



Fruits

Tomato, Earl's Red Beefsteak



Description

A classic American, red tomato. Excellent, classic tomato flavor with a perfect balance of sweet and tart. Fruit are 3" diameter, fairly uniform and meaty but never mushy.

Planting Instructions

- Start tomato seeds inside at least 6 weeks before last frost (around 4/1).
- Ideal temperature for germination is 85° (use a heating mat).
- Days to germination: 5-14. Once leaves appear, grow plants at 72°.
- Plant seedlings outside late May into fertile garden soil (with lots of compost or decomposed manure) at a spacing of 18" apart.
- Stake tomato plants. Tomatoes are susceptible to several fungal diseases (including Early and Late Blight and Verticillium Wilt).
- To prevent blight, keep foliage dry by 1) Pruning tomato plants to allow for good air circulation 2) Water with drip irrigation/soaker hoses.
- Crop rotation is also key to preventing tomato diseases.
- Ideally, plant tomato plants in a spot that has not had any Solanaceae crops (tomato, peppers, eggplant, potatoes) growing there for 4 years.
- Frequent watering will help to minimize cracking of tomatoes.

Date planted:

Number of seeds planted:

Growing Notes:

Harvest Notes: