

# Tomato Plant Differences

## Indeterminate vs. Determinate:

- **Indeterminate** vines keep producing new growth and blossoms even after fruit set. You may find tomatoes in all stages of development on the vine at one time.
- **Determinate** vines make little or no growth once fruit is set. Harvest time is shorter as most of the fruit develops at about the same time.
- While the idea of a long harvest sounds great, reality is that our season is too short for that to really happen.

## Advantages of a Determinate Vine:

- You get about a 3-4' tall vine instead of 6-8' or more so it's not as important to stake or cage
- Fruit will generally ripen quicker because you don't have as large a plant to cause shading
- You'll have a more complete harvest with very few fruit left on the vine versus a load of green tomatoes when it freezes
- For canning or a larger quantity ready at once, the determinate vine is better suited

Determinate varieties include: *Celebrity*, *Bush Champion*, *Bush Early Girl*, *BHN 589*, *Mountain Fresh*, and *Husky Red*.

Most other varieties are indeterminate.

