

Time for Tomatoes

It's about 10 weeks to last frost here in zone 7. So if you live near me, then it's time to start your tomato and pepper seedlings.



This year, I'm trying five new varieties... two big beefsteak heirlooms called *Country Taste*, and *Grandma's Pick*; a medium-sized orange variety called *Moonglow* that's supposed to be one of the best for straight-off-the-vine eating (though I would think that they would say that about all tomatoes, wouldn't they?) ; a cherry variety called *Sweet Million*; and a yellow/green one called *Pork Chop*.

I'm also going to try growing the seedlings in egg shells that I have been saving since November. Supposedly, the added calcium will be a benefit to the plants down the road, but I'm wondering if it would be wiser to just handle the seedlings in a more normal way, and crush up the eggshells and add them when I put the plants in the ground.