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Multi-coloured Cherry Tomatoes



From the Editor

There are various colourful and nutritious varieties of cherry tomatoes. Growing cherry tomatoes in a greenhouse can help reduce threat from pests, thus securing the yield. From the experience gained in cultivating different varieties of cherry tomatoes in greenhouses, the Horticulture Section of the AFCD selected premium varieties that are tasty and suitable for growing in the local environment. In this issue, we are going to introduce several varieties of premium cherry tomatoes and the cultivation techniques concerned.



Characteristics of Fruits of Premium Cherry Tomatoes

Orange Cherry Tomato with Purple Shoulders

- Oval in shape.
- Purplish in colour as it is rich in anthocyanins, a kind of antioxidants.



Orange Cherry Tomato

- Oval in shape.
- Have a higher firmness value, the fruits are less likely to crack during storage and transportation.





Cultivation Techniques of Cherry Tomatoes

- For indeterminate cherry tomatoes, remove all the side shoots and leave only 1 to 2 vines behind to allow better growth of fruits.
- Set up trellis netting to train the vines.
- Reduce the amount of watering during the period of fruit ripening so as to prevent cracking.

Red Cherry Tomato

- Plump and elongated oval in shape.
- With thin and soft skin and a high sweetness level.





Brownish Red Cherry Tomato with Green Stripes

- Oval in shape and bigger in size.
- Brownish red in colour with green stripes.





Removing side shoots regularly



Cultivate using trellis netting



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