heirloom</i>	Oxheart shape with pronounced point at blossom end giving a distinct heart shape when sliced. Robust complex tart taste. Few seeds with lot of meaty flesh. Yolo County: <i>Second season by request</i>	Orange	Indet.	Mid
Paul Robeson <i>Heirloom</i>	Purple/black beefstake fruit slightly flattened round shape; up to 4” with green shoulders and red flesh; earthy, exotic flavor won “Best of Show” at Carmel Tomatofest”. Yolo County: <i>A favorite black slicer scoring high in taste.</i>	Black	Indet	Mid

Pink Berkley Tie Die Heirloom	Heavy producer of dark pink/purple fruit with green stripes. Very meaty with excellent flavor Yolo County: <i>Favorite for Master Gardens own gardens, recommended by Sac Bee.</i>	Pink	Indet.	Early
Pork Chop Heirloom	True yellow medium sized slightly flattened beefstake. Very sweet with hint of citrus Yolo County: <i>Scored Top 5 Woodland 2014 tomato tasting.</i>	Yellow	Indet.	Mid
Purple Calabash Heirloom	Flat, ribbed and ruffled 3" fruit; flavor is intense, sweet and tart, with a lime or citrus taste; deep purple burgundy. Yolo County: <i>(New variety this year)</i>	Purple	Indet	Mid
Rose Heirloom	Amish heirloom, crack resistant, large, meaty fruit with excellent flavor. Vigorous plants provide a lot of leaf cover preventing sunburned fruits. Yolo County: <i>Scored high in 2017 tomato tasting; abundant producer.</i>	Pink	Indet	Mid
Virginia Sweets Heirloom	Huge yellow beefstake fruit with red stripes. Sweet rich flavor from abundant harvests. Yolo County: <i>Good taste with moderate productivity</i>	Yellow	Indet	Mid
Woodle Orange Heirloom	Large round fruits are nearly perfect in shape. Brilliant orange color. Incredible rich and sweet flavor. Produces over long season. Yolo County: <i>Favorite from last year, recommended must have.</i>	Orange	Indet.	Mid

True Dwarf Tomato Plants

These plants reach 4 foot in height but produce full sized open pollinated fruit. Easy to grow in large pots or 5-gal buckets; good for balconies or intensive planting where space is limited. (More information at dwarftomatoproject.net)

Beauty King Dwarf Heirloom	Beautiful medium sized red fruit with gold striping; rich balanced flavor Yolo County:: <i>(New variety this year)</i>	Red	Indet	Mid
Tasmanian Chocolate Dwarf Heirloom	Fruit 5-12 oz that ripens to deep mahogany color. Flavor full and balanced. Yolo County: <i>Nice black variety for small space.</i>	Black	Indet.	Late

Paste/Sauce/Drying Tomatoes

Costoluto Genovese <i>Heirloom</i>	Heat loving meaty, heavily lobed shape. Full flavor slightly acid, favored by Italian and American chefs. Good for sauces. Yolo County: <i>Returning last year by request.</i>	Red	Indet.	Mid
Principe Borghese <i>Heirloom</i>	Short plants with high yields of big clusters of small plum shaped fruit. Prized for drying as retains flavor. Italians hang whole plant to dry, but also great for salads or canning Yolo County: <i>The best ever for drying.</i>	Red	Det.	Mid

Cherry/Grape/Plum Tomatoes

Black Plum <i>Heirloom</i>	Looks like a small mahogany paste tomato but has thin walls. Sweet tangy flavor with a steady crop throughout the season. Yolo County: <i>Brought back by request; good producer all summer; good taste.</i>	Blk	Indet.	Mid
Black Vernissage <i>Heirloom</i>	Nice Reddish-black tomato with green stripes. The 2 oz fruits are loaded with flavor. Yolo County: <i>Very productive.</i>	Blk	Indet.	Mid
Indigo Apple <i>Heirloom</i>	Clusters of 3-4 oz fruits. Start green ripen to purple/blue/black. High levels of anthocyanin a naturally occurring antioxidant found in blueberries. Yolo County: <i>Well received last two years, great color.</i>	Blue	Indet.	Early

Explantation of Terms

Heirloom – Always open pollinated plants, which means the seeds can be saved and used to reproduce the same tomato. Heirlooms have generally been saved for their superior qualities and passed on generation after generation.

Determinate (Det.) – The plant grows to a certain point then stops and sets fruit which then mostly ripen in a short period of time. Height is often four feet or less and may not need staking.

Indeterminate (Indet.) – The plant grows continually until it dies at the end of the season, continuing to flower, set, and ripen fruit. Plants can get quite large and most often produce best when staked or grown in a wire cage.