

Status of Livingston tomato varieties

Tomato Name	Date Introduced	Status	Comments
Paragon	1870	Listed in USDA as NSL 27616, which is now PI 451990	Very old variety – The USDA accession is likely different than when originally released. Medium sized, red slightly oblate fruit.
Acme	1875	Listed in USDA as PI 193979	Very old variety – the USDA sample is crossed (gives red fruit); testing of accessions from elsewhere in progress. Any existing strain likely different from original release. Probably very similar to Burpee’s Fordhook First (NSL 27592/G 31972) and Isbell’s Alpha Pink (NSL 26880)
Perfection	1880	Listed in USDA as NSL 27142 (now G31974), PI 128887, 262909, and 321031	The USDA accession gave medium sized red slightly oblate smooth fruit that are close to expectations based upon info in the catalogs. Similar to, but not as good as, Favorite in my testing.
Golden Queen	1882	Listed in USDA as NSL 27357 and NSL 27015	The USDA accession gave fruit that matched catalog descriptions – medium sized bright yellow fruit with an occasional pink bottom blush, nice flavor. Prior to grow out of the USDA accession, a different looking tomato was sold as Golden Queen in many catalogs – this persists to this day.

Favorite	1883	Listed in the USDA as NSL 27340	The USDA accession gave fruit that matched catalog descriptions – medium sized, smooth red slightly oblate fruit, nice appearance, yield and flavor. A fine variety.
Beauty	1886	Listed in the USDA as NSL 27579 (now PI 451993), NSL 27076, PI 339928 and 413720	The USDA accession gave fruit that matched catalog descriptions – medium sized, smooth slightly oblate pink fruit, good flavor.
Potato Leaf	1887	Not listed in the USDA; listings in the SSE are vague, and the fruits do not match the descriptions in the catalog.	There is a possibility this was reselected and rereleased with the more interesting name Magnus, see below. Descriptions in the catalog indicated this was a medium sized pink variety.
Stone	1889	Listed in the USDA as NSL 27227 and PI 180556; also found in many seed catalogs, so never really went out of commercial circulation.	Grow out of the USDA accession is in progress. Some accessions from other seed companies or the SSE did not match the catalog descriptions.
Royal Red	1892	Not listed in the USDA collection or in the SSE annual.	This was likely a medium sized indeterminate red, similar to Favorite – seems to be extinct under the Royal Red name.
Gold Ball	1892	Listed in the USDA as NSL 27012 and PI 234254	The USDA accession gave fruit that matched the catalog descriptions – medium small, round bright yellow fruit, like a large yellow cherry tomato.
Buckeye State	1893	Not listed in the USDA collection or the SSE annual.	The description matches a Ponderosa-type tomato –large, regular leaf and pink – of which many were developed in the late 1800’s/early 1900’s. It seems to be extinct under the Buckeye State name.

Aristocrat	1893	Not listed in the USDA collection or the SSE annual.	The description is for a dwarf growing medium red tomato, such as a red fruited version of Dwarf Champion (NSL 270180) ; Burpee's Quarter Century is a similar variety, and could be a selection of Aristocrat. It appears to be extinct under the Aristocrat name.
Large Rose Peach	1893	Not listed in the USDA collection or the SSE annual.	Though many peach tomatoes are known, the description is for a large fruited peach type – the closest could be the Gleckler variety Nectarine (PI 303770) (though it does not have the fuzzy skin). Appears to be extinct.
Honor Bright	1897	Not listed as Honor Bright in the USDA or SSE collections.	This unique tomato matches the description of the known variety Lutescent (PI 330337 or 303757) – peculiar yellowish foliage, medium fruits that go through a snow white then orange stage prior to becoming red. So, seems extinct under the name Honor Bright, but could be, or at least is similar to, Lutescent.
Dwarf Yellow Prince	1898	Not listed in the USDA or SSE collections.	This tomato matches the description of an old Burpee variety called Golden Dwarf Champion (PI 339943) – which could be a selection of Dwarf Yellow Prince, or vice versa. However, seems extinct under this name.
Magnus	1900	Listed in the USDA as NSL 27381	Fruit from the USDA accession matches very well the old catalog descriptions – potato leaf, medium sized, nearly round smooth pink fruit. It is a nice variety – it could be a selection of or renaming of Potato Leaf, see above.

