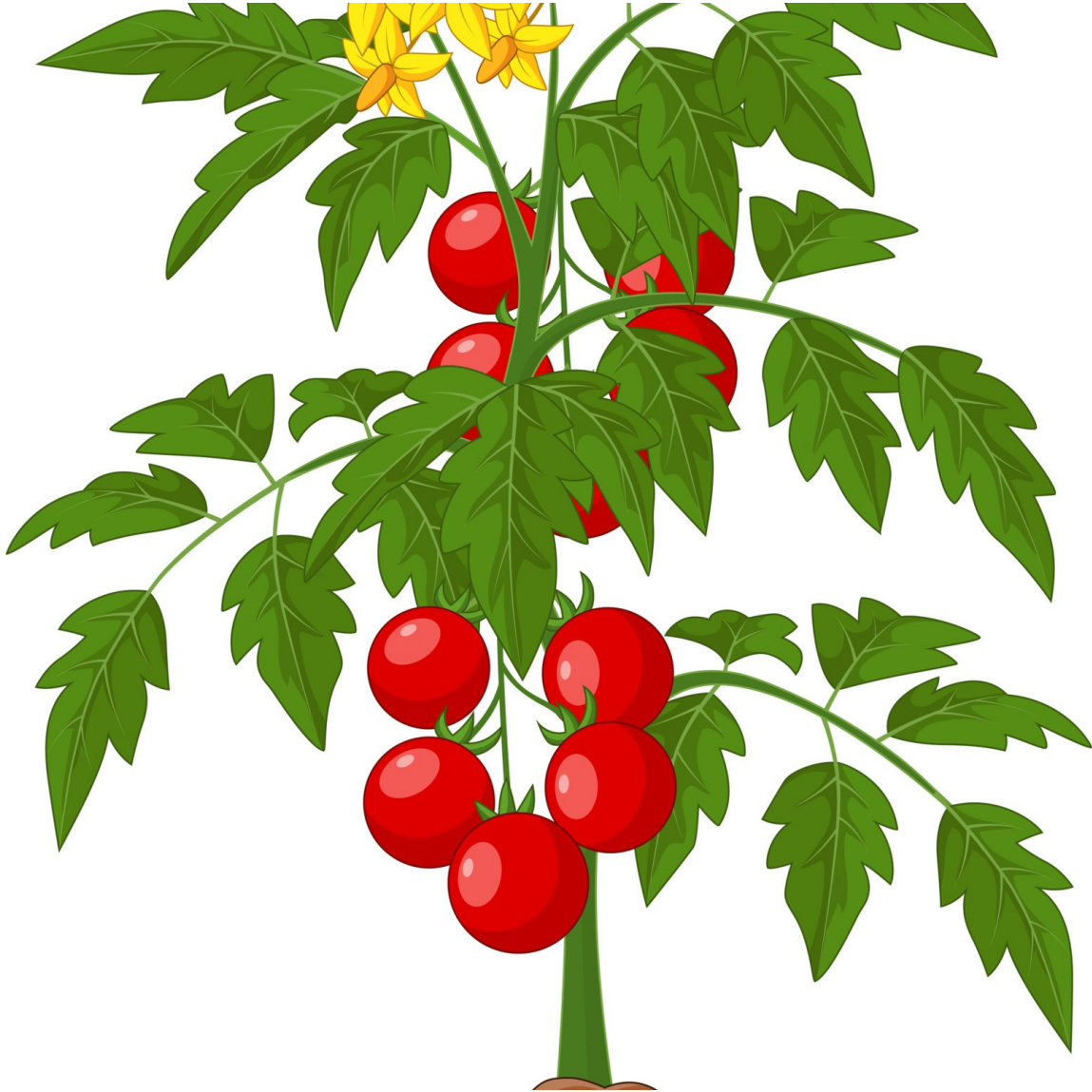


Cherry Tomato

Solanum lycopersicum

Care instructions



Info

Tomato (*Solanum lycopersicum*) is native to western South America, particularly the Andean region, and is one of the most widely cultivated fruit-bearing plants globally. It thrives in warm climates with full sun, typically requiring 6–8 hours of direct sunlight per day. Tomatoes prefer slightly acidic to neutral soil (pH 5.5–7.0) that is well-draining and rich in organic matter. They grow best in temperatures ranging from 65°F to 85°F (18°C to 29°C) and require consistent watering, especially during fruit development. Tomatoes benefit from regular fertilization, particularly with balanced nutrients. They are sensitive to frost and often require support, such as staking or caging, to prevent sprawling.

Environmental Considerations

Soil

Rich, loose, well-draining soil with compost

Upkeep

Keep soil moist except top inch or two; moderate to dry humidity; balanced fertilizer every few weeks

