Ponchi™-Fa Tomato

Solanum lycopersicum 'Ponchi-Fa'



Ponchi-Fa Tomato fruit
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 8 inches

Spread: 7 inches

Spacing: 10 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Cherry/Grape-Determinate

Description:

An adorable extra compact variety perfect for containers, windowsills and small gardens; produces heavy yields of small bright red fruit that contrasts against dark green foliage; super-sweet and well balanced, ideal for fresh snacking or salads

Edible Qualities

Ponchi-Fa Tomato is an annual vegetable plant that is typically grown for its edible qualities. It produces small clusters of red round tomatoes (which are technically 'berries') with red flesh which are usually ready for picking from mid to late summer. This is a determinate variety, which means it bears a full crop all at once. The tomatoes have a sweet taste and a firm texture.

The tomatoes are most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating
- Eating When Cooked/Prepared
- Cooking
- Baking
- Canning

Planting & Growing

Ponchi-Fa Tomato will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 7 inches. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 10 inches apart. This fast-growing vegetable plant is an annual, which means that it will grow for one season in your garden and then die after producing a crop. While it is considered to be somewhat self-pollinating, it tends to set heavier quantities of fruit with a different variety of the same species growing nearby.

This plant can be difficult to integrate into a landscape or flower garden, and is best grown in a designated vegetable garden. It should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Ponchi-Fa Tomato is a good choice for the vegetable garden, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing the canvas against which the larger thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.