



# Jake's Plant Takes

## *Solanum lycopersicum*

Commonly known as "Tomato"



Tomatoes are the most common grown at home vegetable for gardeners since there are many different types of tomatoes that have many different uses. They are a sun-loving, warm weather crop that must be planted after the last chance of frost. Tomatoes will take as many hours of sun as you give them but need at least 5 or 6. Consistent soil moisture is important when growing tomatoes as it is ideal for growing fruit. Tomatoes are a crop that do well with deeper transplanting; they will be able to produce more roots which helps with fruit development. Cages are important to tomatoes since they grow so fast and large that they don't have stems that can support some of the upper parts of the plant. If they have a cage they can use the cage to support those branches when the tomatoes start to mature.

## The Basics

Water: Moderate to High  
Sunlight: Minimum of 5 hours  
Upkeeping: Low to Moderate

## Fun Fact

There are over 10,000 different varieties of tomatoes.

### Types of Tomatoes

There are three main types of tomatoes. All have their own perks and uses. This year we will be offering 6 different varieties. Cherry/Grape tomatoes are small and sweet making them perfect for salads. Beefsteak tomatoes are large and juicy so they are often sliced and put on sandwiches. Lastly, we have Roma tomatoes which are medium-sized and oblong. The lack of seeds and meaty inside makes them great for cooking and canning.

### Tomato Varieties We Have This Year

Cherry/Grape	Beefsteak	Roma/Plum
Super Sweet 100	Better Boy	Roma
Sun Sugar (yellow when ripe)	Big Beef	
	Early girl (earlier in season)	



A message from the grower

"Hello,

There hasn't been much change this week other than getting ready to move all the plants out to the greenhouse and out of the growroom to get natural light exposure. One thing that we are also getting ready for is our seed display. This year you can purchase seeds at checkout if we don't have something specific you are looking for. "

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