

# 2021 LEAP CLUB HEIRLOOM TOMATO PLANT SALE

## All Proceeds Benefit the LEAP Science & Maths Schools in South Africa

The 7<sup>th</sup> annual Hinsdale Central LEAP Club plant sale offers a great selection of unusual heirloom tomato plants grown in Hinsdale. In addition to the tomato plant varieties, the sale includes a limited selection of eggplant, hot and sweet peppers, basil, cilantro, and parsley.

### Purchase for Yourself or as Gifts for Family and Friends

This year we offer 22 different locally & organically grown heirloom tomatoes. Seeds from heirloom tomatoes typically come true to form, seldom hybridizing. Families worldwide saved seeds from their favorite plants over many decades and then shared them with families and neighbors. Several of this year's varieties won taste testing awards or became all-time favorites. The result is an extraordinary collection of taste, color, shape, and stories.

### Choose Plants from These Six Categories




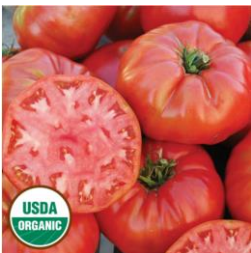
Beefsteak <i>Best planted in garden</i>	Bi-color <i>Best planted in garden</i>	Cherry <i>Okay for containers</i>	Globe <i>Okay for containers</i>	Paste <i>Best planted in garden</i>	Purple <i>Okay for containers</i>
 Mortgage Lifter	 Tomato, Hillbilly Potato Leaf	 Black Cherry	 Tomato, Trucker's Favorite Pink	 Tomato, Opalka	 Tomato, Ukrainian Purple

Not sure what to order? Purchase one of these preselected packs.

LEAP Pre-selected Tomato Plant Packs			
Kids will Luv' em.'	Happy Mother's Day	Happy Father's Day	Cook's Choice
4-Pack \$20/pack	4-Pack \$20/pack	6-Pack \$30	6-Pack \$30
2 Cherry	1 Cherry	2 Cherry	1 Purple (mid-sized)
1 Globe (mid-sized)	1 Globe (mid-sized)	1 Globe (mid-sized)	2 Paste (mid-sized)
1 Purple (mid-sized)	1 Purple (mid-sized)	1 Paste (mid-sized)	1 Bi-color (large)
	1 Beefsteak (large red)	1 Bi-color (large)	2 Beefsteak (large)
		1 Beefsteak (large)	

## 2021 Tomato Plants

We hope you enjoy the history of these beautiful plants. If you have questions, email Tom Casten [tr9casten@gmail.com](mailto:tr9casten@gmail.com), or call 630-321-1095 and speak to Judy or Tom. Happy gardening. Please share with friends and ask them to order. Thanks for your support Order online and pick up your plants on May 15 or May 16, 8:30am – 3:00pm, at the home of Tom & Judy Casten, 8 E. Third St., Hinsdale (corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> & Washington). Look for the sale on the Washington St. side of the property.

Beefsteak Tomatoes	
	<p><b>Black Krim</b>, also called Black Crimea and originally from the Crimean peninsula in the Black Sea. Beefsteak fruits are a unique combination of violet-brown and purple-red—they turn almost black with sufficient sunlight and heat. Excellent full flavor. Indeterminate, 70-90 days from transplant. Seed Saver Exchange says this is an all-time favorite.</p>
	<p><b>Brandywine Sudduth's Strain</b>: Mrs. Sudduth of Tennessee gave seeds, said to be in her family for more than 80 years, to tomato gardener Ben Quisenberry of Ohio. Prolific potato leaf plant producing 1-2 lb. large, pink fruit with rich, intense flavors. This strain may be the original Brandywine. (Info source: Tomato Fest)</p>
	<p><b>Dester</b> won the Seed Saver Exchange 2011 Tomato Tasting. A doctor's family brought the seeds with them from Germany. Pink beefsteaks weigh up to one pound. Indeterminate, 70-80 days from transplant. (Info. Source Seed Savers Exchange)</p>
	<p><b>Mortgage Lifter</b>: M.C. Byles, known as "Radiator Charlie" from his radiator repair business, developed this variety in the 1930s. He created this tomato by cross-breeding four of the largest tomatoes he could find with no plant breeding experience. He sold plants for \$1.00 in the 1940s, equivalent to \$15.00/plant today, and paid off his mortgage in 6 years. Gardeners drove as far as 200 miles to buy Charlie's tomato plants. The large, pink-red fruits that range from 1 to more than 3 pounds are meaty, flavorful &amp; have few seeds. (Seeds a&amp; Info from Tomato Fest)</p>

