

Late season tomatoes play 'ketchup'

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If some tomatoes early in the season didn't quite measure up, others are now playing catch up and making up for lost time. Diane Sagehorn acquired the large tomato pictured below, obviously larger than an iPhone and weighing in at 2.68 pounds. She plans to use it in her macaroni and tomato recipe, one of her husband's favorites. Sagehorn said it's apparent some vegetables in Holyoke have done well this year, not letting the drought and hot temperatures keep them down.



Others around town are also getting in the tomato spirit this September, including the employees at Highline Electric Association. There's a friendly, staff-only competition going on to find the largest tomato grown from the beefsteak tomato plants provided to employees by HEA at the beginning of the season. Barb Holtzman said this is just one of the wellness things they do there, and with a week left of competition, the biggest tomato they have seen so far is 1 pound, 10.6 ounces.

If these tomatoes seem big, they would certainly be squashed by the world record holder, grown by Gordon Graham of Edmond, Okla. in 1986. It weighed in at a whopping 7 pounds, 12 ounces. Talk about a big tomato!☐☐

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