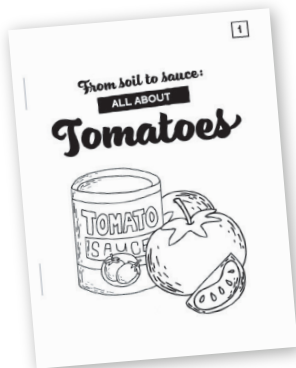
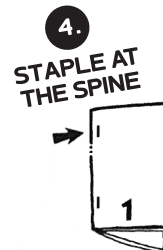
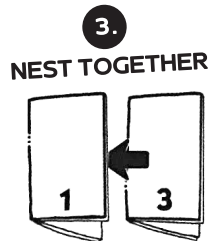
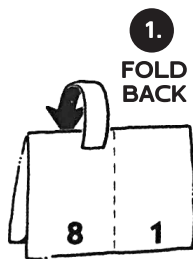
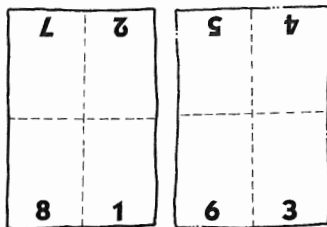


# Assembling Mini Books

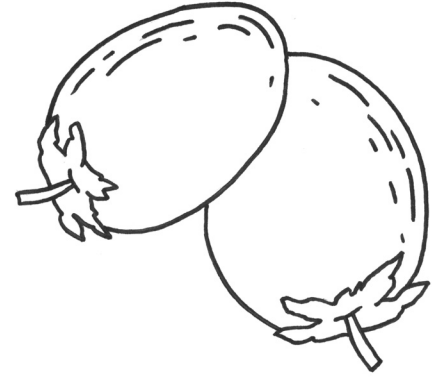


Mini books offer valuable content information in a kid-friendly format. Each student can be given his or her own book to keep. They can also color, draw, or annotate the book as instructed by their teacher. These books also provide a great home link, as students can take them home and share the information they are learning with their family.

To assemble a book follow these simple instructions.

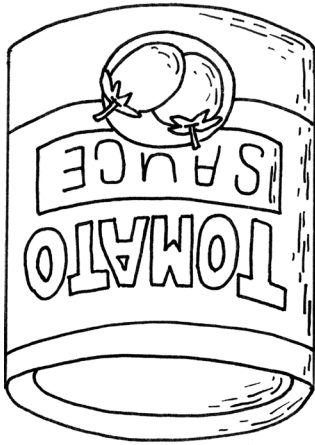


There are more than 10,000 types of tomatoes in the world. Some are perfect for backyard gardens, while others are better for large-scale production. Processing tomatoes are a type of tomato with thick skin and a firm texture, which allows the tomatoes to be harvested by machine and transported by truck.



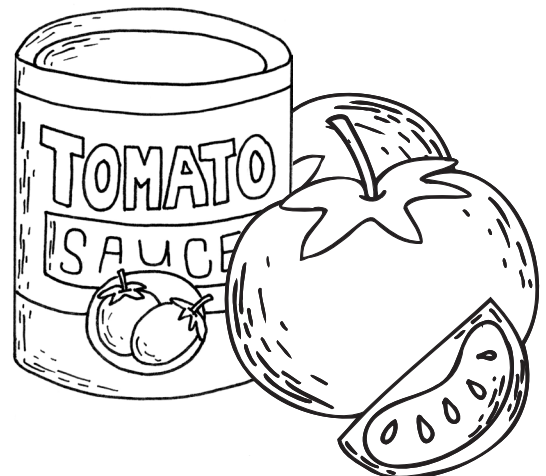
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Trucks haul the tomatoes to a processing plant where they are peeled, sliced, diced, or sauced into familiar canned tomato products, usually within four hours.



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Shoppers arrive at the grocery store and purchase tomato products, such as pasta sauce, salsa, ketchup, and hot sauce, to enjoy at home.



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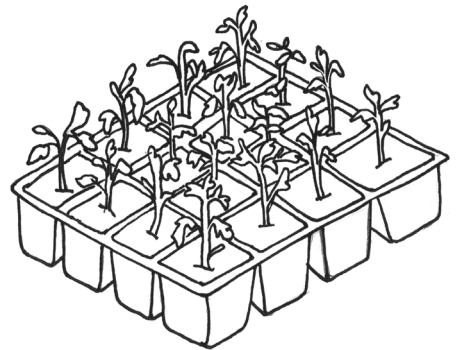
After planting, farmers keep their tomato plants healthy. They water their plants, apply nutrients, remove weeds, and try to keep diseases and pests under control.



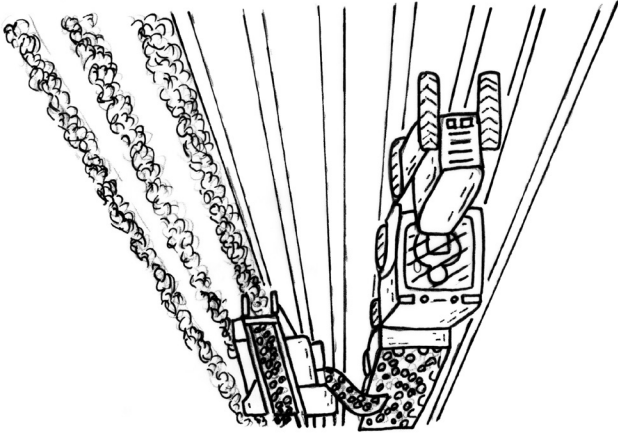
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Most California growers plant processing tomatoes in the field as young plants, called seedlings. Tomato seedlings are grown in greenhouses until they are hardy enough to be planted in the ground, typically from early March to early June.

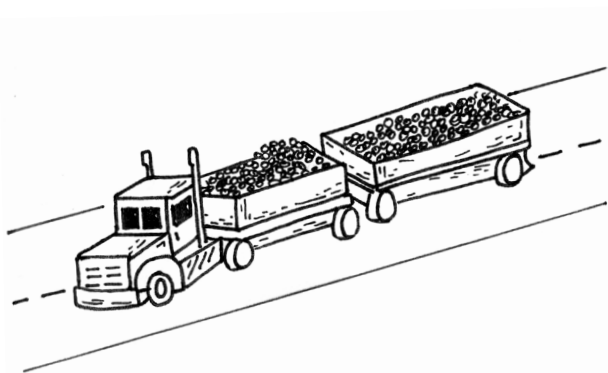


Processing tomatoes are ready for harvest between early July and mid-October. Mechanical harvesters move through the fields picking up the entire tomato plant and shaking the tomatoes off the vine. Electronic sensors on the harvesters select the ripe, red tomatoes and transfer them into a trailer.



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The tomatoes are transported from the fields by semi-trucks, which can hold approximately 50,000 pounds.