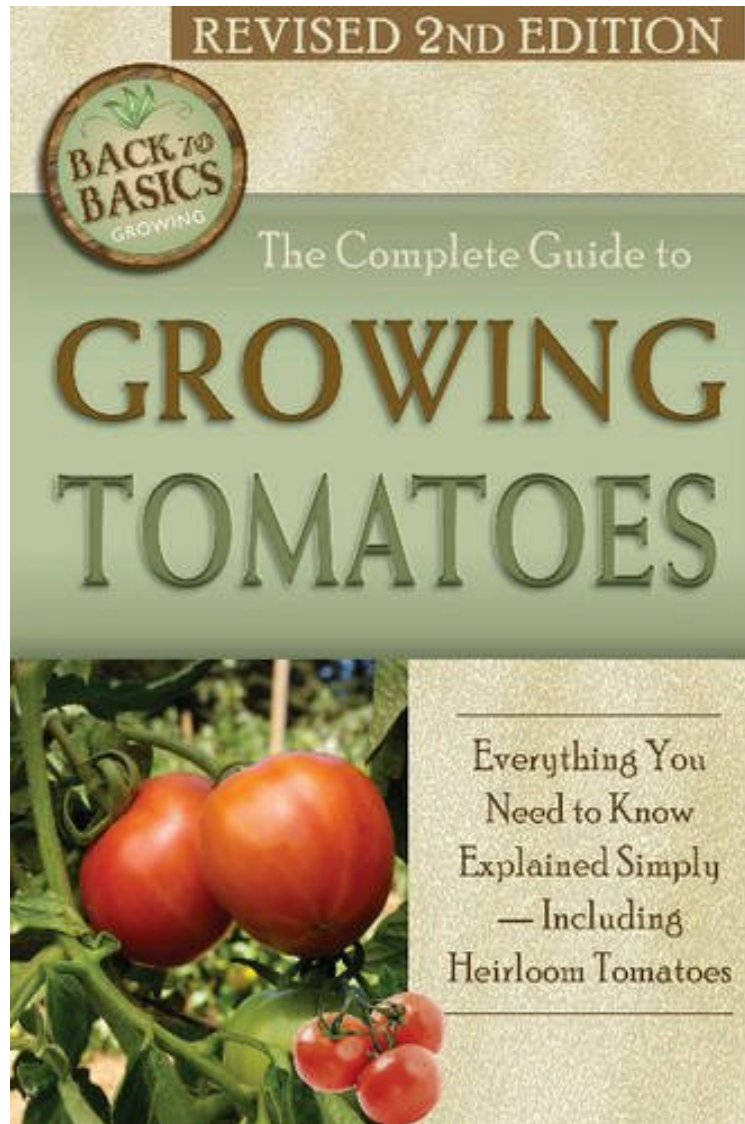


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In this newly updated guide, you will learn the fundamental aspects of all tomato plants that have helped growers around the world create the largest tomatoes. Topics include: The basics of composting and fertilization and what each tomato plant benefits best from How to select your garden location How to start your new tomato plants from seed What kinds of support systems are best for each kind of tomato plant, including the kinds of watering, cages, and nets.

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