



# COLOSSAL TOMATO & PEPPER SALE!

**SAT - APRIL 2nd 8am - 2pm or till sold out!**

**At 1126 Calimesa Blvd (by Carl's Jr) All Plants \$3 — Cash Only**

## **UPDATED LIST OF "ANTICIPATED VARIETIES"**

*Be sure to have some substitute selections in mind in case a variety has sold out.*

**\*TOMATOES MARKED WITH AN ASTERISK MAY ALSO BE GROWN IN A CONTAINER\***



**AMISH PASTE** Heirloom 80 days Indeterminate A long-time favorite that is prolific and large for a sauce tomato. Amish Paste's slightly irregular plum-to strawberry shaped fruits average 6-12 oz. with excellent flavor, are thick-fleshed and nearly seedless. These multitasking and meaty tomatoes are good in salads, as slicers, and great for



**AUNT GINNY'S PURPLE** Heirloom 75-80 days Indeterminate. This heirloom beefsteak variety has flavor so excellent and rich that some folks claim it is equal to, or better than Brandywine. Deep pink tomatoes weigh 12 to 16oz and are mostly smooth with very little cracking. Potato-leaved plants are vigorous and give good yields of these juicy delicious tomatoes.



**AUSSIE** Heirloom 80 days Indeterminate. A big, impressive tomato producing copious amounts of 1-2 lb., glossy-red, meaty, fluted, beefsteak tomatoes that are LOADED with delicious, bold, rich and complex tomatoey flavors. Great disease resistance. Good show tomato—one you can impress your friends with....A winner!



**BETTER BOY** Hybrid 70 days Indeterminate. This classic variety is known for its large fruit and huge yields. Rugged vines produce globe shaped, bright red, 10 to 16oz tomatoes. A trusted favorite for many years for flavorful succulent, juicy yet meaty tomatoes. An improved version of the Big Boy tomato. The fruit interior is deep-red with few seeds. Firm and perfect for canning, slicing, great for sandwiches.



\* **BETTER BUSH** Hybrid 68 days Determinate. A great choice that bears 8oz fruits on a very compact plant with sturdy stems that works well in containers & small gardens. Fruits are mouthwatering, sweet and meaty, with the much-sought-after "real tomato" taste, just right for both fresh eating and canning. Great in the ground but if you love container gardening, and have been disappointed with weak performances in the past, try this one!



**BIG RAINBOW** Heirloom 85-90 days Indeterminate. A knockout when placed on a platter with slices of other tomatoes! Yields moderate to large crops of 1-2 lb. bi-colored beefsteak tomatoes with gold flesh with beautiful red streaks running throughout. As fruits ripen they have a rainbow appearance: greens on the shoulder, yellow, orange, gold in the middle, and red on the blossom end. Juicy and sweet!



\* **BLACK CHERRY** Heirloom 65 days Indeterminate. A perfectly round cherry tomato with classic black tomato flavor, sweet, yet rich, smoky & complex. An early and abundant producer. Picks easily from the stem on vigorous, tall plants. Irresistibly delicious: looks like a black cherry, tastes like a sweet cherry, a unique addition to the color & flavor of tomatoes for your garden. Can be grown in a large container.



\* **BLACK KRIM** Heirloom 75 days Indeterminate. A much sought after Russian variety, unique & unforgettable. Originally from Krim on the Black Sea, it has a superb smoky sweetness with a delicate lingering touch of tang in a 4-6" slightly flattened, mahogany-colored fruit with lovely, deep green shoulders. Able to set fruit at higher temps, superb and easy to grow.



**BOX CAR WILLIE** Heirloom 80 days Indeterminate. Named after the King of the Hobos, this tall, vigorous tomato yields abundant crops of 10oz, smooth, bright orange-red slicer tomatoes. Fruits are well-balanced, rich and sweet, but with sufficient acid to push the flavors forward and makes it a good choice for canning, sauces, juicing, or fresh on top of a salad. Produces well until frost. Good resistance to disease and cracking.



**BRANDYWINE (RED)** Heirloom 80 days Indeterminate. Old time Amish heirloom is named for Brandywine Creek in Chester County, PA where it originated in 1885. These large potato leaf vines produce beautiful fruit 8-12oz and larger. An excellent heirloom tomato; robust, full of old fashioned tomatoey flavor. Brandywine has almost a "cult status" for tomato lovers and is the standard by which many other tomatoes are judged.