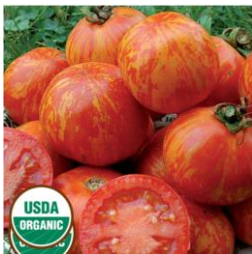
## Bi-color Tomatoes red and yellow globe-shaped



**Gary Ibsen's Gold:** Bred by Gary Ibsen of Tomato Fest, whose wife suggested he call it "Gary Ibsen's Gold." The potato leaf plant produces lots of very juicy, 14-ounce brilliant orange-gold globes with tropical fruit flavors with enough acid balance to guarantee a burst of tomato delight.



**Hillbilly** is a gorgeous bi-color beefsteak tomato, great for slicing. Yellow one-pound fruits grow red streaks on the blossom end. Sweet and juicy. Heavy producer. Indeterminate, 85 days from transplant.



**Red Zebra** is a natural cross of Green Zebra and an unknown parent. Discovered by Jeff Dawson in his California fields and listed in the 2003 Seed Saver Exchange Yearbook. Gorgeous 2½" round fruits are blood-red overlaid with jagged carrot-orange stripes. Top-quality uniform strain, very productive. Slightly tart flavor. Indeterminate, 75-80 days from transplant. (Info & seeds from Seed Saver Exchange.)



**Speckled Roman** was developed by SSE member John Swenson with a stabilized cross of Antique Roman and Banana Legs and introduced into the 1999 Yearbook. Gorgeous 5" long fruits with jagged orange and yellow stripes. Meaty flesh with few seeds. Great tomato taste, ideal for processing and fresh eating. Very productive. Indeterminate, 85 days from transplant. (Seeds & info from Seed Savers Exchange)

## Cherry Tomatoes



**Black Cherry** is the only truly black cherry tomato. **Winner of the 2009 Tomato Tasting at Seed Saver Exchange Heritage Farm.** Striking silvery gray dusty miller type foliage. Heavy yields of 1" cherry tomatoes, sweet flavor. Indeterminate, 75-80 days from transplant. Fruits are sweet, rich, complex, full tomato flavors. Beautiful to mix with other colored cherry tomatoes. Disease resistant. (Info & seeds from SSE and Tomato Fest)

## Cherry Tomatoes (cont.)



**Tommy Toe**, AKA Steakhouse. This heirloom tomato originating from the Ozark mountains in the 1900s is famous for its flavor. Large sprawling indeterminate plants yield copious amounts of 1" bright red cherry tomatoes with an excellent taste and plenty of juice. This variety has good resistance to most diseases. Great for salads and can even be used for juice. You or your children can eat this tomato as you're walking through the garden.



**Large Red Cherry:** Originally from Ben Quisenberry, a tomato collector from Syracuse, Ohio. Highly productive plants yield large 1½-2" cherry tomatoes with great full flavor. Ben preferred this variety for canning whole. A favorite for salads and fresh eating. Indeterminate, 75-80 days from transplant.

## Globe Tomatoes



**Cherokee Chocolate:** Rich, complex flavors made this variety the winner of a recent heirloom tomato taste testing at Cornell University. One of the darkest black tomatoes that produce large, 8 to 12-ounce crack-resistant fruits, bigger than Cherokee Purple. Excellent for salads and sandwiches.



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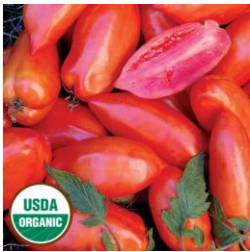
**Rose's Tomato:** A large leafy indeterminate, regular leaf heirloom produces deep, rose-pink, 3-inch, meaty globes with a taste that rivals those varieties heralded most for their luscious taste. An excellent tomato for its appearance and luscious, rich flavors.

## Globe Tomatoes (cont.)



**Trucker's Favorite:** This is the best strain of Trucker's Favorite in SSE's tomato collection. Uniform 3" pink globes grow in clusters of 3-4. Excellent flavor. Productive plants with good blight resistance. Indeterminate, 75 days from transplant.

