

Rediscover the Jersey Tomato

Rutgers 250, Ramapo, Moreton and KC-146 Tomato Descriptions

The *Rediscover the Jersey Tomato* project is bringing back tomatoes with the delicious tangy old time Jersey tomato flavor that New Jersey farmers grew from the 1930s – 70s. For 2016 we introduced the 'Rutgers 250' tomato and now offer four varieties, each with distinctive qualities, for home gardeners to reproduce that memorable Jersey tomato taste.

*Notes: These varieties grow well in most regions throughout the U.S.
These tomatoes were developed through non-transgenic (non-GMO) breeding.*

● **Rutgers 250 tomato** is the new result from crossing the same parent varieties as the original 'Rutgers' tomato that was released by Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station (NJAES) in 1934. 'Rutgers 250' was selected for high fruit quality and flavor and has been named in honor of the University's 250th anniversary.

Mid-season maturity. Firm, crack-resistant fruit; high flavor, uniform color. Semi-determinate plants; best if staked. 'Rutgers 250' was not bred specifically for disease resistance, but in trials has shown good resistance to bacterial spot and bacterial speck. Open-pollinated.

● **Ramapo F1 Hybrid tomato** was developed at Rutgers NJAES and released in 1968. It was prized by gardeners for its great flavor, fruit quality, reliability, and productivity. While Ramapo seed was unavailable for many years, Rutgers NJAES continued receiving requests for this popular tomato and eventually reintroduced Ramapo F-1 seeds in 2008.

Mid to late season; resistant to cracking and Verticillium and Fusarium wilt. Semi-determinate plants approximately 80 days to maturity. Medium - large sized fruit. Feedback from a gardener survey indicates that Ramapo tomato grows well in a variety of US regions.

● **Moreton F1 Hybrid tomato** was Harris Seeds' first F-1 hybrid, released in 1953 and one of the first hybrids grown by Jersey tomato growers. This early maturing, tasty variety was off the market and re-introduced in a cooperative effort by Harris and Rutgers. Moreton makes a good earlier maturing garden companion to Ramapo and KC-146.

Early season, resistant to Verticillium. Indeterminate plants mature in 70 days. Medium - large sized fruit. A heavy feeder on less fertile soil. Treated seed. Favorite in extreme climates with short growing seasons.

● **KC-146 tomato** (also known as Campbell's 146) was developed by Campbell's Soup Company as a processing tomato and released in 1956. This variety was wilt and crack-resistant and better flavored than other processing types. It was eventually replaced with newer varieties with a more disease resistance. Campbell's maintained the KC-146 stock as a flavor standard. We agree, this is one tasty tomato!

Mid to late season; resistant to Fusarium wilt, semi-determinate plants; 78 days to maturity; medium-large sized fruit. Even though it is a processing variety, it has incredible flavor as a fresh tomato. Open-pollinated.