\* **CELEBRITY** Hybrid 72 days Determinate. An All American Selections winner known for its fantastic disease tolerance and adaptability. A dependable home garden tomato that delivers taste! The abundant deep red 8 oz round fruits are firm with robust flavor. Great for salads, juice, cooking, canning, and relishes.



**CHEF'S CHOICE ORANGE** Hybrid 72 days Indeterminate When it comes to a beefsteak for slicing, saucing, and souping, 'Chef's Choice Orange' is your best bet. Wonderful heirloom flavor. These bright orange 9-12 oz. fruits keep their radiant tangerine tones, fresh or cooked. As adaptable in the garden as it is in the kitchen, 'Chef's Choice Orange' more than merits the All-America Selections award for 2015.



**CHEROKEE PURPLE** Heirloom 80 days Indeterminate. This legendary beefsteak tomato is at least 100 years old from Tennessee. A disease resistant heirloom, producing attractive 12oz dark dusky rose-purple fruit which is deep red on the inside. Flavor has a sweet, rich and smoky, just luscious flavor. Cherokee Purple is an heirloom



**COSTOLUTO GENOVESE** Heirloom 78 days Indeterminate. This Italian tomato is the secret ingredient in countless family recipes for everything from lasagna to spaghetti sauce. A favorite since the early 19th century for its robust, tangy, "tomatoey" flavor. Producing right through the hottest days and persisting long into fall, this vigorous vine sets masses of intensely red, deeply lobed, medium-large fruit. Favored by many chefs in Italy and



\* **EARLY GIRL** Hybrid 57 days Indeterminate. Always a favorite for early production. Giving large harvests of flavorful, solid red 4-6oz slicing tomatoes. Disease resistant proven variety with excellent performance in almost any climate. Good for canning and fresh eating. Bears heavy crops extremely early, & continues longer than most.



\* **FOURTH OF JULY** Hybrid 49 days Indeterminate *EARLY* season plant produces good yields of 4 oz bright red tomatoes all season long. You can celebrate Fourth of July with these luscious tomatoes. The tomatoes are very flavorful, with a sweet-tart balance just great for salads.



**GENUWINE** Hybrid 70-75 days Indeterminate Slicing type - a cross of Costoluto Genovese and Brandywine. 10 1/2 to 11 1/2 ounces. The Heirloom Marriage Hybrid Series Tomatoes are products of modern day unions, all maintaining the virtue and integrity of their old-fashioned beginnings. Plants were bred to have a much higher yield, with earlier maturing fruit that have more flavor and fewer blemishes.



\* **GILBERTIE PASTE** Heirloom 85 days Indeterminate. Rich flavor, meaty and delicious! A beloved variety of long, slender shape paste type tomatoes with a slight crook in the neck, that are glossy red with some green shoulders. Narrow fruits average 7" long with very solid flesh with few seeds that makes excellent sauces, soups, and salsas. 10-12 oz fruit are borne on rather short vines about 4 feet tall that produce till frost.



\* **GREEN ZEBRA** 75 days Indeterminate. Bred by Thomas Wagner of Tater Mater Seeds. Color is a beautiful chartreuse green with pale yellow to lighter green zebra stripes. Fruits are 2 to 4oz in size. Invigorating flavor is more tangy than sweet. Productive plants, that are prized by chefs, the fruits are ripe for picking when gently squeezed and has a slight "give".



**HAWAIIAN TROPIC** Hybrid 65 days Indeterminate. Very heat-tolerant—even in Las Vegas! Blossom drop is minimal and the plants continue to set fruit in high temperatures. A thick walled and meaty variety that is a heavy producer of tasty red tomatoes about the 12 – 17oz size. Ideal for salads, slicing and canning. Keeps producing when other varieties stop from the heat.



**HILLBILLY** Heirloom 85 days Indeterminate. This ancient heirloom hails from the hills of West Virginia, where they know a superb tomato when they see one! Undeniably delicious, these enormous, 1-2 pound fruit have gorgeous golden-orange, red streaked flesh and skin. Very sweet, fruity flavors with low acid. Exceptionally tasty in sandwiches and salads.



