



Judging Class

Horticulture –Gardening

Tomatoes Senior

This page is for the Leader

Supplies Needed:

Photos of items or real items, Situation and Option card, 4-H judging cards, Judging Scale Chart and pencils.

Suggested Age: 14 & up

Reasons:

- C** is first because this method allows the gardener to have the most control over a tomato plant. It is easier to control pests and disease.
- A** is second because it is the next best thing to the cage method. This allows the gardener to keep the plant up off the ground and better control insects and weeds.
- B** is third because the indeterminate method does not allow the grower to have much control over the plant. This method allows the vines to ramble along the ground and puts them at a higher risk of disease or injury.
- D** is last because a tomato plant may not be able to develop a fully-grown root system in a flower pot. As a result, the tomato plant will not be as productive.





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Situation:

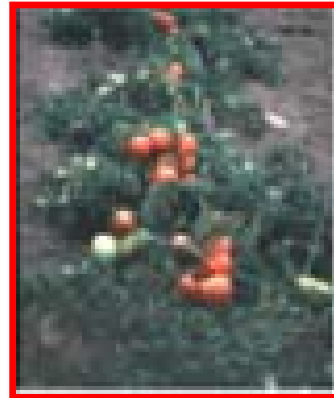
Jamie and her mom are planting tomatoes in their garden this year. They are trying to determine the best growing method to use. Rank the following methods from best to worst.

Options:

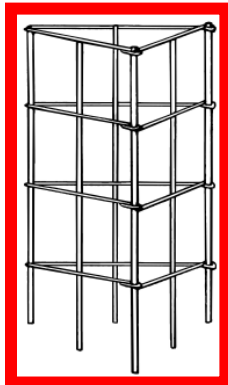
A. Trellis the tomato plants



B. Use the indeterminate method and allow vines to grow along the ground.



C. Cage the tomatoes



D. Grow the plants in a small flower pot

