

CITIZEN SEED TRIAL

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2019 Tomato Adaptation Trials

Black Krim

CHARACTERISTICS

The unique, heirloom Black Krim tomato is identifiable by its dark maroon colour. Regularly a winner at tasting events, consumers are impressed by its rich, sweet, and smoky flavour. The medium-sized fruit typically grows to 8-12 oz in size. It is an indeterminate plant, meaning it continues to grow and produce fruit throughout the growing season (as opposed to determinants, which reach a certain height and then cease to grow).

ORIGINS

The tomato is native to the high drylands of Peru. After the 16th century, tomato seeds were brought to other parts of the world to be sowed. In particular, Black Krim tomato originated in Crimea, Russia - a peninsula in the Black Sea known for its ideal tomato growing summers. It was originally a cross between a beefsteak and cherokee purple, giving high yields along with disease and crack resistance.

GROWTH

The Black Krim tomato reaches maturity in approximately 80 days. It enjoys a warm climate with full sun, but can also grow well in a cooler climate. The plant requires heavy staking or caging as it can grow to over 6ft and produces high yields of heavy fruit.

OUR SOURCES

For the 2019 Citizen Seed Trial, we have gathered Black Krim seeds from 4 sources in 4 unique environments: Sunshine Farm in Kelowna, BC; Saanich Organics in Saanich, BC; Hawthorne Farm in Palmerston, ON; and Seed Savers Exchange in Idaho, USA. Fun fact: Sunshine Farm has been growing the Black Krim tomato for 18 years!