

EDIBLE GARDEN



TOMATO

The tomato (*Solanum lycopersicum*) plant originates from western South America and Central America and is widely grown in temperate climates across the world. Greenhouses have allowed production of tomatoes throughout all seasons of year.

Tomatoes are technically fruits, and are commonly eaten raw in salads, served as a cooked vegetable, used as a cooking ingredient or pickled.

A majority of the world's tomato crops are processed into products including canned tomatoes, tomato juice, ketchup, puree, paste, and "sun-dried" tomatoes or dehydrated pulp.