

# Love Apple Farms - 2018 Variety List - [www.LoveAppleFarms.com](http://www.LoveAppleFarms.com)

**Location:** 5311 Scotts Valley Dr, Ivy's Porch, Scotts Valley **Dates:** 3/25/18 - 6/3/18 **Open:** Mon-Fri 11-6, Sat 10-5, Sun 11-5

Tomato Varieties	Color	Shape, Size	DTM	All varieties are indeterminate (tall) unless noted otherwise. "C" means low-light tolerant.
Ananas Noire	Bi-Color	Beefsteak, M/L	80	Gorgeous green, red, yellow bi-color. One of our favorites.
Berkeley Tie-Dye	Bi-Color	Beefsteak, M/L	80	Red, yellow & green, with 3-color interior. Complex flavor.
Black Bear	Purple	Beefsteak, large	75	Creamy taste, touch of wine flavor.
Black Cherry	Purple	Round, cherry	65	Our favorite black cherry. Delightful color, full flavored. "C"
Black Krim Grafted	Purple	Beefsteak, large	80	Fantastic, intense, slightly salty flavor. Very tasty!
Black Prince	Chocolate	Round, S/M	75	Juicy and fruity. High yielding, even in cooler climates. "C"
Blondkopfchen	Yellow	Round, cherry	65	"Little blonde girl" in German. Sweet & tangy. "C"
Brandywine Grafted	Pink	Beefsteak, large	90	100-year-old variety, incredibly rich taste. Potato leaf.
Carmello F1	Red	Beefsteak, M	75	Classic hybrid French slicer. Perfect sugar/acid balance "C"
Caspian Pink	Pink	Beefsteak, large	85	Taste test winner. Customer favorite. Sweet flavor.
Chef's Choice F1	Orange	Beefsteak, M	75	Award winning hybrid with wonderful old-fashioned flavor.
Cherokee Carbon F1	Purple	Beefsteak, M/L	75	Hybrid cross of Cher. Purple & Carbon, higher yielding. "C"
Cherokee Purple	Purple	Beefsteak, large	85	Customer favorite. Sweet with a rich smoky taste.
Chinese Paste	Red	Plum, XL	76	Delicious heirloom paste; larger than San Marzano.
Chocolate Cherry	Chocolate	Round, cherry	70	Bursting with flavor. Performs even in tough conditions "C"
Coyote	Yellow	Round, cherry	65	Extra small cherry. Customer fav, great flavor & yield. "C"
Delano Green	Green	Beefsteak, M/L	85	Our fav green-when-ripe variety from our private source.
Fruit Punch Cherry	Pink	Round, cherry	75	Super fruity & sweet. Crack-resistant thin skin. Prolific "C"
Gold Medal	Bi-Color	Beefsteak, large	80	Sweet and beautiful. Gold and red bi-color. Thin skin.
Gold Nugget	Yellow	Round, cherry	60	Determinate (short) heirloom cherry. Super early. "C"
Green Zebra	Striped	Round, small	70	Green with yellow stripes. Customer favorite. "C"
Hawaiian Pineapple	Bi-Color	Beefsteak, large	85	Sweet and luscious. Yellow, orange, and red blushes.
Hippie Zebra	Striped	Beefsteak, med	80	Excellent taste. Purple, green, and red striping.
Indigo Apple	Bi-Color	Round, medium	75	Almost black fruits ripen to deep orange bottoms "C"
Indigo Cherry Drops	Bi-Color	Round, cherry	70	Prettiest cherry around! Red/purple/yellow. Delicious! "C"
Indira Gandhi	Black	Round, medium	75	Reddish black from Belarus. Savory, rich flavor.
Juliet F1	Red	Plum, cherry	60	Hybrid grape tomato with great flavor and disease res "C"
Kentucky Beefsteak	Orange	Beefsteak, large	95	Large, golden orange beefsteak. Big, sweet flavors.
Lemon Boy F1	Yellow	Round, medium	75	High yielding hybrid with VFN disease resistance. "C"
Love Apple	Dark Red	Beefsteak, med	85	Mahogany fruits, wonderful taste. Our signature variety.
Momotaro F1	Pink	Round, medium	70	Japanese hybrid w/ superb taste & perfect sweet fruit "C"
Mortgage Lifter	Pink/Red	Beefsteak, med	82	Famous old heirloom. Prolific. Tasty. Meaty. Few seeds.
New Girl F1	Red	Beefsteak, med	62	Hybrid w/ better flavor & disease res than Early Girl. "C"
Northern Lights	Bi-Color	Beefsteak, med	80	Yellow/orange with red starburst. Very sweet. "C"
Nova F1	Orange	Grape, cherry	60	Productive, fast-growing, hybrid snacking tomato. "C"
Orange Blossom F1	Orange	Beefsteak, med	60	Hybrid. Best early orange. Mildly sweet w/ some kick. Det
Orange Russian 117	Bi-Color	Oxheart, med	80	Love this one: orange and red stripes. Fairest of them all!
Pink Accordion	Pink	Ruffled, M/L	75	Show stopping, highly ruffled, gorgeous pink beauties!
Pink Montserrat	Pink	Beefsteak, large	85	Very prolific & disease resistant. Slightly ribbed.
Prescott	Pink	Round, small	69	Slightly oval with sweet flavor. Versatile! "C"
Ramapo F1	Red	Round, large	85	Hybrid by Rutgers that packs old "Jersey tomato" flavor.
Rojita F1	Pink	Grape, cherry	60	High yields of beautiful, sweet fruit. F res Hybrid. "C"
San Marzano	Red	Plum, medium	78	Gold standard of sauce tomatoes.
San Marzano Grafted	Red	Plum, medium	78	Same as above, but greater yield and more disease res.
Sexy Beast	Pink	Oxheart, large	80	Love Apple's own cultivar. Beautiful pink heart-shaped.
Siletz	Red	Beefsteak, M/L	75	Extremely reliable (easy) tomato. Short, bush type "C"
Sisters	Red	Beefsteak, M/L	80	Deep red fruits come in fast and furious. Great flavor too!
Stupice	Red	Round, small	52	Abundant, early. Customer favorite. Determinate. "C"

