

# Recommended Tomato Varieties for Kansas 2009

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\*All standard slicers recommended have the compact semi-determinate plant habit and disease resistance to Fusarium wilt races 1 & 2.\*

## **Standard Slicers (Red)**

Amelia - Large fruit, excellent yield; resistant to spotted wilt virus, very disease resistant

Celebrity – All American Selection; Very disease resistant, large fruit

Conestoga – Large ruffled fruit; good disease resistance; indeterminate vine

Crista – Large fruit; very disease resistant, nematode resistant

Fabulous – Large fruit; very disease resistant; good flavor; large vigorous vine

Floralina – Resistant to Fusarium race 3.

Florida 91 – Heat set type with large fruit and good yields

Florida 47 – Similar to Florida 91 but not a ‘heat set’ type

Mountain Fresh Plus – Same as Mountain Fresh but with nematode resistance

Mountain Glory – Good flavor; good disease resistance

Mountain Spring – Crack resistant

Red Defender – Large vine; good disease resistance; good flavor

Scarlet Red – Deep red interior fruit color; good flavor; very good disease resistance.

Sun Leaper – Heat set type with large fruit and good yields

Sunmaster – Similar to Sun Leaper

Jet Star – Older indeterminate variety, very good yield, very crack resistant

RFT-6153 – Good yield; medium-sized fruit; good disease resistance

## **Standard Slicers (Yellow)**

Carolina Gold – vigorous vine, darker and larger than Mountain Gold

Lemon Boy – Lemon yellow fruit; 6-7 oz; indeterminate vine

Mountain Gold – smaller vine, crack resistant

## **Plum Type/Roma Type**

Margherita – Firm, cylindrical fruit; 5-6 oz; compact plants; good raw, roasted, or broiled

Plum Dandy – Determinate habit; 3-4” blocky fruit

Plum Crimson – High lycopene type

Roma – A classic, basic paste tomato

Super Marzano – Roma type great for sauces

## **Grape/Cherry Types**

Juliet – All American Selection; Resistant to cracking

Navidad – Determinate habit; sweet

Sugary – 2005 AAS Winner; sweet 2 oz fruit; red-pink skin; indeterminate

Suncherry – Very sweet; red version of Sungold; ½ oz. fruit; vigorous vine

Sungold – Orange-gold color; very sweet and juicy; early; large vine

Supersweet 100 – 1” fruit; high in Vitamin C

Sweet Olive – Sweet cherry type; determinate habit

Tomatoberry – 1” strawberry shaped fruits; thicker walls; vigorous vine



Tomato Day July 25, 2009  
7 a.m. to 12 noon  
Sedgwick County Extension Education Center  
7001 W 21<sup>st</sup> Street North

# Heirloom Tomatoes

Heirloom tomatoes are generally considered to be varieties that are at least 50 years old and open-pollinated rather than hybrids. Heirloom varieties can be fun to grow, but also a challenge. Most heirlooms have large, vigorous vines and less disease resistance compared to many newer hybrids. They are sometimes pickier about the soil and weather conditions. On the other hand, heirlooms provide gardeners with an adventure in the form of an array of sizes, shapes, and colors of tomatoes. There are over 600 varieties of heirloom tomatoes available from seed.

This list encompasses varieties that have been successful for many gardeners.

## **Red/Pink**

Brandywine – Amish heirloom from 1885; rich tomato flavor; reddish-pink color  
German Strawberry – oxheart-shaped fruit; 3” x 3 ½” fruit; large vine

## **Orange**

Amana Orange – 5” diameter; beefsteak type; named for Amana, Iowa  
Kellogg’s Breakfast – beefsteak from W. Virginia; tangy flavor; large vine

## **Yellow**

Dixie Gold – 1-2 lb beefsteak fruit; Amish heirloom; vigorous vine  
Yellow Brandywine – large beefsteak tomato; intense sweet flavors; vigorous vine

## **Green**

Aunt Ruby’s German Green – Green with yellow tinge when ripe; 12-16 oz. fruit  
Green Zebra – 2” round fruit; yellow-green with dark green stripes; lemon-lime flavor

## **Purple/Black**

Black Krim – early; purple with green shoulders; red-green interior; sweet  
Cherokee Purple – 12 oz-1 lb fruit; dusky rose to purple; popular for complex, sweet flavor

## **Bi-Color**

Hillbilly – very large orange-yellow fruit with red streaks and mottling; low acid  
Pineapple – very large gold fruit with red blush and streaks; red starburst inside; fruity flavor

## **White**

White Beauty – 6-8 oz. round tomato; creamy white; sweet, mild flavor  
White Wonder – mild and sweet with high sugar; medium fruit; bushy indeterminate plant

## **Roma Types**

Green Sausage – Bushy plant; 3” long green-yellow fruit with dark green vertical stripes  
Speckled Roman – Red with yellow stripes; 5” long; paste type; indeterminate

## **Cherry Types**

Black Cherry – 1” deep purple to chocolate brown fruit; vigorous vine; smoky flavor  
Gold Nugget – 1” fruit; golden yellow; compact 24” plants; early  
Green Grape – 1” fruit; yellowish-green when ripe; more compact vine  
Red Currant – Different species from S. America; pea-sized fruit; sweet and crunchy