\* **JAPANESE BLACK TRIFLE** Heirloom 70-80 days Indeterminate. Despite its name, this tomato's roots are Russian, famous for its black tomatoes. Weighing 4-5oz, fruits are the shape and size of a Bartlett pear and are a beautiful purplish-brick color; smooth and very crack resistant. Flavor is absolutely sublime, having all the richness of fine chocolate. Produces loads of fruit all summer long. A favorite with many seed savers.



\* **JULIET GRAPE** Hybrid 60 days Indeterminate. Plant produces high yields of glossy true red, 1 1/2 inch grape tomatoes that grow in long clusters. Fruit is very sweet and is perfect for salads and gourmet dishes. Holds on the vine longer than any other cherry tomato. Crack and disease resistant. An AAS award recipient for garden worthiness & superb flavor. Juliet is a miniature treasure!



\* **LEMON CHERRY** Hybrid 58 days Indeterminate. Expect large yields, of lovely pale yellow cherry tomatoes early in the season, that are juicy, sweet, and flavorful. Each fruit averages 1/2oz, just the perfect size for dropping into salads, or for snacking. These hard to find cherry tomatoes offer you sweet flavor, plus beautiful color brightening your salads. Crack resistant.



**MORTGAGE LIFTER** Heirloom 82 days Indeterminate. Developed by Radiator Charlie of W.V., who owned a radiator repair shop during the Depression. He had no plant breeding experience, nor formal education, just a desire to grow huge tomatoes. After years of experimentation, and selling off his new seedlings for \$1 each, he paid off his \$6,000 house mortgage. Produces high yields of 1-3lb size, full flavored, meaty tomatoes, few seeds.



**MULE TEAM** Open Pollinated 75-80 days A workhorse of a tomato. Plants are very durable and withstand disease stress and drought tolerant, hence the name! " Seed Savers Exchange re-introduced them to the public in 1997. Plants produces a plentiful yield globe shaped large and meaty fruit of 3 inch 8-12 oz size. Excellent all purpose tomato that is mildly sweet flavor with a slight acidic tang. Plant bears continuously till frost.



\* **NAPOLI** Heirloom 75 days Determinate 'Napoli' is a rare Italian heirloom paste-type tomato producing fruits that are a beautiful, bright red color, about three ounces in weight and are elongated pear shaped. Excellent for making salsa, tomato paste, catsup or other tomato sauces—very flavorful, and meaty.





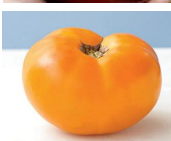
- \* **NEBRASKA WEDDING** Heirloom 95 days Indeterminate The "ultimate love apple". Reportedly brides in Nebraska receive these seeds as a wedding gift. Fruit has striking apricot-orange skin and flesh, of 8-16oz size. The 3-4" globes are juicy with a well balanced acid-sweet flavor. An old favorite Plains heirloom. Plants yield an abundant with lots of flavor.



**ORANGE OXHART** Heirloom 80 days Gorgeous golden oxheart-shaped fruits. Sweet, flavorful oxhearts are meaty and great for slicing as well as processing. Fruits reach 3 inches in diameter, look so lovely developing on the luxuriant vines. Bright and attractive orange-yellow tomatoes, when sliced, have a rich aroma that will remind you of carefree summers past. The meaty fruit have few seeds. Wonderful fresh and for sauces and cooking.



- \* **PAUL ROBESON** Heirloom 80-90 days Indeterminate. A hard to find, Russian heirloom with a dedicated following among seed collectors and tomato connoisseurs. Named in honor of Paul Robeson the famous opera singer. Dusky brick red fruits have dark green shoulders and red flesh; 6-12oz, round & slightly flattened. Known for its distinctive flavor—complex, succulent and smoky, exotic and earthy with a perfect sweet/acid balance.



**PERSIMMON** Heirloom 80 days Indeterminate Grown by Thomas Jefferson in 1781, these exquisite persimmon-orange beauties are meaty with few seeds, juicy and flavorful with tender skin. Fruits are medium to large and low acid. A thick, succulent slice is superb on a sandwich. But Persimmon also make gorgeous soups and sauces.