Summer Love	Pale yellow	Beefsteak, M/L	80	Spontaneous cross from 2015. Gorgeous and delicious.
Sungold F1	Orange	Round, cherry	65	Hybrid. Sweetest cherry around. Extremely popular. "C"
Sungreen Garden F1	Green	Round, cherry	65	Green version of Sungold. Sweet, eye-poppin' hybrid. "C"
Sweet Million F1	Red	Round, cherry	65	Disease res (FNT), wonderful flavor and yield. Hybrid. "C"
Tomatillo	Green	Round, small	70	Great for salsa verde. Need 2 plants to pollinate. "C"
White Oxheart	White	Oxheart, med	80	Creamy, pale yellow hearts. Excellent flavor & low acid.
Yellow Pear	Pale yellow	Pear, cherry	70	Customer favorite. Prolific and cute. Great in salads. "C"
Zhezha	Red	Round, medium	75	Short Chinese type. Great flavor. Great in containers! "C"
<b>Pepper Varieties</b>	<b>Color</b>	<b>length/</b>	<b>Flavor</b>	<b>Description</b>
Anaheim F1	Green	6" L, 2" D	Medium	Classic hybrid stuffing pepper. Chiles rellenos, anyone?
Antohi Romanian	Yellow/Red	4" L, 2" D	Mild	Eastern European type for frying. Prepare like Padrans.
California Wonder Bell	Green/Red	4.5" L, 4" D	Sweet	Colorful, sweet, & tasty. Harvest when green or red.
Carolina Reaper	Red	1" L, .5" D	Extreme	Guinness World Record holder for hottest pepper.
Cayenne	Red	4-6" long	Medium	Staple spice for your pantry. Not too hot with a zing.
Espelette	Red	5" L, 1" D	Hot	From the Basque region. Dry & grind into powder.
Fatalii	Orange	3" L, 1" D	Very hot	Delicious citrus flavor under the intense heat.
Habañero	Orange	2.5" long	Very hot	Definitely a spicy one! Productive hybrid, very tasty.
Jalapeño	Green	3.5-4" long	Hot	Good fresh or pickled. The classic nacho pepper! Hybrid.
Jalapeño, Purple	Purple	3" L, 1" D	Hot	Small purple fruit that matures to red. Pretty and tasty.
Jimmy Nardello	Red	6-9" long	Sweet	Perfect, super sweet, frying pepper. Try it, you'll love it!
Orange Sun Bell	Orange	4-5" long	Sweet	Thick walls, very sweet, gorgeous color.
Padron	Green	1-1.5" long	Mild	Pick at 1" long for best flavor. Fry in olive oil & salt. Yum!
Poblano "Ancho"	Brown	5" L, 2.5" D	Medium	Dark green matures to brown. Slight taper, blunt end.
Purple Beauty Bell	Purple	3-4" long	Sweet	Unique color. Resistant to sunscald.
Serrano F1	Green/Red	1-2" L, .25" D	Medium	Chili that's great for salsas & sauces. Crisp, fresh flavor. Hybrid
Shishito F1	Green	3.5-4" long	Very mild	Japanese type used green & fresh. Abundant hybrid.
<b>Eggplant Varieties</b>	<b>Color</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>Shape</b>	<b>Description</b>
Galine F1	Purple	6" L, 3" D	Standard	Glossy, uniform fruit. Ripens earlier than most. Hybrid.
Little Fingers	Purple	2" long	Elongated	Clusters of 3+. Harvest when they're pinky finger-sized.
Orient Express F1	Purple	9" L, 2" D	Elongated	Dark purple. Heat & cool weather resistant. Early hybrid.

