Trial by Bite

Yes, Varieties Differ

The taste of a truck-worn ‘store tomato’ can be trumped by almost any homegrown one. Yet choosing from the explosion of hybrids and heirlooms available can be confusing. Look for disease resistance, days to harvest, size, color, yield, and of course flavor.

May the Best Win!

Which will produce most and taste best under your conditions? Hold a backyard or community contest. For each variety, grow the same number of plants under the same conditions. Tally harvest at regular intervals. One predicted result: no volunteer shortage for tasting!