Steady as She Goes

Tomato Hold’ems

Gardeners often debate what support system to use for their crop. Those with space to spare may simply let them sprawl. Staked tomatoes yield more fruit per plot size, and the improved air flow helps lessen disease. Either way, mulching will prevent soil-borne diseases from splashing onto leaves.

Juice Up Your Crop

Keep soil moisture steady, yet avoid wetting leaves and fruit to prevent disease. Run sprinklers early on a sunny day, or use drip irrigation or containers with built-in reservoirs. Corner brackets with hose connectors are handy for raised beds.