

# 2026 GREENHOUSE HYDROPONIC TOMATO WORKSHOP

*AT THE UA-CEAC WITH DR. TRISTON HOOKS*



## 3-DAYS, JAN 9-11, FRI-SUN

- *PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND HANDS-ON SKILLS*
- *LEARN TO GROW THE BEST TASTING TOMATOES!*



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# Introduction



**Dr. Triston Hooks**  
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## About Dr. Triston Hooks

Dr. Triston Hooks graduated with a Ph.D. in Plant and Environmental Sciences from New Mexico State University in 2020, where he researched rangeland ecology and plant salinity tolerance. Additionally, he has worked as a Research Associate at Texas A&M AgriLife Research Center in Dallas, where his research focused on Urban Agriculture and Controlled Environment Agriculture (CEA) technology, including hydroponic systems and LED lighting. Dr. Hooks has conducted research on organic hydroponic production of lettuce and the application of ultra-violet (UV) light to enhance plant quality in greenhouse production systems. Dr. Hooks now serves as an Assistant Professor of Practice in the Department of Biosystems Engineering at the University of Arizona. He teaches Introduction to Hydroponics, Advanced Hydroponic Crop Production, Integrated Pest Management, and is an instructor for many of our offerings, including our CEAC Intensive Workshops.

## About the Teaching Greenhouse (TGH)

The Teaching Greenhouse (TGH) is a sawtooth style, 5,400 sqft. greenhouse equipped with a Ridder environmental control system, with pad and fan-based mechanical cooling, and with natural gas-based unit heater as well as a Ridder fertigation system. The TGH has a capacity of 800-1200 vine crops, including but not limited to tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, melons, pumpkins, etc. The TGH is used for the applied learning components of Dr. Hooks' courses. The introductory course is available for any student regardless of major, so that any UA student can learn to grow nutritious food or cultivate a passion for CEA.



# Hydroponic Tomato Intensive Workshop

Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup>

## Morning Session (Online and In-Person)

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|---------------------|--|
| 9:00 am - 10:00 am  | Introductions, CEAC History, Workshop Overview |
| 10:00 am - 11:00 am | Principles of CEA and Hydroponics              |
| 11:00 am - 12:00 pm | Hydroponic Substrate and Tomato Propagation    |

## Afternoon Session (In-Person Only)

- |                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm | Lunch Provided   |
| 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm  | CEAC Facilities Tour   |
| 2:30 pm - 3:00 pm  | Break  |
| 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm  | Hands-on Greenhouse Hydroponic Tomato Propagation, Boosting, and Transplanting |





# Hydroponic Tomato Intensive Workshop

**Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**

## Morning Session (Online and In-Person)

9:00 am - 10:00 am	Hydroponic Nutrient Solutions
10:00 am - 11:00 am	Tomato Nutrient Deficiencies
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Tomato Morphology and Plant Steering

## Afternoon Session (In-Person Only)

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch Provided
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm	Hands-on with Hydroponic Nutrient Solutions, Stock Replenishment, EC/pH, and Lysimeters
2:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Break
3:00 pm - 5:00pm	Hands-on Greenhouse Hydroponic Tomato Steering (pruning, C-clips, and lowering and leaning)



# Hydroponic Tomato Intensive Workshop

**Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**

## Morning Session (Online and In-Person)

9:00 am - 10:00 am	Integrated Pest Management (IPM) for Tomato
10:00 am - 11:00 am	Tomato Pollination, Fruit, and Harvesting and Grading
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Q&A with CEAC Faculty

## Afternoon Session (In-Person Only)

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch Provided
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm	Hands-on with pest ID, beneficial insects, bumblebee hive demo, and tomato pollination
2:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Break
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Hands-on Tomato Harvesting, Grading, and Tasting with BRIX (sugar) measurements
5:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Group Photo and Farewells





- 1. Classroom
- 2. Teaching Greenhouse
- 3. AdvanCEA Greenhouse
- 4. Indoor Vertical Farm

