

Beefsteak Tomatoes

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General Information

- Solanum lycopersicum, Tomato
- Solanaceae family
- Sunlight: full sun.
- Soil conditions: well-drained, fertile soil, high in organic matter.
- Tomatoes come in both determinate (bush) varieties and indeterminate (climbing) varieties.

Successful Cultivators

- Brandy Boy (75-78 days) 4-5 times the yield of Brandywine, improved flavor. Indeterminate. (pictured here)
- Mortgage Lifter (80 days) Enormous pink fruit, few seeds. Indeterminate.
- Steakhouse (75-80 days) Fruits up to 3 pounds, rich tomato flavor. Indeterminate.

Pests and Diseases

- Early Blight
- Late Blight
- Blossom End Rot
- Fusarium Wilt
- Tomato Hornworm (parasitized)

- Stink Bug

Beefsteak Tomato Photos courtesy of Gail Hermenau.



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