

# Tomatoes: Hybrid vs. Heirloom

## What is the difference?

You may have been hearing a lot about heirloom tomatoes in recent years. These flavorful tomatoes have been rediscovered in a big way and are popping up in farmers markets, specialty food stores, and home gardens. So what is the difference between and heirloom and a hybrid tomato?

### Heirloom Tomatoes

An heirloom tomatoes is defined as a variety that is at least 50 years old and is not a hybrid. They are grown for their unique colors and shapes, and exceptional flavor. They have a shorter shelf life than hybrid tomatoes and are not as disease resistant.

### Hybrid Tomatoes

Hybrid tomatoes are bred by crossing varieties. They are often bred for higher yield, better disease resistance, and longer shelf life.



Malmberg's is committed to providing quality, locally grown plants and personal service. Stop by any of our three locations and let our knowledgeable staff assist you in finding the perfect flower, plant or accent piece to turn your space into your own personal garden retreat.

### Garden Center Locations

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Brooklyn Center, MN 55429  
(763) 535-4695

13166 Johnson Memorial Dr.  
Shakopee, MN 55379  
(952) 233-2700

### 2011 Heirloom Tomato Varieties:

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|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Amish Paste              | Golden Girl        |
| Aunt Ruby's German Green | Great White        |
| Banana Legs              | Green Sausage      |
| Beefsteak                | Green Zebra        |
| Black Prince             | Husk Ground Cherry |
| Black Sea Man            | Oxheart Red        |
| Brandywine Red           | Striped German     |
| Cherokee Purple          | Striped Stuffer    |
| Garden Peach             | Super Sioux        |

