

TOMATOES, OPEN FIELD INDETERMINATE

Cultural Information

General

Climate Requirement: Ideal conditions are mild temperate climate with warm to hot days (25 -32 c) and mild nights (15-18 c) temperatures outside of these ranges will reduce yield potential. Rain at or approaching maturity will degrade fruit quality.	
Frost Sensitivity: Sensitive to low temperatures and frosts	
Seed Requirement Direct Plant (kg/ha): 1.5	Seed Planting Depth (cm): 1.0
Seed Requirement Transplant (g/ha): 100	Seeds per gram (approx): 250-300
Plant Population: 6800-11000 /ha	
Row spacing: 1.5-1.8 Metres	Plant Spacing: 0. 6-0.8 Metre
Potential Disease Problems: A wide range of diseases effect tomatoes, genetic resistance to many is now available. Consult variety descriptions for details.	

Germination Information

Germination Temperature: Range 15-35 C Optimum 23-28 C	
Days to Emergence: 5-7 days	Emergence to Transplant: 24-42 days
Plant to Maturity: Depending on variety and area, 65 to 120 days	
Transplant Recommendation: Transplanting of cell grown transplants is strongly recommended, direct seeding is possible in ideal conditions.	

Soil and Nutrition

Salinity Sensitivity: Medium tolerance	Optimum pH: 5.5-6.8
Nutrient Removal (kg/ha) (At average yield, greater if yield is higher)	
Vegetative: N 70 Kg, P 30 Kg, K 100 Kg, Ca 90 Kg, Mg 22 Kg. per Ha	
Harvested Product: N 60 Kg, P 20 Kg, K 86 Kg.	
Total Nutrient Removal	
N 130 Kg , P 50 Kg, K 170 Kg, Ca 100 Kg, Mg 25 Kg. per Ha	
Fertiliser Application: A basal dressing of all P and 60-70 % of the other element totals, balance should be applied in regular applications in line with fruit production.	

Irrigation Requirement

Irrigation System: Trickle irrigation with or without plastic mulch or flood irrigation, sprinklers are suitable.
Water Usage (average): 4-5.5 Ml per Ha depending on system.

Yield Potential

Average Yield: 6500-8000 cartons per Ha
Packing: Tomatoes are marketed in cartons of size and colour graded fruit, in volume filled 10 Kg cartons, or tray packed "gourmet" style fruit by count.

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