

FACTSHEET

Ripe, juicy tomatoes are one of our favourite home-grown treats. But there's much more to them than their taste. Check out these amazing tomato facts...

TOMATOES AROUND THE WORLD

It's not just us that are big fans of tomatoes, they are very popular all around the world

Britain eats around 500,000 tonnes of fresh tomatoes every year



Spain has the largest tomato fight in the world - each year 40,000 people throw 150,000 tomatoes at each other



Tomatoes come from Peru and were first used as a food by the Aztecs

The heaviest tomato ever recorded was grown in Walla Walla, USA and was almost 11lbs



China grows a lot of the world's total tomatoes - in 2018 they grew an amazing 61.5 million tonnes!



ALL SHAPES AND SIZES

With around 10,000 different varieties, there are a few weird tomatoes out there. Here are a few of our favourites...



They have a patchy red and orange skin, and their fruit can weigh over 2 pounds



GREEN STRIPED ZEBRA

These ones also stay green, but they have a beautiful pattern, just like a zebra



This beefy tomato has black skin but is red and green when you cut into it



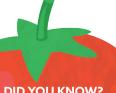
GREEN GRAPE

These tomatoes stay green when they grow and have been used to make green ketchup



PEAR TOMATO

These can be red or yellow and are shaped exactly like the fruit



DID YOU KNOW?

Cooked tomatoes are actually better for you than raw ones - cooking helps release the good vitamins

