

TOMATO TUTORIAL

My little sister (who's not so little anymore...) has expressed disbelief at the idea that tomatoes come in other colors than red, and I realize that many of the varieties that we grow at Lucky Moon are fairly unusual. Below are some facts about the tomato from [Dave's Garden](#):

TOMATO *(Lycopersicon lycopersicum)*

- Tomatoes originated in South America and spread to the new world at the time the U.S. was colonized. The word 'tomato' comes from the Spanish word 'tomate' and they were cultivated as early as 700 A.D. by the Inca and Aztec Indians.
- Though considered a vegetable, tomatoes are botanically a fruit and they belong to the Solanaceae or nightshade family. There are some 7,500 varieties and some are perennials in their native habitat but most varieties in North America are grown as annuals.
- Tomatoes are prized for their beautiful bright red color but they can also be pink, green, purple, black, white, yellow and multicolored.
- Sizes vary from tiny cherry tomatoes to plum-shaped roma tomatoes and large round beefsteaks. Tomatoes are either determinate, meaning they fruit once a season, or indeterminate, and bear fruit continually throughout the season.
- Tomatoes are highly nutritious, providing vitamins such as lycopene and vitamins A and C. They are one of the most popular vegetables used worldwide in everything from drinks to soups, salads, sauces and condiments.

So here's a list of the tomatoes that are grown at Lucky Moon Farm, and where I can, I'll include a picture and helpful comments.

[Sandwich Tomatoes](#)

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[Cherry Tomatoes](#)

Bon Appétit!

Sandwich Tomatoes



Brandywine

Ever popular, large pink tomato.

Probably the most famous of the Heirloom tomatoes.

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Sandwich tomatoes

Aunt Ruby's German Green

Green tomato that's beautiful when sliced.
Has a faint yellow-pink blush on the blossom end.



Striped German

Rainbow tomato!

Black Krim

Dark purple tomato.



Rutgers

The Campbell's soup tomato.
It's a bright red.

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Sandwich tomatoes

Cosmonaut Volkov

Large, round, bright red tomatoes.

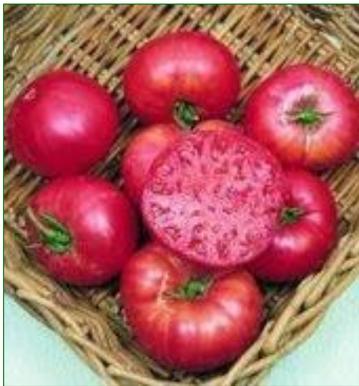


Jubilee

Yellow/orange

Green Zebra

Small round tomatoes.
They turn faintly yellow with dark green stripes.



Rose de Berne

Perfect small round tomatoes that are a lovely rose-pink color.

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Paste Tomatoes

(aka Sauce tomatoes)
Good for sauce or fresh eating!

Amish Paste

Large, dark red, ox heart tomatoes (apparently the way they are shaped, but I've never seen an ox's heart, thankfully).



Orange Banana

Medium-sized, oval, orange tomatoes.

San Marzano

Smooth oval, red tomatoes.
They are the classic Italian paste tomato.



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Cherry Tomatoes

So sweet and juicy!

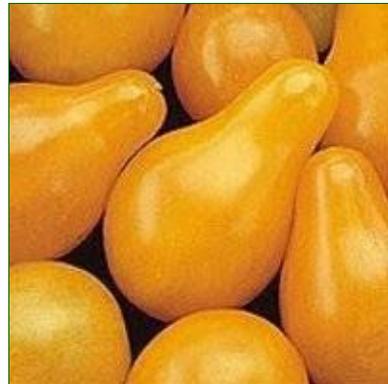


Sungold

Our favorite!
Sweet orange bites of heaven.

Fargo Yellow Pear

Not the most flavorful, but the yellow pear-shaped fruits are so cute!



Black Cherry

Dark purple, and very sweet.

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Cherry tomatoes

Principe de Borghese

Italian-type, dark red with a pointed end.
Very good tomato flavor.



Sweet Chelsea

Large round, red cherry.
Has a wonderfully sweet flavor.

Juliet

Plant produce loads of firm, oval, blemish-free tomatoes.

Great for drying, slicing in salads,
adding to pasta or just eating fresh.

