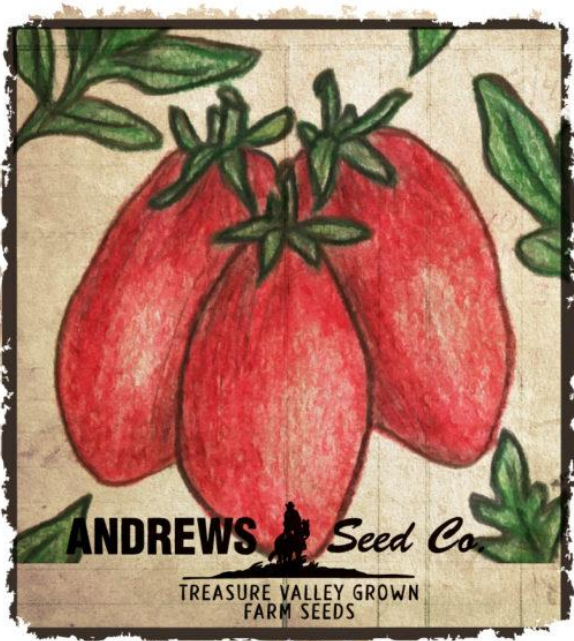


ROMA

Tomato

Roma tomatoes have an elongated egg-like shape, and they grow to about three inches long. Their bright red, smooth and thick skin houses meaty flesh with few seeds, high sugar and acid levels, and low moisture content compared to other tomato varieties, ideal for cooking down into a tomato sauce or paste.



NOTES

VARIETY INFO

Botanical Name: *Solanum lycopersicum* 'Roma'

Plant Dimensions: 2-4 feet

Days to Maturity: 70-80

Zone: 3-11

SOWING INFO

Sow Outside: Not recommended.

Start Inside: Start seeds indoors under controlled conditions. Use soilless grow media. Place in a sunny window with at least 8 hours of sunlight. Water only when soil feels dry to touch. No fertilizer is needed until transplanting. Using a heating pad to keep the soil between 70-80°F. Slowly introduce to the outdoor environment one week before transplanting. Each day add more time outside. Start with shade and no wind outdoors and work your way up gradually to sun and wind. Transplant after last frost date.

Seed Depth: ½"

Seed Spacing: 24 to 36"

Row Spacing: 24"

Thinning: Not necessary

GROWING INFO

Harvesting: Fully vine-ripen fruit only for local retailing or use. To deliver sound fruit, pick fruit less ripe the further the distance and the longer the time between the field and the customer. Store firm, ripe fruit 45-60°F for 4-7 days. Some varieties will store longer.

Fruit: 3 inches long.