



FYN Garden Q & A Series

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FYN Topic: Growing Tomatoes in SW Florida

Question: When and where can I get expert help growing tomatoes in Florida? What worked for me in Pennsylvania does not work here. What is the tomato growing season here? Via the internet

Answer: Over the next four months, the Master Gardener led- Lehigh Acres Edible Gardening Exchange has invited four, leading TOMATO experts. Evening meetings (7PM) are at Veteran's Park (schedule below) Attend any one for FREE. Start VFN resistant or Roma type tomato varieties by planting seeds or transplants between August and January. Frost protection is required. Start cherry (Everglades)-type tomatoes from March to July. Learn more by calling the hort. help desk.

- **August 15**, Tomato Varieties (Linda Sapp of Tomato Growers, a local seed company)
- **September 19**, Tomato Basics (Roy Beckford, Lee County Extension)
- **October 17**, Tomato Grafting Workshop (Brad Ward, ECHO, \$2 materials fee to graft)
- **November 21**, Tomato Diseases and Insects (Gene McAvoy, Hendry County Extension)

Useful Links

<http://www.floridayards.org>
<http://fyn.ifas.ufl.edu>
<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/>
<http://lee.ifas.ufl.edu/FYN/FYNHome.shtml>
<http://gardeningolutions.ifas.ufl.edu>

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