

# GROWER'S FACTS

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## TOMATO

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**CULTURAL PRACTICES:** seed indoors, under light, approximately six (6) to eight (8) weeks before the expected date of the last ground frost in your area. Harden the seedlings before planting in the garden. Growth is best at temperatures of 21-24 ° C or higher.

**SOIL:** you must prepare your soil well by incorporating a lot of rotten manure or compost, at least 30 cm deep. In addition, add to the soil, when planting, an all-purpose fertilizer.

**SPACING:** transplant the tomato plants 45 - 60 cm apart and 90 cm apart. Plant indeterminate types on stakes, leaving 38 cm to 45 cm between the plants in single rows, 45 cm apart.

**GROWING TIPS:** tomatoes tolerate a wide range of fertile, well-drained soils. They require constant humidity, but care must be taken not to overwater, which would diminish the flavor of the fruit. Grow them in a warm, sunny location.

**HARVEST:** harvest the fruits as they ripen. Before frost, remove the plants from the ground by holding them by the roots. Hang them inside, to allow the remaining fruit to ripen.