



# Garden Seeds

Life began in a garden; (Genesis 1:11)



Averaging 85 pounds of produce a week – First time ever collected over 100#



Have you met our family of tomatoes? Do you recall some of them from last year? -- The 'PINEAPPLE'; Break O Day; Pink Boar; Black Plums; Money Marker; Costoluto Genovese; Pink Honey;



We love to spend “moments” with the kids from Noah’s Ark – Here they share a “Thank you” with us. All the best as you move on guys... 😊



**DID YOU KNOW?** BLC & HHCG have been the beneficiary of “7” **EAGLE SCOUT** projects over the years? The

Garden features in this latest promotional video by candidate James Frey to advocate community gardening, public transportation and their relationship with the local food banks.

## TOTATOES - Part 3 (of 4) Redemption at Last? ...Source - Planet Natural

Continuing from Part 1 & 2 in April, May/June →

You can't keep a good plant down, though, and despite its ill-deserved bad reputation, eventually the taste of the tomato won over the American public. It also may have gotten a big boost from a seemingly unlikely source: Founding Father Thomas Jefferson.

According to the writings of Peter J. Hatch, director of the Monticello Gardens and Grounds, Jefferson grew tomatoes and his daughters and granddaughters used them in numerous recipes including gumbo soups. The Jefferson women also pickled them and, in general, promoted their use in cooking. This claim is (of course) disputed by other authorities, such dispute apparently being the name of the game in tomato scholarship. In an article written in 2000, Hatch said that in an 1824 speech given to the Albemarle Agricultural Society, Jefferson's son-in-law, Thomas Mann Randolph, mentioned that though tomatoes were hardly known ten years prior, by 1824 everyone was growing and eating them.

Even if we lose the Jefferson-as-promoter-of-the-tomato theory, there appear to be any number of great anecdotes to choose from, all equally suspect historically speaking, but all entertaining. One gives us a Colonel Robert Gibbon Johnson in 1830, who set out to eat a basket of tomatoes on the steps of the local courthouse, where a crowd collected to watch him foam at the mouth, twitch and generally carry on until he finally expired. When he didn't, this legend avers, tomatoes were redeemed and were gradually accepted as food, though preferably in a highly processed form, after extended exposure to heat, vinegar, and spices. Tomato ketchup was popular long before salad tomatoes were.

What Jefferson and his family helped start (maybe), Joseph Campbell of Campbell's soup fame finished. The tomato had made steady progress through the 19th century, so that by the 1870s or 80s, seed catalogues often offered several varieties of tomatoes. When Campbell came out with condensed tomato soup in 1897, the tomato's place in American culinary history was assured.

----→ next month... *part 4 the finale* - Heirloom Tomatoes Fruit or Vegetable? .....☺



Have you seen our new signage? The shading is now completed as well.

**GARDENING!!!** –  
Cheaper than therapy, - and  
you get **TOMATOES** ☺

**“Weeds for Sale”**

**FREE**

**PLEASE** – Pick your own –  
no limit.