All varieties are indeterminate unless otherwise noted as determinate (plant stays short). All varieties are heirloom, aka open-pollinated, unless specified as hybrid. DTM means "Days to Maturity." It's the number of days after you plant that you should get ripe fruit. Everyone's garden is different, depending on your micro-climate, shade, spacing of plants, among other factors. Consider taking Love Apple Farms' Tomato Masters class to learn more about how to grow award-winning tomatoes.

### IMPORTANT INFO TO READ THE FIRST DAY YOU BUY YOUR PLANTS:

**IF YOU DON'T PLANT RIGHT AWAY:** Your plants need special care until it is warm enough to leave them outside at night. That means outside in the sun during the day, inside at night. Limit sun exposure the first few days home to 3 or 4 hours, as they are used to a semi-shaded greenhouse. Your plants may need watering every day in their little pots. On warm days, they will lose water quickly. They need fertilizing every few days with a half-strength mixture of an all-purpose organic fertilizer or worm casting tea. If they are turning yellow, then you have not been fertilizing them! If they are getting tall (over 12" in their pots, you should pot them up into a larger pot using G&B Organic Potting Soil if you are still a week or more away from transplanting them out to the garden.

**IF YOU PLANT RIGHT AWAY:** Put something in front of them (not OVER them) that will shade them during the afternoon. You need only do this a few days until they get used to the direct sunlight. Again, they have spent all of their lives inside a semi-shaded greenhouse. If you plant them without getting them used bit by bit to direct sunlight, you risk killing them. Also, if you decide to plant before May 1st, then you should cover them each night. Do that by inverting a large pot over them at sundown, and removing it before 9 a.m. Fertilize and water planted tomatoes per the instructions at LoveAppleFarms.com. Tomatoes are tropical plants; they are easily killed by a light frost, and the nights are way colder than they like in our spring weather. It's not the day temps that hurt them; it's being cold and damp at night that damages them. Don't plant them until April 1st in warmer locations, and May 1st in colder locations (like the mountains). Ditto with peppers and eggplants, which are even more sensitive to cold spring nights.

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## How We Plant a Tomato

First, we start with light, fluffy soil. Double-dig your beds if you need to. Compacted soil won't do. We dig a two-foot deep hole (yes! That deep!). Then we put in the bottom of our tomato planting holes:

1. A fish head (or 1/2 cup **G&B Fish Meal**. Fish emulsion is not a substitute).
2. 1/2 cup **G&B Bone Meal**.
3. 1/2 cup **G&B Tomato, Veg & Herb (4-6-3) Fertilizer**.
4. 1/2 cup **100% pure worm castings**.
5. Two aspirin tablets.
6. Several crushed egg shells.
7. 1/3 package **Mykos Mycorrhizae** (sprinkled on root ball).

We carry these items at our plant sale: 5311 Scotts Valley Drive in Scotts Valley (open Mondays – Fridays 11 a.m. – 6 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Sundays 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.) in the spring. For our available hours, events, and locations throughout the year, sign up for our newsletter on our website: [www.LoveAppleFarms.com](http://www.LoveAppleFarms.com)

Plant the tomato very deep; only let the top half stick up out of the ground. **Grafted tomatoes are the exception to this rule. You can't bury the graft joint, so don't plant grafted tomatoes deeper than they already were in their nursery pot.** Water all of them in really well their first time, then try not to water more than once a week after that—although if the weather is hot, you may need to water more often. Fertilize every two weeks with either compost tea, worm casting tea, or an all-purpose liquid organic fertilizer. Space them at least two feet apart (three feet is better), and stake them well. If you know what you're doing, you can get a 10-foot tall plant! For more info on tomato growing, the reasoning behind the list above, and how to make a proper tomato cage (a store-bought "tomato cage" will just fall over), visit [LoveAppleFarms.com](http://LoveAppleFarms.com).

