

# Grafted Tomatoes, Turbo Vegetables and Tomato 100s & 1000s

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### On Arrival

Remove the plants from the box as soon as they arrive and check that the compost is adequately moist, watering if necessary with tepid water. Leave them on a shaded windowsill or in a greenhouse for a few hours to settle before further handling, ensuring a frost-free non-draughty situation.

### Potting On

These plants should be potted on as soon as possible, but they will keep quite well for 2–3 days if necessary, provided they are kept in a warm light place and are not allowed to dry out. Use 10cm (4") pots and a good quality moist proprietary compost and set the plants so that the top of the root ball is level with the compost surface. After potting, give a thorough watering, but thereafter take care to avoid overwet conditions, particularly as the young plants become re-established. Grow on in a light, humid position, and maintain an initial temperature of 16–18°C (60–65°F).

Ventilate when possible to improve air circulation, but take care to maintain adequate temperature.

### Turbo Vegetables and Turbo Tomatoes

Our grafted plants are best suited to greenhouse culture but will also thrive outdoors in most Summers. After a couple of weeks when the roots have filled the 10cm (4") pots they are ready for planting in their final positions.

The root systems of these plants have great vigour and should be given plenty of room if the plants are to achieve their full potential. When planting always ensure that the graft union is kept above the soil level to prevent the scion rooting into the soil and reducing the plants resistance to soil borne diseases.

We recommend that, if they are to be grown indoors, a deep pot no smaller than 30cm (12") should be chosen, or alternatively they can be planted direct into the greenhouse soil as the modern rootstock used has increased resistance to soil borne diseases.

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(Note that most growbags are unlikely to afford the root space for best results).

If growing outside plant 60cm (2') apart. Support the plants from the outset with canes tying in the main stem regularly. Vigorous growth can be expected and great care should be taken to prevent plants drying out, moderate regular watering being the best practice. Once the fruits start to set a quality tomato fertiliser should be applied twice a week. The greenhouse should be lightly shaded to avoid exposure to strong sunlight. In hot, sunny weather damp down the floor to increase the humidity. Misting the plants with water will aid fruit setting. This is best carried out around midday, but do not spray the foliage under strong direct sunlight or on cool, dull days.

### Turbo Tomatoes

The side shoots which appear at the leaf joints should be pinched out when they are about 2.5cm (1") in length. Under normal greenhouse conditions, these plants are capable of setting and maturing six to eight trusses depending on the size of fruit and you will be able to harvest more tomatoes if you do not remove the growing tip at the three to four truss stage. In commercial greenhouses these vigorous plants will produce in excess of 20 trusses of top quality fruit. As the fruits ripen pick as required and remember that the finest flavour will be achieved if tomatoes are allowed to mature fully whilst still on the plant.

### Tomato Hundreds And Thousands

The Tomato Hundreds and Thousands is a vigorous bush variety capable of producing huge quantities of bite sized fruits. It produces an extensive spreading vine which will need space so consideration should be given to providing a little more room than for normal outdoor tomatoes. Once the roots have filled the 10cm (4") pots they can be transferred individually into a 35cm (14") basket or container or three plants to a 40cm (16") basket or container. After the danger of frost has passed move the plants to a sunny position outdoors after first ensuring that they have been acclimatised to the cooler conditions.

The plants are easy to grow as they do not require stopping or the removal of side shoots. Keep the plants well watered and once the fruit starts to set feed twice a week with a quality tomato fertiliser.

