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Striped Tomatoes

Lycopersicon esculentum



DESCRIPTION

Striped heirloom varieties add an interesting element to any dish, coming in a variety of shapes and colors, their just as good to eat as they are to look at! **Green Zebra.** A unique salad type. Fruits are an amber color with lime-green stripes. Plant produces excellent yields of 3oz/85g fruits. The flesh is rich and sweet tasting with a slight bite. 75 days.

Gold Medal. A large yellow tomato with red streaks. Plant produces good yields of extra sweet fruits that are low in acid. 90 days.

Mr Stripecy Yellow with red stripes, large 1 lb round, pink center, rich tangy flavor, huge crops. 80 days. Indeterminate (fruit all season).

Hillbilly. Plant produces heavy yields of orange/yellow tomatoes with red/pink stripes. A flavorful tomato that is great in sandwiches and salads. 85 days. **Aunt Ruby's Green Tomato.** One of the largest green beefsteaks. Can grow to over 1 pound and are just delicious. They have brilliant, neon-green flesh with a strong, sweet, and fruity flavor, much tastier than most red tomatoes. This family heirloom from Germany is beautiful. The winner of the 2003 Heirloom Garden Show's taste test. 85 days.



USES

Used in many dishes, especially to add color and flavor. Striped tomatoes make for a striking salad, and like all heirloom tomatoes are great in sandwiches. We think uses for all tomatoes is very diverse and needs little explanation, so we will focus on cultural notes.



GROWTH

Leaves should be picked as often as possible to promote new growth. Tomatoes and asparagus grown together are mutually helpful. Tomatoes aid in the

early harvesting of cabbage. Tomatoes and Brassicas of all varieties grown together will help to ward off the white cabbage butterfly.



CULTIVATION

They do best in hot climates, with extra water in spring while the plant is growing and dryer sunny conditions while the fruits are ripening. Grow in rich, moist soil climates. Plants may be grown in a green house but usually the flavor is better when grown outside, provided that they ripen properly on the vine before harvesting. The advantages of green house cultivation are earlier and heavier crops, a longer period of fruit production in autumn/fall and a wider choice of suitable varieties. Soils that are suitable for tomatoes need to be fertile, well drained and moisture retentive. A good quality potting mix will provide this for this variety if the soil in your garden is not suitable. Ground grown Black From Tula tomatoes require a feed of potash when young and a balanced feed with more nitrogen later on. It is found that more potash is needed in the dull wet season. Tomatoes can suffer from a few problems, such as wilt, virus, molds and Red Spider to name a few. However on the upside if you keep your plant in good health the diseases risk is lessened.



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