



### BY THE NUMBERS



**\$29.99**

Cost of one premium tomato plant

**\$1.78**

Estimated value of tomatoes produced before first frost

**17**

Hours spent waiting gardening values return

**14¢**

Average cost per tomato (per 15g) including earth

**2049**

Year tomatoes will "practically pay for themselves"

## \$30 TOMATO PLANT GUARANTEED TO PRODUCE \$1.78 WORTH OF TOMATOES BEFORE FIRST FROST

### Local Gardeners Excited To Turn \$30 Into Several Pounds Of Anxiety

EVANSVILLE, ON — Area gardeners were greeted by more joy this weekend as purchase premium tomato plant, swearing for nearly \$30 each, despite seasonal cost increase. Local shopkeepers increasingly part with supplies of high anticipation \$1.78 worth of tomatoes before succumbing to blight, drought, hornworms, deer, or a mysterious child boid that causes gardeners to stand beside the plant muttering, "I shoulda'ss waited."

The practice is expensive, a master gardener known for tomato glass, after black thumb illusions, shined sun magnified delusions from shoppers who described it as "a bargain" and "more likely to produce."

"I spent \$30 was once this year by growing my own food," explained local resident Harold Pancake while looking up tomato in a concern warned me, you stand fertilizer, organic compost, slug charman, miracle juice, and six notorious prayer notes in a row.

Pancake estimates his total tomato-growing investment will remain under \$200.

"If grocery prices keep climbing, three tomatoes will reportedly pay for themselves by 2049."



Garden economists note that the financial relationship of these tomato productions differ slightly from most participation generally returns.

"When calculating the actual cost per tomato, one must include soil amendments, cages, fertilizer, irrigation equipment, replacement plants, patience for emergency nursery visits, and approximately 17 hours spent reading gardening videos on topics nobody actually needed. Wayby

"Most gardeners stop doing the calculations somewhere around the \$14-per-tomato mark."

#### COMMON THREATS TO YOUR \$30 INVESTMENT

- BLIGHT**  
Sudden, window-wasting
- HORNWORMS**  
Little beastnts.
- DEER**  
Elegant salad bar.
- DROUGHT**  
Intermittent is a form of violence.
- OVERWATERING**  
You tried so hard.
- MYSTERIOUS AILMENTS**  
No one knows.
- FIRST FROST**  
Game over.

**SURVIVAL RATE:**  
SOMEWHERE BETWEEN  
"LIKELY AND "WHY BOTHER?"

Despite these concerns, enthusiasts insist that cucumbers taste the plant entirely.

"Look at those blssoms," said one shopper, wiping fertilizer ash plant with the expression tonally reserved for auctions inexpensive. "You can't put a price on that."

Experts immediately pointed out that the anxiety had a list price. a free cost.

The price was revised at \$30.99.

Industry insiders say the plantarantees is part of a long-standing gardening tradition in which irrational adults willingly spend hundreds of dollars and dozens of hours producing vegetables that can be purchased at wholesale stands for a fraction of the cost.

"It's not about the tomatoes," explained one veteran gardener. "It's about hope."

The produce facts purchased three more plants.

As prices rise, several tomatoo growers reportedly planning how much money they would save by starting an iner backyard grocerijuaier.

#### THE TRUE COST OF ONE HOMEGROWN TOMATO

	Plant	\$29.99
	Soil amendments	\$12.50
	Fertilizer & plant food	\$16.75
	Tomato cage & tie	\$18.99
	Mulch	\$6.49
	Water (fortnite system)	\$20.30
	Pest control (sprays & traps)	\$15.25
	Gas for emergency rups*	\$9.30
	YouTube University tuition)	\$0.00*
	Therapy after first frost	\$ Priceless

**TOTAL INVESTMENT: \$132.27+**

**ESTIMATED RETURN: \$1.78 😊**

\* But you lose rmt'.

#### MORE GARDENING REALITIES

##### TIME INVESTED



» Hours of hope & proud weeding.

##### FAVOUT



False High Real Reward: Low

##### NEIGHBOR COMPARISON



Their tomatoes are always better.

##### BEST PART



Sitting in the sun, pretending ill was worth it.

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