## Sauce / Paste / Canning Tomatoes

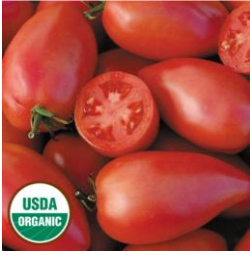


**Olpaka:** Introduced into the 1991 SSE Yearbook by Carolyn Male. The seed originated in Poland circa 1900. Phenomenal set of 3" by 6" red paste tomatoes on vigorous wispy vines. Excellent flavor and very few seeds make this a perfect processing tomato. Fruits hold well on the vine—indeterminate, 85 days from transplant. We have grown this past four years, found it continued producing until frost and is excellent for sun drying. (Seeds and info from Seed Savers Exchange)

**Note:** Once gardeners experience the flavor boost of sun-dried tomatoes in sauces, gravies and soups, the sauce and canning tomatoes become essential.



**Salveterra's Select: Winner of Tomato Fest 2017 Tomato Tasting - Paste/ Sauce division.** The meaty texture pairs with a tangy, sweet flavor that make it an ideal sauce tomato. Fruits measure 2½-3¾". It matures a bit later than other sauce tomatoes but has above-average productivity. This heirloom tomato has been shared within the Hazleton, Pennsylvania community since the 1950s. Indeterminate, 70-80 days from transplant. (Seeds and info from Seed Savers #xchange)



**Sheboygan:** Introduced into SSE in 1998. Grown since the early 1900s by Lithuanian immigrants in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. Pink paste-type 4-6 ounce fruits. Excellent flavor. Heavy yields, great for canning. Indeterminate, 80 days from transplant. (Seeds and info from Seed Savers Exchange)

## Purple Tomatoes (blackish shoulder, unique taste)



**Ukrainian Purple:** (aka Purple Russian) Original stock of this variety came from Irma Henkel in Ukraine. Plum-shaped fruits are 3-4" long and weigh 6 ounces, generally crack-free—great flavor, sweet and meaty. Plants are very productive. Indeterminate, 80 days from transplant. (Seeds & info from SSE.)



**Stupice** (stu-pee-cha) Rich, complex flavors made this variety the winner of a recent heirloom tomato taste testing at Cornell University. One of the darkest black tomatoes, Stupice produces large, 8 to 12-ounce crack-resistant fruits - bigger than Cherokee Purple. Excellent for salads and sandwiches.

## Other Plants



**Feher Ozon Paprika:** Originated in Hungary. All-around excellent paprika pepper for quality and performance. Extremely productive plants produce 3" by 4-5" long fruits that have exceptionally sweet flesh, up to 12 fruits per plant. 80-85 days from transplant. Sweet.



**Martin's Carrot Pepper:** Developed in the 19th century by Mennonite horticulturist Jacob B. Garber. Plants 2-2½' tall. Carrot-shaped, 1½-3" long, deep red-orange fruit. Smoky hot flavor. 70-90 days from transplant.



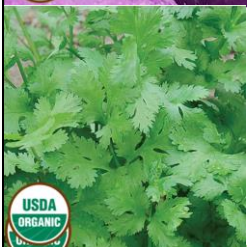
**Wisconsin Lakes Bell Pepper:** Developed in the 1950s at the University of Wisconsin at Madison by Professor O. B. Combs. Great choice for an early maturing bell pepper. Reliable yields of thick-walled, 4-6 oz. fruits that ripen from green to red. 75-85 days from transplant. Sweet.



**Triple Curled Parsley:** Closely curled dark green leaves. Fast growing uniform strain. High in vitamins and minerals. Holds for a long time at harvesting stage even in warm weather. Biennial in zones 6-9, grown as an annual. 68-75 days.



**Pingtung Long Eggplant:** This versatile variety matures earlier than most, good choice in an appetizer or side dish. A beautiful eggplant from Pingtung, Taiwan, slender fruits that grow up to 12" long with shiny, dark-lavender skin. Produces very well, even in very hot weather. Hardy, vigorous, and disease-resistant plants. 65-75 days from transplant.



**Cilantro, Slow Bolt:** The fresh leaves of cilantro are used in a variety of Asian and Latin cuisines and its seeds are collected and used as a spice called coriander. 50-55 days to first leaf harvest, 90-120 days for seed.



**Genovese Basil:** (*O. basilicum*) This classic large-leaved Italian sweet basil, prized for its flavor and heady aroma, is a top pick for making pesto. Fragrant plants grow 18-24" producing branched plants when pinched back regularly. Can be chopped and frozen in olive oil for winter use. Annual.