

PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS & HARVEST / POST HARVEST GUIDE



Tomato, Heirloom Mix

Product Specifications

Appearance	Quality smooth, shiny and firm with no soft spots, cracking, leaking, decay
	Color & Shape each flat must have a mix of 3-4 colors and include a striped variety
Size	Ripeness late “turning” or early “pink” stage, uniform ripeness in flat (see ripeness chart)
	Weight 6 oz – 1 lb fruit
Packing	Measure medium - large size fruit (3” – 4” diameter)
	Case 10 lb tomato flat
Suggested Varieties	Weight 10 + lbs of product weight / flat, flat must be full
	Single layer, stem side down. Ensure clearance space above fruit to avoid damage when flats are stacked.
	<p><i>Pink / Rose:</i> Caspian Pink, German Head, Brandywine*, Mahera*, Marboune*</p> <p><i>Yellow:</i> Valencia, Carolina Gold, Orange Strawberry,</p> <p><i>Purple:</i> Black Krim, Cherokee Purple, Black Tulip,</p> <p><i>Striped:</i> Mr. Stripey, Striped German, Green Zebra</p> <p>(* Heirloom Hybrids)</p>

Harvest

- Harvest daily or every other day, at the late “turning” or early “pink” stage.
- Consider harvesting with clean cotton gloves (helps to gently clean fruit surface).
- Twist the tomato gently to detach from stem or use pruners to cut stem on varieties that resist stem removal by hand.
- Handle carefully as fruit bruises easily.
- Avoid harvesting when wet, and do not pack wet fruit into flats.
- Consider adding grafted heirlooms

Post-Harvest Handling

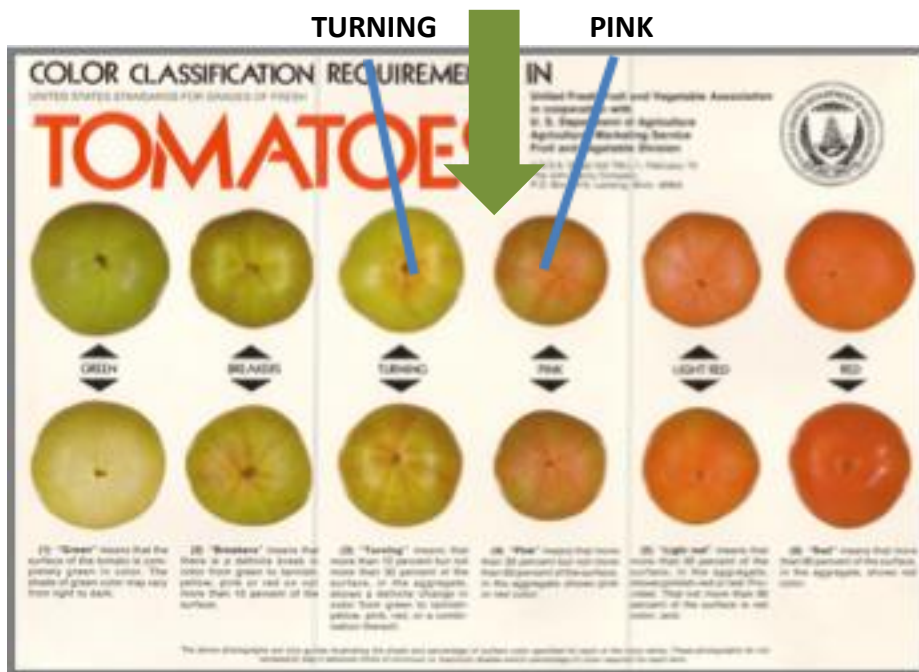
Pre-cooling	Room cooling
Washing/ Processing	Wipe clean if needed to remove dirt, gently remove any remaining stems.
Storage	Temp 66–70 °F (< 55 °F results in chilling injury) Humidity 90–95%
Ethylene Sensitivity	Ethylene sensitive, exposure will further ripening

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Photo Reference



Ripeness Guide



What to Avoid (Cat-facing / Sunscald / Cracking):

