

Better Boy Tomatoes (Hybrid)

Growth Habit:

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

Best Uses:

- These large, meaty tomatoes are ideal for slicing and adding to sandwiches or burgers, and they can also be used in salads, sauces, 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 6.5 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, as they can grow quite large.

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 verticillium wilt, fusarium wilt, and other diseases. Remove infected leaves and ensure proper air circulation to minimize disease spread.

Companion Plants:

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