



'Celebrity' Tomato (*Solanum lycopersicum* 'Celebrity')

New Texas Superstar® - March 2021



Celebrity is a Texas Superstar®
and an All-American selection.
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The F1 hybrid plant, Celebrity tomato, was first produced in the USA by Colen Wyatt, with the seeds being commercially distributed in the late 1980s by PetoSeed Co., known today as Seminis Vegetable Seeds. In 1984, the plant was judged by various experts in the field of horticulture and recognized as a recipient of the All-America Selections award, due to its favorable characteristics compared to other tomato cultivars. Celebrity tomato remains a popular choice for gardeners and is the standard by which tomatoes are judged.

Exposure: Full sun exposure is required for optimum production.

Height: Plant is determinant, though it is thought by some to be semi-determinate, as it will easily attain 4 to 6 feet in height.

Plant type: Perennial but grown as an annual in Texas, due to our cold temperatures.

Planting time: Best as transplants in early spring. Can be planted in mid-summer for fall harvest, though white flies and virus hinder production.

Soil type: Almost any well drained soil.

Suggested uses: Vigorous plants typically produce 20 or more very plump, robust tomatoes. Fruits weigh approximately 8 oz. and are 4 inches across. Plants need caging or staking and will produce fruit throughout the growing season. Plants are resistant to Fusarium Wilt races 1 and 2, Verticillium Wilt, Tobacco Mosaic virus and Root-knot nematode. The root-knot resistance is significant as very few tomatoes have this tolerance today.

Special notes: Celebrity fruit are resistant to cracking and splitting, which usually occurs when there is an excess of water and sugar movement in the fruits. Tomatoes do continue to ripen after being picked and are typically harvested when they start to "break" or change color.

The red tomato is listed on most nutritional lists as a superfood. It is packed with the antioxidant vitamins A and C, potassium and the B vitamins for heart health, and a carotenoid called lycopene.