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Tomato plants fall into one of two types that affect ultimate plant height and cultural requirements. Tomatoes are **determinate** if they eventually form a flower cluster at the terminal growing point, causing the plant to stop growing in height. Plants that never set terminal flower clusters, but only lateral ones and continue indefinitely to grow taller are called **indeterminate**. Indeterminate may be extremely late in maturing. Determinates produce better foliage, may grow taller and ripen fruit of similar quality to indeterminate varieties. They tend to ripen their fruit over a shorter period of time, so successive plantings may be desirable with determinates to keep the harvest coming through the entire season. Determinate vines are easier to control and support during the growing season.