

# **Beefmaster Tomatoes (Hybrid)**

## **Growth Habit:**

- Beefmaster tomatoes are indeterminate, meaning they continue to grow and produce fruit throughout the season.

## **Best Uses:**

- These large tomatoes are ideal for slicing and adding to sandwiches or burgers, and they can also be used in salads or for canning.

## **Growing Information:**

- Choose a location with full sun (6-8 hours of direct sunlight daily) and well-draining soil with a pH of 6.4 to 6.8.
- Start seeds indoors 5 to 6 weeks before the last frost, and transplant seedlings outdoors after hardening off.
- Space plants 24 to 36 inches apart and provide support using stakes or cages.

## **Maintenance Information:**

- Prune suckers to encourage fruit production and maintain plant structure.
- Water consistently, providing 1 to 2 inches of water per week.
- Fertilize with a balanced tomato fertilizer every 3 to 4 weeks.

## **Pest Management:**

- Monitor for common tomato pests like aphids, whiteflies, and spider mites.
- Inspect plants for signs of fungal diseases such as early blight or late blight, and remove infected leaves.

## **Companion Plants:**

- Good companion plants for Beefmaster tomatoes include basil, marigolds, and nasturtiums, which help repel pests.
- Avoid planting tomatoes near fennel, potatoes, or other members of the nightshade family.