**PINEAPPLE** Heirloom 90 days Indeterminate A garden favorite that grows to 2 lbs. This bi-colored, slightly flattened, yellow beefsteak has a red blushing and streaks on the outside. It's yellow interior contains few seeds and a red star-burst in the center. Wonderfully mild with tropical fruity-sweet flavors. A show stopper!



- \* **PURPLE RUSSIAN** Heirloom 75 days Indeterminate Delicious dark mahogany plum shaped fruit that are smooth and perfect. They have no blemishes and have a rich meaty flavor that tops the charts. One of the best varieties for salsa, fresh eating, and preserving. This variety is at the top of its class. The plants are very productive; fruit weigh about 5-6 ounces.



- \* **RED PEAR** Heirloom 65 days Indeterminate A wonderful snacking or salad tomato that really fancies up a salad when served whole. Looks lovely when paired in a dish with Yellow Pear. A ridiculously productive plant that produces hundreds of cute, deep-red, 1/2" x 1 1/2" pear-shaped fruits with that wonderful tomatoey sweet/tart balance with juicy flesh. One of the oldest American heirlooms dating back to the 1700's.



- \* **SAN DIEGO** Hybrid 75 days Indeterminate Excellent variety developed for growing in Southern California. Summer will find the plants completely loaded with medium sized, perfectly round, bright red tomatoes that have a thin skin that doesn't crack. Sweet, but balanced with just enough acidity to provide that superb tomatoey taste.



- \* **STUPICE** Heirloom 52-60 days Indeterminate. Pronounced "Stew Peach Ka," a small but mighty Czechoslovakian tomato that delivers flavor and pumps out fruit over the entire season till frost. Potato-leafed, 4 foot tall and loaded with 2 1/2 by 2 inch diameter fruits. Often produces the first ripe tomato of the season, and great tomato taste. Unlike many other varieties it can take the cold AND the heat. Should be a staple in your garden.



- \* **SUN GOLD** Cherry Hybrid 57 days Indeterminate. These beautiful round golden orange fruits appear very early in large clusters. Always in demand it's one of the most popular cherry tomatoes of all time. One taste and you'll know why. Gorgeous in salads. A single large plant has produced over 1000 tomatoes!



- \* **SWEET 100** Cherry Hybrid 65 days Indeterminate. The scarlet, cherry-sized fruits are borne in long branched clusters of 100 or more. It keeps growing for non-stop production right up till frost and is heat tolerant. Vine candy—these juicy sugary sweet cherry tomatoes are a garden favorite!



- \* **SWEET MILLION** Cherry Hybrid 65 days Indeterminate. Winner of Royal Horticultural Society Award of Garden Merit. Sweet Million produces early, heavy yields of incredibly long clusters of 1 inch dark red fruit on vigorous plants. These little cherry red gems are sweet & delicious! Disease and crack resistant, can produce over 500 cherry tomatoes. A real snacking treasure and always a sell out.



- \* **SWEETIE SEEDLESS** Hybrid 68 days Indeterminate A virtually seedless tomato with absolutely no sacrifice on flavor! Medium size, extra sweet and juicy with an orange-red color. Because there are no seeds to store the sugars for later use, all the sweetness is immediately available for you to enjoy in every rich slice. The plants have a full package of disease resistance for healthy yields. Hard to find. (note: being hybrid on occasion some might have seeds)



- \* **TOMMY TOE** Cherry Heirloom 70 days Indeterminate This heirloom tomato is famous for its flavor. Plants yield copious amounts of 1", bright red, cherry tomatoes with excellent flavor and plenty of juice. Great for salads and for juicing. This is the tomato that you eat as you're walking through the garden. This variety has a good resistance to most diseases.



## PEPPERS - SWEET AND HOT - ALL PEPPERS CAN BE GROWN IN CONTAINERS



**ANAHEIM MILD HOT PEPPER** 78 days Delicious with only mildly hot flavor. Excellent for roasting or frying. Good yields of very large chili peppers, the pods are 6 to 8in long, tapered, medium thick, pungent, deep green turning red at maturity. Use when green or red, lovely fresh, canned or dried, good for sauces, salsas, soups and casseroles.



