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STRIPED GERMAN TOMATO

(*Solanum lycopersicum* 'Striped German')



DESCRIPTION

The Striped German is a highly seasonal fruit with the sort of undiluted tomatoness sought out by flavor fanatics. With a bicolor center of yellow with red marbling and unusually well defined stripes it looks quite ugly but tastes full and sweet, with a peachy texture. It has good production and produces medium fruits that take about 3 months to mature. This lovely flavoured variety will produce until first frost. As an heirloom, the Striped German, by definition, comes from a pure strain of seed that was never crossbred with any other variety. As a consequence the variety is frail and bruises easily. After two or three days, its skin will sag and the flesh will turn gelatinous. Refrigeration, of course, kills the taste.

vigor, and then its laterals removed from the major leaf axis. Its vines grows medium-tall. You only need to shape the staking varieties to one or two leaders and prune laterals. Minimal leaf removal for sunlight penetration is required

Companion plant tomato with parsley – parsley will improve growth and flavor and attract bees and ladybirds and deters some pests. Basil, asparagus, celery, chives, onions and cucumber will improve also tomato growth and flavor and marigold and nasturtium will

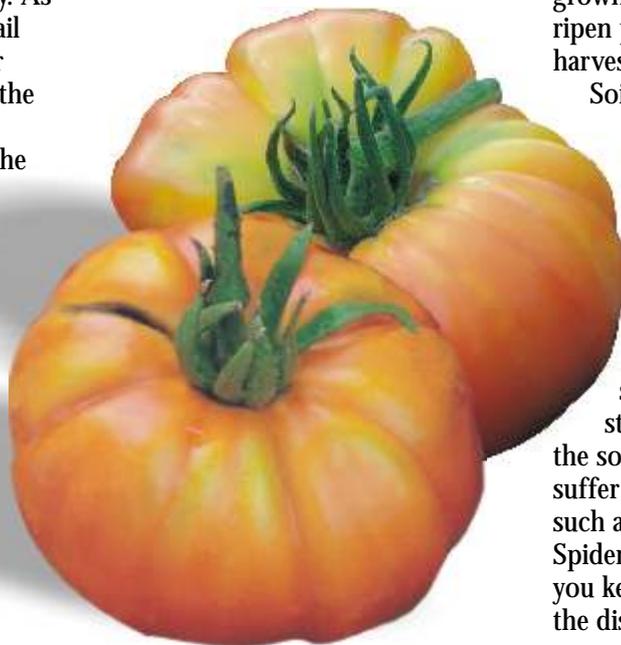
excellent, but tomatoes can also be ripened successfully by picking fruit when it is just pink in color.



CULTIVATION

Tomatoes do best in hot climates, with extra water in spring while the plant is growing and drier sunny conditions while the fruits are ripening. Grow in rich, moist soil climates. Flavor is better when grown outside, provided that they ripen properly on the vine before harvesting.

Soils that are suitable for tomatoes need to be fertile, well drained and moisture retentive. A good general purpose organic fertilizer will also do the job. After your first crop, grow tomatoes in the same soil each year with the old stems and leaves dug into the soil for compost. Tomatoes can suffer from a few problems, such as Wilt, Virus, molds and Red Spider to name a few. However if you keep your plant in good health the diseases risk is lessened. For more information on keeping your vegetables healthy see our organic gardening fact sheet on the Herb Herbert website.



USES

Used in many dishes to add color and flavor.

The marbled interior of the Striped German looks beautiful sliced!

deter nematodes and insect pests. Do not plant in close proximity to corn or potato.

Vine ripened fruit is undoubtedly

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GROWTH

Striped German requires staking and should be pruned to a few leaders, depending on plant