



TOMATO RIPENING STAGES



Green/Stage 1

“Green” means that the surface of the tomato is completely green in color. The shade of green may vary from light to dark.



Breakers/Stage 2

“Breakers” means there is a definite “break” in color from green to tannish- yellow, pink or red on not more than 10% of the surface.



Turning/Stage 3

“Turning” means that more than 10%, but not more than 30%, of the surface, in the aggregate, shows a definite change in color from green to tannish-yellow, pink, red, or a combination thereof.



Pink/Stage 4

“Pink” means that more than 30%, but not more than 60%, of the surface, in the aggregate, shows pink or red in color.



Light Red/Stage 5

“Light red” means that more than 60% of the surface, in the aggregate, shows pinkish-red or red, provided that not more than 90% of the surface is red.



Red/Stage 6

“Red” means that more than 90% of the surface, in the aggregate, is red.