Aristobright	1901	Not listed in the USDA or SSE collections	Described as a dwarf, early ripening form of Honor Bright. This is a rare combination, and is extinct; apparently, Livingston did some crosses with Honor Bright to expand the possibilities and offered them for only a couple of years; none of these Honor Bright offspring were probably stabilized.
Royal Colors	1901	Not listed in the USDA or SSE collections	Described as a potato leaf, pink fruited form of Honor Bright. See above – this is extinct.
Dandy Dwarf	1901	Not listed in the USDA or SSE collections	Described as a dwarf form of Honor Bright – see above – this one is extinct.
Multicolor	1901	Not listed in the USDA or SSE collections	Described as a potato leaf, red fruited form of Honor Bright. Though extinct under this name, a mutation appeared in my garden with this combination of traits – I named it Surprise, and it appears to be stable. Samples of the seed were sent to a number of seed companies for trial.
Princess	1901	Not listed in the USDA or SSE collections	Described as a potato leaf, pink fruited form of Honor Bright – unclear how this would have differed from Royal Colors, however. This variety is extinct. See above.
Grandus	1901	Not listed in the USDA or SSE collections	Described as a pink fruited form of Honor Bright. This is extinct; see above.
Dwarf Stone	1902	Listed in the USDA as NSL 27227 and PI 339941	The USDA accession matches very well the catalog descriptions, giving medium sized oblate red fruit on a dwarf, rugose foliaged plant.

Dwarf Purple	1903	Not listed in the USDA or SSE collections	Extinct under this name – seemed to be their efforts to get a larger version of Dwarf Champion, perhaps similar to the Isbell variety New Big Dwarf (NSL 27614) , which was created by crossing Ponderosa with Dwarf Champion.
Globe	1905	Listed in the USDA as PI 270186	A sample from an SSE member matches well the catalog description. Growout of the USDA accession gave the same results, delivering medium to medium large, smooth, nearly round pink fruit. A later selection, Burpee's Globe (NSL 5794) , is even larger and better flavored, and won an All American award in 1933.
Hummer	1907	Not listed in the USDA or SSE collections	This variety is extinct. It appeared to be a medium sized round red tomato that was good for canning whole.
Coreless	1908	Not listed in the USDA or SSE collections	This variety is extinct, and is described as being a larger fruited Hummer.
Manyfold	1917	Not listed in the USDA or SSE collections	This variety is extinct – the description indicates a Favorite or Stone type red tomato, oblate, medium to medium large and with good red internal color, for canning and high yield.
Rosy Morn	1923	Listed in the USDA as NSL 27194, now PI 633482	Initial efforts to grow this out were not successful because the USDA seed failed to germinate. It is likely a medium sized productive slightly oblate pink variety – it will be tested again next year.

Giant Oxheart	1926	Listed in the USDA as PI 193993, 270202, or NSL 32805 or 27410	There are many oxheart shaped named family heirlooms. The USDA accession is yet to be grown out. The catalog description is for a very large, pink, meaty heart shaped tomato.
Yellow Oxheart	1929	Not listed in the USDA , but listed in the SSE and sold by SESE	Though not present in the USDA collection, it is likely similar to Yellow Oxheart first listed in the Southern Exposure Seed Exchange catalog – very large heart shaped deep yellow, meaty fruit.
Ohio Red	1929	Listed in the USDA as NSL 27404, now G321744	This is supposed to be an oddity – an elongated red fruited variety (will it be similar to Amish Paste types, or Opalka types?) Initial efforts to grow it out met with dead seed; growout is in progress this year.
Ideal	1930	Listed in the USDA as NSL 27040	This is described as a red fruited Globe – so would be a round red medium to medium large tomato. Initial efforts were met with dead seed; growout is proceeding this year.
Main Crop Pink	1941	Listed in the USDA as NSL 27085 or PI 193991	This is listed as a larger fruited, less oblate Beauty – is perhaps the result of reselection from Beauty. The USDA accession gave medium to medium large good flavored pink fruit.