

# **Black from Tula Tomatoes**

## **(Heirloom)**

**Growth Habit:** Indeterminate, tall and vining, reaching 60 to 85 inches (150 to 215 cm) in height and 25 to 35 inches (65 to 90 cm) in diameter. Large root system.

**Best Uses:** Slicing, fresh eating, and adding a unique color and flavor to dishes.

### **Growing Information:**

- Full sun
- Well-draining soil with a pH of 6.0 to 6.8
- Start seeds indoors 6 to 8 weeks before the last frost
- Transplant seedlings outdoors after hardening off
- Space plants 24 to 36 inches apart
- Provide a strong support system for the vines

### **Maintenance Information:**

- Prune suckers and lower leaves 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. Black from Tula tomatoes are more resistant to common tomato diseases compared to other varieties, but it's still important to keep an eye out for any signs of fungal diseases like early blight or late blight.

### **Companion Plants:**

- Good companion plants for Black from Tula tomatoes include basil, marigolds, and nasturtiums, which help repel pests and promote beneficial insects.
- Avoid planting tomatoes near fennel, potatoes, or other members of the nightshade family to prevent disease and pests from spreading.