

CHECHA

F1 Hybrid Determinate Salad Tomato

OUTSTANDING QUALITIES

- ◆ GOOD FLAVOUR
- ◆ EARLY MATURING
- ◆ TSWV RESISTANCE
- ◆ VERY LONG SHELF LIFE

Checha is an early maturing long life variety. However because it is a long life variety it may show delayed ripening during cooler conditions. Fruit have a jointed peduncle and have an attractive presentation in pre-packs when marketed with the calyx still attached. Fruit are globe shaped, very firm, uniform and evenly sized weighing around 150 - 170 g. **Checha** has high resistance against *Verticillium* wilt race 1 (Vd: 1) and *Fusarium* wilt race 1 (Fol: 1) and intermediate resistance against Tomato spotted wilt (TSWV).



SPECIAL VARIETAL REQUIREMENTS

- Contact your area representative for more information

CHARACTERISTIC*	CHECHA
KIND	Determinate F1 hybrid salad tomato (<i>Lycopersicon esculentum</i> L.)
PRODUCTION TYPE	Open field
FIRMNESS	Very good
MATURITY	Early
PLANT VIGOUR	Good
SEASON	Year round culture in frost-free areas
FRUIT WEIGHT	150 - 170 g
FRUIT SHAPE	Globe
PEDUNCLE	Jointed
ATTACHMENT POINT	Small, neat
SHOULDER	Smooth
SHOULDER COLOUR	Light green
BLOSSOM END	Neat
COLOUR	Internal: very good; External: excellent
FLAVOUR	Good
UNIFORMITY	Very good
LEAF COVER	Very good
DISEASE REACTION (SCIENTIFIC)	High resistance: <i>Verticillium dahlia</i> race 1 (Vd: 1) and <i>Fusarium oxysporum</i> f. sp. <i>lycopersici</i> race 1 (Fol: 1) Intermediate resistance: <i>Tomato spotted wilt virus</i> (TSWV)
MARKETS / END USE	Fresh market
POPULATION GUIDE	12 000 – 14 000 final stand per ha (45 – 50 cm in row, 160 cm between rows)
SPECIAL FEATURES	Good flavour and shelf life, good fruit setting during warm periods. Early concentrated fruit set

* Characteristics given are affected by production methods such as soil type, nutrition, planting population, planting date and climatic conditions. Please read disclaimer.
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GENERAL TIPS FOR TOMATO PRODUCTION

Climatic requirements

Tomatoes can grow at a wide range of temperatures but for optimum growth tomatoes prefer temperatures between 10 °C (minimum) and 30 °C (maximum). The temperature requirements for the different growth stages are given in the Table below. Tomatoes do not tolerate frost or waterlogged conditions and these should be avoided at all cost. The most sensitive stages for water and temperature stress are directly after transplanting, during the flowering stage and during the fruit development stages. Water stress during these stages of tomato development will reduce yield and quality.

Developmental stage	Temperature °C		
	Min	Opt	Max
Germination	11	16 - 29	34
Vegetative growth	18	21 - 24	32
Fruit set (night)	10	14 - 17	20
Fruit set (day)	18	19 - 24	30
Red colour devel	10	20 - 24	30
Yellow colour devel	10	21 - 32	40
Chilling damage		< 6	
Frost damage		< 1	
Lethal temperature		< -2	

Puffiness

Symptoms

Fruit with puffiness may look to the normal person on the street as a good looking fruit until the fruit are cut open. A trained eye will notice that the fruit has a slanted or angular exterior appearance. When these tomatoes are cut in half, cavities can be seen inside. These cavities are formed between the locular contents and the outer wall. It is more pronounced with large processing (roma) type tomatoes.

Cause

Many conditions can contribute to the formation of puffiness. Contributing factors include inadequate pollination, fertilisation, seed development, improper nutrition (high nitrogen and low potassium), insufficient light, and low or high temperatures. Some varieties are more susceptible than others.

Control

One can use tolerant varieties and be sure that the correct fertilisation is used.

Phosphorus (P) deficiency

Symptoms

- Shoot growth is restricted
- Thin stems
- In severe cases leaves are small, stiff and curved downwards
- The upper side of leaves have a bluish green colour
- Leaf undersides, including the veins are purple
- The older leaves are yellow with scattered purple dry spots
 - premature leaf drop

Remedies

Add mono-potassium phosphate to nutrient solution.

Bacterial spec (*Pseudomonas syringe* pv. *tomato*)

The disease may occur together with bacterial spot, yield is frequently not reduced, but marketable fruit is affected due to reduced quality. Tomatoes are the only known host for the disease.

Symptoms

Symptoms can occur on the leaves, stems and petioles
 On leaflets: Round, dark brown to black lesions, with a yellow halo. On green fruit: Small, dark spec-like lesions surrounded by a green halo. Dark brown single spots that lack a halo may develop.

Conditions for disease development

Immature green tissue is the most susceptible. Infection and development is promoted by cool (13 - 25 °C) moist weather conditions.

Prevention and control

- Seed treatment
- Crop rotation
- Avoid high humidity
- Spray with bactericides

Irrigation requirements

Tomatoes require frequent irrigation, as the plants use a large amount of water, especially under warm conditions. Tomato roots can penetrate the soil up to 1.5 m but seldom deeper than 60 cm. Water the soil thoroughly to a depth of about 60 cm. Soil type does not affect the amount of total water needed, but does dictate frequency of water application. Lighter soils need more frequent water applications, but less water applied per application. Indeterminate growers need more water than determinate ones.

Disease resistance definition

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High/standard resistance (HR): plant varieties that highly restrict the growth and development of the specified pest or pathogen under normal pest or pathogen pressure when compared to susceptible varieties. These plant varieties may, however, exhibit some symptoms or damage under heavy pest or pathogen pressure.

Moderate/intermediate resistance (IR): plant varieties that restrict the growth and development of the specified pest or pathogen, but may exhibit a greater range of symptoms or damage compared to resistant varieties. Moderately/intermediately resistant plant varieties will still show less severe symptoms or damage than susceptible plant varieties when grown under similar environmental conditions and/or pest or pathogen pressure.

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