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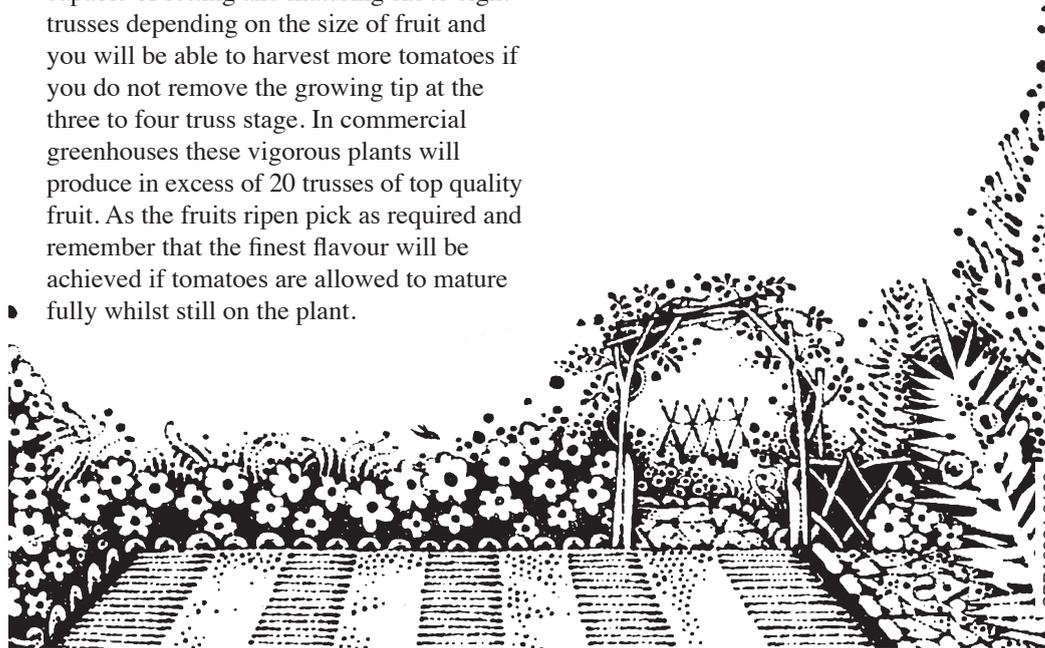
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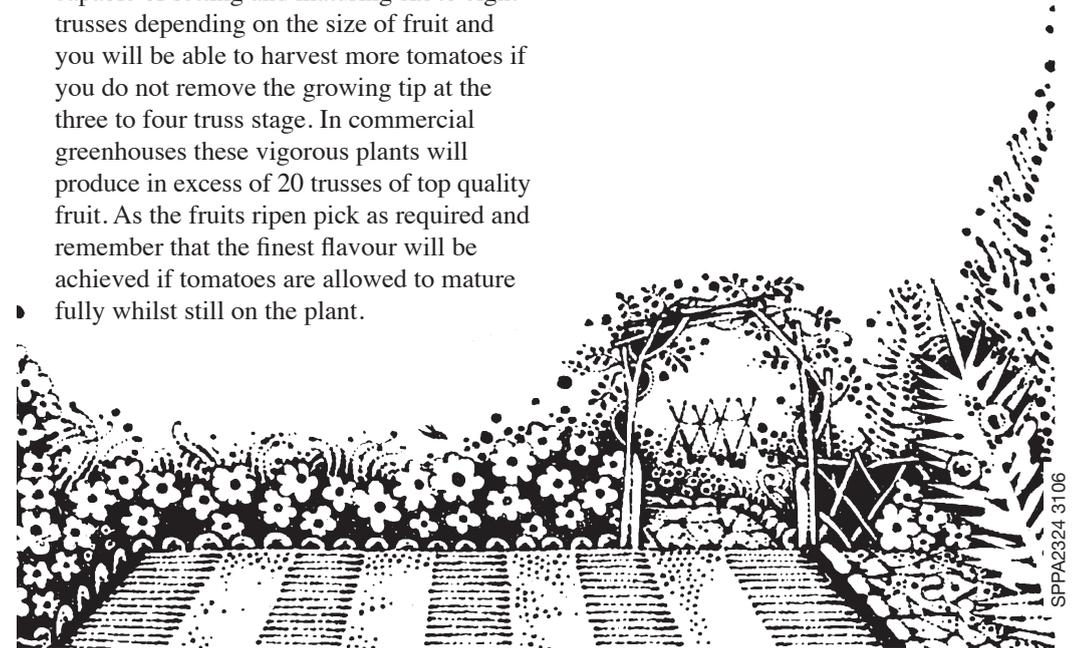
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