**BETTER BELLE SWEET PEPPER** 65 days Hybrid. Blockier, thicker walled & earlier than the original, these four-lobed peppers mature from green to bright red, usually used when green. Compact vigorous plants, maintain large fruit size & production throughout a long season. Excellent for salads, stuffing, gourmet dishes. TMV resistant.



**BULGARIAN CARROT HOT PEPPER** Heirloom 75 days High yielding, grows to 18" tall and produces peppers that are about 3 1/2" long. Like most peppers they start off green, but this pepper ends in an orange blaze of glory. The color of a carrot! Very interesting flavor that starts off fruity and then slowly sizzles as it finishes hot! The texture of Bulgarian Carrot is crunchy and perfect for roasting. Great for salsas, pickles or chutney.



**CHOCOLATE BEAUTY BELL SWEET PEPPER** Hybrid 75 days Excellent sweet flavor when fully ripe. Produces 4" by 3 1/2" wide chocolate colored peppers with sweet and crunchy flesh. Peppers turn from green to chocolate brown when mature. High quality and heavy yielding, and brings a fresh variety to the table it is excellent for cooking, in salads and stuffing.



**GOLDEN BELL SWEET PEPPER** 75 days Golden Bell peppers are beautiful, crisp, and very sweet tasting. Picture perfect bell peppers ripen from green to light yellow to deep golden. Sweet, blocky, thick-walled fruits are excellent for salads, stuffing, and are crunchy and delicious when eaten fresh. They can be picked green but wait for the fruits to turn yellow best flavor.



**JALAPENO HOT PEPPER** 70 days Heirloom. A very popular hot pepper, indispensable in Mexican cuisine. The green, sausage shaped fruits are abundant on these 24-36 inch plants. Excellent variety used fresh and for any type of cooking, roasting, pickling, or stuffing—the choice for jalapeno poppers and party-worthy salsa. May be picked green or red.



**MARCONI RED SWEET PEPPER** 75-80 days Hybrid Marconi Red is a prolific old Italian heirloom prized for its huge, crisp, sweet red 3-lobed fruits. Delicious 8-10" long peppers are sweeter than bells and are excellent eaten fresh, stuffed, or fried like the Italians do it. Try Red Marconi peppers the next time you are making a red sauce or pasta dish. They keep in the fridge a long time and still taste fresh. Amazing flavor!



**ORANGE BELL SWEET PEPPER** 75-80 days Hybrid Best tasting orange bell pepper—ultra-sweet flavor! This beauty ripens from green to a gorgeous deep tangerine. Compact plants produce large fruits in plentiful numbers. Blocky, thick-walled, 3" wide by 5" long, crisp orange fruits brighten up your salads & salsas! Resistant TVM virus.



**PURPLE BEAUTY BELL SWEET PEPPER** 70-75 days Absolutely looks stunning! This purple bell pepper produces large 4-lobed, thick fleshed fruits borne on sturdy compact plants. Its tender crisp texture and succulent sweet flavor will liven up your favorite recipe! Holds in the purple stage for some time before ripening to a radiant purple-red. An exciting pepper to add to your collection of beautiful sweet peppers.



**RED BEAUTY BELL SWEET PEPPER** 68 days An early prolific variety bearing very sweet four-lobed peppers. The brilliant red extra thick-walled bells are juicy sweet. Red Beauty is widely adapted and easy to grow. They turn from glossy green to a bright red when mature. Excellent for salads, stuffing, and gourmet dishes. Tobacco mosaic virus resistant.



**SERRANO HOT PEPPER** 85 days One of the classic hot peppers, the pungent fruit grows from 2 1/2 to 4 inches long by 1/2 inch wide. Slim with medium thin walls these piquant peppers start green turning to a bright red color on tall plants. May be used in both green & red stages for spicy heat in fresh, dried & pickled dishes. Great for hot salsas!



**THAI HOT PEPPER** 90 days This traditional hot pepper is a prolific producer of 1 to 3-inch long peppers that ripen to bright red. The upright plant with its red peppers is very beautiful and makes an ideal container plant for the backyard. Thai Chili pepper is perfect for spicing up soups, sauces, curries or stir-fries, and for drying.



