

# CHERRY TOMATOES

HARVEST OF THE MONTH  
JULY



**Cherry tomatoes** are small, bite-sized tomatoes. Most are red, but some are yellow, green or black. Some are small as thumb tips while others are the size of golf balls. They grow best in warm weather and love to sun bathe. Cherry tomatoes grow on vines but farmers usually use trellises or fences to support their weight. Believe it or not, the tomato is technically a fruit. Most people think of them as a vegetable since they're commonly used in savory (not sweet) dishes.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Tomatoes continue to gain weight after they are picked because they ripen from the inside out and produce more juice. If you place a tomato in the fridge the ripening process will stop.

## FUN FACT

Tomatoes are thought to come from Peru, where their Aztec name translated to "plump thing with a navel."



CHERRY TOMATO  
GROWING REGIONS

1. East Texas

2. Rio Grande Valley



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