

Blight & disease resistant tomatoes

Blight is the bane of tomato growers lives, with our typical British summer being a warm and damp affair. I don't believe there is a variety that is 100% blight resistant (despite the wild claims by seed companies and garden centres). Some of these new varieties are rather bland tasting and often prohibitively expensive, however there are some good varieties that have a good tolerance to blight (meaning that they will be the last ones to succumb to the inevitable) that I feel are worth growing:

- Lizzano & Koralik (trailing / dwarf red cherries)
- Losetto (medium height red cherry)
- Legend (medium height red regular / salad type)
- Slava (tall growing red regular / salad type)
- Goldkrone (tall growing yellow cherry)

The varieties listed below are resistant to a lot of the common tomato diseases and seem to tolerate some blight.

- Ace, Dona, Rutgers, Heinz 1350, Saint Pierre & Walter (tall growing red regular / salad type)
- Black Cherry & Black Opal (tall growing black cherries)
- Indigo Rose (tall growing purple regular / salad type)
- Chico (tall red plum)
- Caribe (medium height red regular / salad type)
- Sunray (tall orange regular / salad type)

Of course, the other way to avoid blight is to grow the early fruiting varieties as these will usually produce the majority of their crop before the worst of the blight hits (it tends to get worse in the later part of the tomato growing season). See our other sheet for the early varieties.