Growing Heirloom Tomatoes
you say Tomato...

Solanum lycopersicum
Lycopersicon esculentum
Lycopersicon pimpinellifolium

Edible Wolf's Peach Love Apples
Peruvian Apple
Native to South America

The Andes Range: Peru, Bolivia, Chile, Ecuador

Cultivated by the Aztecs & Incas as early as 700 AD
What is an Heirloom?

Heirlooms are open-pollinated

GROW WHAT YOU LOVE!
New Dwarf Heirloom Slicers

www.CraigLeHoullier.com
Types of Tomatoes
Indeterminate

“Vining Tomatoes”
Weak Stems
Grow 6-20’
Require Tall Stakes
Fruit all season
Most Delicious Slicers
Semi Determinate

- Paste Varieties
- Multi-Stem Habit
- Grow 3-6’
- Excellent for containers
- Fruit all season
- Ideal for sauce

Excellent for containers
Ideal for sauce
Determinate

“Bush Tomatoes”
Compact Form
Grow 2-4’
Excellent for containers
Fruit over a 2-3 week period
Ideal for batches of sauce
Tips for a successful harvest
Tomatoes are HARD!

Don’t get your feelings hurt
Variety Selection

Fall Planting in Florida
2255
Jolene
Red Snapper
Sunfresh
Winterhaven

Available through SeedWay
Use Quality Compost

Well drained

NOT exclusively animal based
Microbial activity improves pest resistance & fertilization.
Plant DEEP to increase root system
Apply organic fertilizer regularly
Water daily to reduce splitting fruits and Blossom End Rot
Blossom End Rot
not actually a Calcium deficiency
Caused from water extremes

BEST SOLUTION:
Drip irrigation on a timer
Bacterial Wilts

Clog the vascular system

Remove and DO NOT COMPOST
Pest Control

Bacillus Thuringiensis
Allow wasps to parasitize the hornworms
Airflow & Staking
Give them space
Stake with Cattle Fence Panels
Root Knot Nematodes
Grow in Containers
Quality Soil

“Good Dirt”
Available at Target
‘San Marzano’ Tomato & Coleus combination

Yielded over 100lbs of fruit!
7gl + Plastic Pots
Crescent Garden Planters

FIND MORE ABOUT SELF WATERING SYSTEM PLANTERS
Grow in bags

Gardenuity.com
My biggest success:

3gl Rootmaker Pots
Grow in Water
7 basic types of hydroponic systems

- Aeroponic
- Aquaponic
- Deep Water Submersion
- Drip
- Ebb and Flow
- Nutrient Film Technique
- Wick
Great for patios

High yield

Low maintenance

Easy set up

Perfect for children
All in one units
Root Spa
available at Walmart
Build your own...

WHAT DO YOU NEED?
Hydroponic Media

Hydrocorn & Rockwool
Hydro Corn Media
Air Pumps
Nutrient Solutions

Fulvic Acid regulates water pH
15 June

‘Early Girl’
8 July
1 August

72lbs of fruit
Aeroponics

20 gallon tank
Aeroponics Timer
Roots are pruned from the air
Plant a seed in rockwool cube
Place rock wool cube in basket into tower & add nutrient solution
Add water and nutrient solution as needed
September 6

160 lbs of tomatoes 2019
Growing A Greener World TV

Episode #813

EPISODE 813 - NEW WAYS OF GROWING OUR FAVORITE VEGETABLES
Brie’s Favorites

“Cherries”

“Slicers”

“Paste”
What I am looking for...

- Heat Tolerance
- Staking/ Maintenance
- Yield
- Taste Quality
- Nematode Resistance

‘Julia Child’
Favorite Seed Source

Baker Creek Heirloom Seed

RareSeeds.com

Thank you for the photos
‘Black Krim’
80 days  Indeterminate
‘Blue Berries’

75 days

Indeterminate
Chef’s Choice Series
‘Dr Wyche’s Yellow’

80 days  Indeterminate
‘Orange Icicle’

80 days

Semi-determinate
‘Peche’

75 days

Indeterminate
'Porkchop'

75-85 days
Semi-determinate
ALL TIME Favorite Tomato:
‘Cream Sausage’
70-75 days Semi-determinate
Thank You!
Book Sale $20 & Signing