‘Mountain Merit’ was judged by growers in the Heartland region as a superior tomato because it is such a nice all-around tomato, perfect for slicing and sandwiches. With a 4-5 week harvest window, these dark red fruits grow on a determinate, compact, uniform plant and offer superb disease resistance to multiple diseases common to home grown tomatoes.

**AAS® Winner Data**

**Genus species:** *Solanum lycopersicum*  
**Common name:** Tomato  
**Unique qualities:** Medium to large round beefsteak tomato with good, mild garden-tomato flavor. Good firm texture and taste. Great array of disease resistance.  
**Fruit size:** 3-3½ inches, 10-12 ounces  
**Fruit shape:** Round  
**Fruit color:** Dark red exterior and interior  
**Plant type:** Annual, determinate tomato  
**Plant height:** 4-5 feet  
**Plant width:** 2-3 feet  
**Garden location:** Full sun  
**Garden spacing:** 2 feet  
**Length of time to harvest:** 75 days from transplant  
**Closest comparisons on market:** ‘Mountain Magic’ F1, ‘Defiant’ F1 and ‘Fletcher’ F1  
**Disease tolerances:** Resistance to fusarium 123, verticillum, tomato spot wilt virus and late blight with moderate resistance to early blight and nematodes