

# Abraham Lincoln (Early Abe Lincoln)

## Tomato

This tomato is slightly acidic and distinctive in flavor. This variety has excellent resistance to foliage disease—highly recommended for growing in Louisiana. This plant is medium-sized and bears red fruits that are very uniform. These seeds are certified organic, and are an heirloom variety introduced before 1940. This variety is particularly well-suited to the Mid-Atlantic and Southern U.S. regions. This seed variety comes from small farms within the Southern Exposure Seed Exchange “Seed Grower Network.”

**To use:** Start seeds indoors in shallow pots or flats in early spring, 6 weeks before average last frost. Sowing depth: ¼ inch. Water after planting. Seedlings emerge after 7–14 days and reach maturity after 70 days. Transplant to 3-inch pots when 3–4 leaves develop. Harden off and transplant outside after average last frost. Space plants 24–48 inches apart. Provide fertile, well-drained soil that is rich in phosphorous and maintain even moisture. Plant in full sun. Provide support (trellises or tall cages) for healthier plants and easier harvest. Ideal soil temp: 60–85°F. Tomatoes are ripe after turning color. Harvest frequently to promote production. Seeds from tomatoes may be collected for future re-planting.

Seed source: Southern Exposure Seed Exchange

