



**Gardener's Favorite Tomato Varieties  
Results from 2008 Survey of Ramapo Tomato Seed Buyers**

In 2008, the year the Ramapo F1 hybrid tomato seed was re-released to the public, a survey was sent to purchasers via e-mail. Of the 1,254 respondents to the survey, the numbers below indicate the tally of tomato varieties named for the question "What is your favorite tomato variety?". Responses ranged from naming several varieties; one variety; not responding at all; or indicating they did not have a favorite.

Since this survey was administered to people who purchased Ramapo tomato seed, there may be a bias of the respondents toward that variety. Also, while respondents represented many states across the US, the majority were from New Jersey, hence other popular varieties from different regions may not be represented. Also, for cherry, grape, plum and heirloom varieties, some mentioned the type of tomato as their favorite, while others named specific varieties. Finally, there were many individual varieties that were mentioned once, but these were excluded from the survey results. The results include varieties mentioned two or more times.

<b><u>Favorite Tomato Variety Responses</u></b> <b><u>from 2008 Ramapo Tomato Seed Purchasers Survey</u></b>	
<b><u>Variety Name</u></b>	<b><u>Times Mentioned</u></b>
Ramapo	268
Beefsteak	139
Big Boy	93
Brandywine	68
Rutgers	63
Early Girl	45
Better Boy	37
Celebrity	37
Cherry varieties	25
Supersonic	25
Heirloom varieties	24
Big Girl	22
Jetstar	21
Grape varieties	19
Roma	18
Cherokee Purple	16
Plum varieties	14
Big beef	14
Sungold cherry	11
Park's Whopper	10
Supersteak	10
Beefmaster	9
Sweet 100 cherry	9
Black Krim	8
Green Zebra	8
Mortgage Lifter	7
Brandy boy	7
Best Boy	5
Goliath	5
Pineapple	5
Juliet	5

Fourth of July	5
Delicious	4
Sun sugar cherry	4
Aunt Rubie's German Green	3
Caspian Pink	3
Mountain series	3
San Marzano	3
Burpie's	3
Lemon boy	3
Kellog's Breakfast	2
Mr. Stripey	2
Marianna's Peace	2
Supersweets	2
Stupice	2
Oxheart	2
Bloody butcher	2
Prudens purple	2
Rosa de Berne	2
Mountain Fresh	2
Burpie's Big Mama	2
Sweet baby girl	2
Beefy boy	2
Early pick	2
Persimmon	2
Opalka	2
Pink girl	2
Yellow	2