

# Pineapple Tomatoes (Heirloom)

**Growth Habit:** Indeterminate, with long vines that continue to grow and produce fruit until frost. These large plants can reach heights of 6 to 8 feet tall and require vertical support, such as stakes or cages, to keep their heavy fruits off the ground.

**Best Uses:** Fresh eating, slicing, sandwiches, and salads. Known for their sweet, almost tropical flavor with a citrus-like tang, these tomatoes are a favorite for their smooth, rich flesh and low seed count. They are also a visually stunning addition to any garden with their yellow and red coloring.

## **Growing Information:**

- Full sun (at least 6 hours of direct sunlight)
- Well-draining, fertile soil with a pH of 6.0 to 6.8
- Start seeds indoors 4 to 6 weeks before the last frost
- Transplant seedlings outdoors after hardening off
- Space plants 24 to 36 inches apart

## **Maintenance Information:**

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

## **Pest Management:**

- Monitor for common tomato pests like aphids, whiteflies, and spider mites
- Watch for signs of fungal diseases like early blight and late blight, and remove infected leaves promptly

## **Companion Plants:**

- Good companion plants for Pineapple 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.