

CITIZEN SEED TRIAL

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2019 Tomato Adaptation Trials

Stupice

CHARACTERISTICS

The heirloom Stupice (pronounced stoo-PEECH-ka”) tomato is known for its sweet, rich flavour. The small, succulent fruit typically grows to 1 or 2 oz. The Stupice tomato can be enjoyed off the vine, but is also great for drying or in soups! It is indeterminate, meaning it grows and produces 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 back to Europe to be sowed. The Stupice tomato can be traced back to the Czech Republic. It was introduced to North America in 1976 by a Czechoslovakian tomato breeder named Milan Sodomka.

GROWTH

The Stupice tomato is fast growing and reaches maturity in approximately 60 days. It is well-known for being extremely well adapted for cooler climates, making it a West Coast favourite. That being said, growers report that it also thrives in the heat. It generally has very high yields, with research showing that on average, a Stupice tomato plant produces 87 fruits. The fruit’s skin is thick and crack resistant.

OUR SOURCES

For the 2019 Citizen Seed Trial, we have gathered Stupice seeds from 4 sources in 4 unique environments: Uprising Seeds in NW Washington; Saanich Organics in Saanich, BC; Seed Savers Exchange in Idaho, USA; and Full Circle Seeds in Sooke, BC.