



# The Seedling Chronicle



## In This Week's Share.....

### Cucumber~ 'Homemade Pickles'

Plant produces heavy yields of small green cucumbers. This variety was especially bred for making pickles. The cucumbers are solid and crisp with superb flavor. 55 dtm.

### Pumpkin~ 'Racer'

Extra early, ribbed, dark orange. Blocky, heavy, midsize pumpkin. Typical weight 12-16 lb. Highly productive, vigorous, semi-bush vine. Avg. yield: 2-3. 85 dtm.

### Cilantro~ 'Santo'

An extra-slow-bolting selection grown for its leaves. 50-55 days to leaf harvest, 90-105 days to seed.

### Winter Squash~ 'Gold Nugget'

Early squash, orange-red with faint salmon colored stripe. Sweet orange flesh is thick and fiberless. Yields about 4 fruit per bush. Perfect for small spaces. A good keeper. 75 dtm.

### Tomato~ 'Sasha's Pride'

Red colored, meat type tomato. Medium size and indeterminate. 55 dtm.

### Tomato~ 'Stupice'

Popular vigorous potato-leaved plants yield abundant, early 3-6 oz fruits. Well appreciated for its ability to ripen early. Semi-determinate. 55 dtm.

### Tomato~ 'Ida Gold'

Known for its all around quality, earliness and flavor. Hardy plants yield a concentrated fruit set of 2-3 oz oblong fruit even under extreme conditions. Determinate. 55 dtm.

## Determinate vs. Indeterminate

One of the most common questions about tomato plants is what the difference is between determinate and indeterminate varieties.

The most simple explanation is that **determinate tomatoes** bear their crop all at once, while **indeterminate tomatoes** bear fruit over the course of a season. Indeterminate varieties tend to grow longer vines and will require more support in terms of staking or caging. Determinate varieties are often

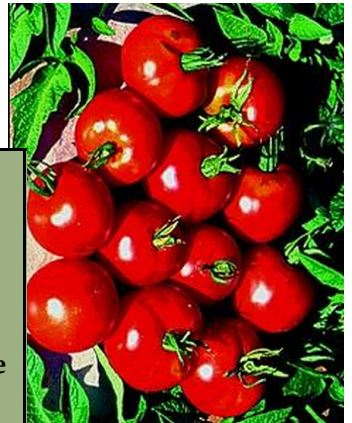
more compact and manageable.

Both of these tomato types have their advantages. Because the growth of determinate plants is limited and predetermined, they never get very large. All their flowers bloom within a limited time, so the fruits ripen over a short period.. This trait makes them ideal for gardeners who want to process their harvest. You are assured of a large enough batch of ripe tomatoes to work with at one time.

Determinate plants are perfect for people limited to small gardens or container growing.

If you want tomatoes for the course of the season for snacking and adding to salads and sandwiches, then indeterminate varieties are nice to have around. Many favorite heirlooms are indeterminate and they can be very prolific!

	Spacing Requirements	Sun Requirements
Pumpkins/ Winter Squash	3-4 feet	Full Sun
Cilantro	9-12 inches	Full Sun~Partial Shade
Cucumber (closer if trellised)	12-18 inches	Full Sun
Tomatoes	2-4 feet	Full Sun



## Trellising Cucumbers

One of the best ways to grow cucumbers is to train them up a trellis. Trellising allows good air circulation, which keeps the plants drier and less susceptible to disease. Trellising will also minimize damage from hail and heavy rain. Trellised vines take up far less space than hills. Trellised cucumbers may bear more abundantly, for all the leaves on

a trellis can face the sun more directly.

Cucumber plants will not always climb the trellises satisfactorily by themselves. Training the main stem may be required. If using a trellis is not an option for you this year, try a tomato cage for many of the same benefits!

*\*With the exception of the cilantro, all of the plants you are receiving today are warm weather crops. The forecast shows fairly cool nights for the next week. For maximum growth and health, take steps to keep your plants warmer at night. The cold nights have been causing the cucumbers to wilt, but they bounce back as the day warms. You may want to give them a little more protection.\**