For hands-on instructions, Love Apple gives dozens of gardening, cooking, and homesteading classes at the farm, located at 2317 Vine Hill Road in Santa Cruz. Visit our website at [LoveAppleFarms.com](http://LoveAppleFarms.com) for more info.

**BIODYNAMICALLY GROWN:** Our tomato seedlings, as our farm, are grown pursuant to biodynamic standards. Biodynamics seeks to treat the land, plants and animals as holistically and gently as possible. Biodynamics is a spiritual-ethical-ecological approach to agriculture, food production and nutrition. Biodynamic farmers strive to create a diversified, balanced farm ecosystem that generates health and fertility as much as possible from within the farm itself. For more information, please visit [www.demeter-usa.org](http://www.demeter-usa.org)

### Shopping List

\_\_\_ G&B Fish Meal

\_\_\_ G&B Bone Meal

\_\_\_ G&B Tomato, Veg, Herb Fertilizer

\_\_\_ 100% Pure Worm Castings

\_\_\_ Mykos Mycorrhizae (We recommend 1 package per 3 plants = 1/3 package per plant)

# LOVE APPLE FARMS

## Class & Event Schedule

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All classes usually held on the farm, however, we may be in a new location for 2018 workshops

### ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED

#### JANUARY 2018

Sat, 6: Beginning Cheese Making - \$99  
Sat, 27: Early Spring Vegetable Gardening - \$69

#### FEBRUARY 2018

Sat, 3: Tomato, Pepper, and Eggplant from Seed - \$89  
Sun, 4: Beginning Cheese Making - \$99  
Sat, 10: Fruit Trees Simplified - \$89  
Sun, 18: Designing the Perfect Vegetable Garden - \$69  
Sat, 24: Backyard Beekeeping - \$99  
Sun, 25: Growing Tomato Transplants from Seed - \$69

#### MARCH 2018

Sat, 3: Beginning Cheese Making - \$99  
Sun, 4: Tomato Masters - \$79  
Sat, 10: Summer Vegetable Gardening - \$79  
Sat, 17: Growing Tomato Transplants from Seed - \$69  
Sun, 18: Compost, Vermiculture, & Soil Fertility - \$69  
Sat, 24: **TOMATO PLANT PRESALE PICKUP DAY**  
Sun, 25: **TOMATO PLANT SALE OPENING DAY**

#### APRIL 2018

Sat, 7: Tomato Masters - \$79  
Sun, 8: Beginning Cheese Making - \$99  
Sun, 15: Summer Vegetable Gardening - \$79  
Wed, 18: Tomato Masters - \$79  
Sat, 21: Container Vegetable Gardening - \$69  
Sun, 22: Straw Bale Gardening - \$69  
Wed, 25: Summer Vegetable Gardening - \$79  
Sat, 28: Drip Irrigation Simplified - \$79

#### MAY 2018

Sat, 12: Designing the Perfect Vegetable Garden - \$69  
Sun, 13: Growing Culinary Herbs - \$69  
Sat, 19: Summer Vegetable Gardening - \$79  
Sat, 26: Compost, Vermiculture, & Soil Fertility - \$69  
Sun, 27: Drip Irrigation Simplified - \$79

#### JUNE 2018

Sun, 3: **LAST DAY TOMATO PLANT SALE**  
Sun, 3: The Fine Art of Dahlia Growing - \$69  
Sat, 9: Garden Mosaics - \$99  
Sat, 16: Using a Pressure Cooker - \$119  
Sat, 23: Jam Making - \$119  
Sat, 30: Tomato Masters - \$79

#### AUGUST 2018

Sat, 4: Pickling - \$119  
Sat, 18: Canning Fruits and Vegetables - \$119  
Sat, 25: Winter Vegetable Gardening - \$79

#### SEPTEMBER 2018

Sun, 9: Garden Mosaics - \$99  
Sun, 16: Winter Vegetable Gardening - \$79

*OUR SMALL-GROUP CLASSES ARE TAUGHT BY EXPERTS IN THEIR FIELD AND ARE ALL HANDS-ON PLUS LECTURE.*

*ALL CLASSES HELD RAIN OR SHINE. OUR WORKSHOPS ARE DESIGNED EXCLUSIVELY FOR ADULTS AND MATURE CHILDREN OVER THE AGE OF 12. WE DO REQUIRE ADVANCE REGISTRATION.*