## A FEW NOTES ON GROWING TOMATOES:

Ever wonder why a tomato does not seem to taste, or perform the same, from one year to another, or it seems different than how others described it? Bear this in mind, perhaps more than any of the vegetables we grow in our gardens, tomatoes are affected by weather, watering, and soil conditions. These may markedly impact a plant's vigor, production and flavor! Such things may cause decreased production, increased disease problems, or the taste so as to be sour instead of sweet, or might be just plain bland.

Outside of providing a bit of shade, one can not control the weather but, the healthier your soil is with microbial activity and nutrients, the better your plants will handle any adverse conditions. Creating good quality soil that is rich in organic matter, full of busy microbes, and minerals will give you not only more vibrant plants, but better tasting vegetables!

Speak with your local nursery person, or contact your county's Master Gardener Hotline to learn more about developing your garden's soil organically, without the use of chemicals.

### ENHANCE YOUR TOMATO EXPERIENCE & EXPAND YOUR ENJOYMENT!

If you only ever eat standard red colored tomatoes, you are missing out! Example: some of the so called 'black tomatoes' can offer the richest and most complex flavors. Green tomatoes (as in still green when ripe) can add a sweet but citrus like zip to your salads. Orange, yellow or bi-color varieties often provide that sweet tomato taste while being low in acid. Tomatoes, like wines, have flavors that may be described as fruity, smokey, deep, earthy, or robust! Include a new variety or two, and treat both your palette and your eyes to some fresh delights!

## IDEAS ON SELECTING TOMATO VARIETIES

### CANNING TOMATOES

Remember—for safety, when canning and using the open water bath method, you probably need to add some acid to each batch or jar. Lemon juice, citric acid and vinegar are commonly used. Check your favorite canning book for instructions regarding this.

All varieties may be used for canning. But, here are some of the more popular ones:

Amish Paste  
Better Boy  
Better Bush  
Box Car Willie  
Celebrity  
Chef's Coice Orange  
Costoluto Genovese  
Eary Girl  
Genuwine  
Gilbertie Paste  
Hawaiian Tropic  
Mule Team  
Napoli  
Purple Russian  
San Diego

### LOW ACID TOMATOES

For those who prefer less acidic tomatoes:

Big Rainbow  
Black Krim  
Hillbilly  
Orange Oxhart  
Pineapple  
Sungold  
Sweet 100

### HEAT TOLERANT TOMATOES

Tomato plants often stop producing when the weather is hot. However, some varieties are still able to produce during higher temps than others. Here are some of the more heat tolerant varieties:

Amish Paste  
Better Boy  
Celebrity  
Cherokee Purple  
Costoluto Genovese  
Early Girl  
Hawaiian Tropic  
Mule team  
Stupice

Most cherry/grape types tolerate the heat better than many of their bigger siblings, in particular:

Black Cherry  
Juliet Grape  
Red Pear  
Sungold  
Sweet 100  
Tommy Toe

### CONTAINER GROWING

Although all tomatoes may be grown in a container, some are certainly more suitable than others when grown this way. Look for the varieties marked with an \*asterisk. All peppers may be container grown.

### A FEW TOMATO TERMS

**HEIRLOOM**— the seed has been saved and grown 50 years or more, passed down from generation to generation. An heirloom is also open-pollinated, which simply means the plant is capable of producing seeds that will grow a new plant identical to the parent plant the seed came from. All heirlooms are open-pollinated, but not all open-pollinated are heirlooms.

**OPEN-POLLINATED**— Grown less than 50 years, stabilized in their characteristics, and saved seeds will grow a new plant identical to the parent.

**HYBRID**— created by breeders, seeds collected from a hybrid will not grow identical to the parent, and are often sterile.

**DETERMINATE**— a type that reaches a certain plant height (usually 2-4 ft) and then stop growing. The majority of their fruit matures during a 3-4 week period. This is often helpful for canning.

**INDETERMINATE**— vine type, continues to grow and produce tomatoes all along the stems throughout the growing season.

**VIGOROUS DETERMINATES OR SEMI-DETERMINATES**— typically grow 3 to 5 feet tall. They produce a main crop that ripens together, but will can also produce up until frost. An example of this type is Celebrity.



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