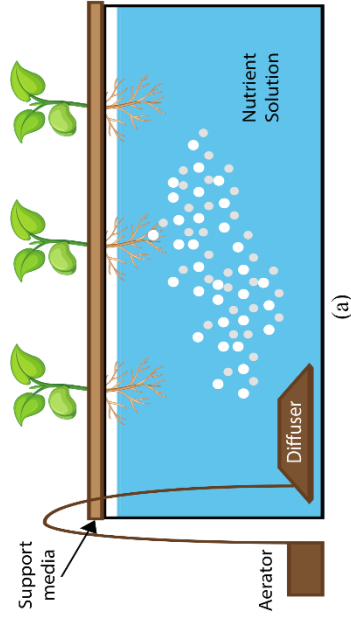
- 5. Headhouse
- 6. Aquaponics Greenhouse
- 7. Mushroom Lab Exhibit



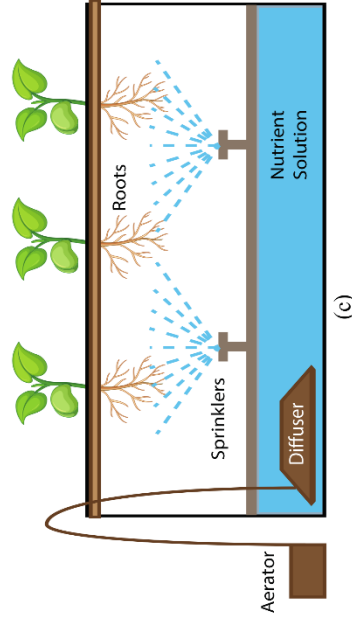
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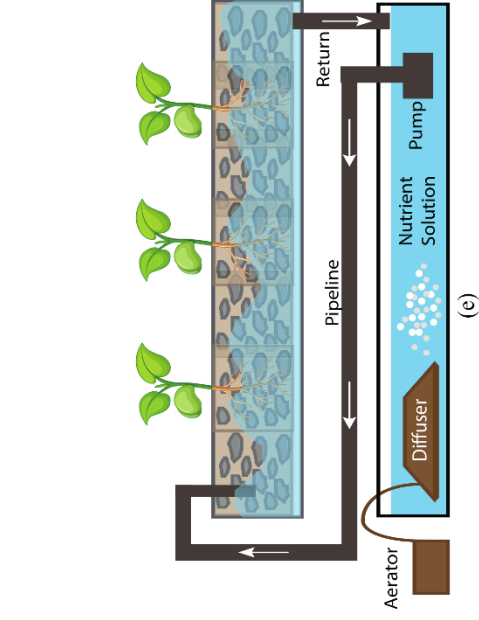
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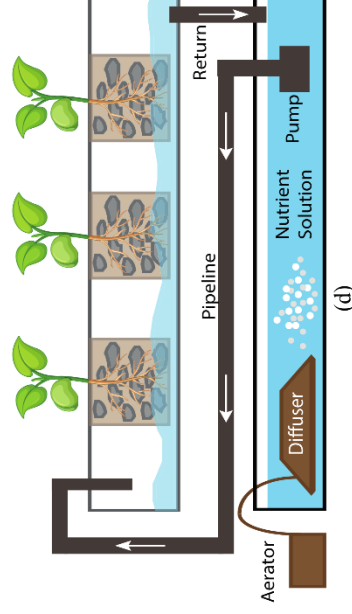
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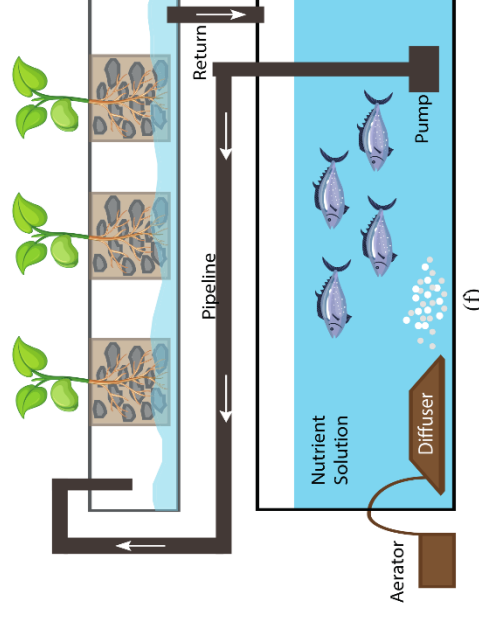
(b) Drip System



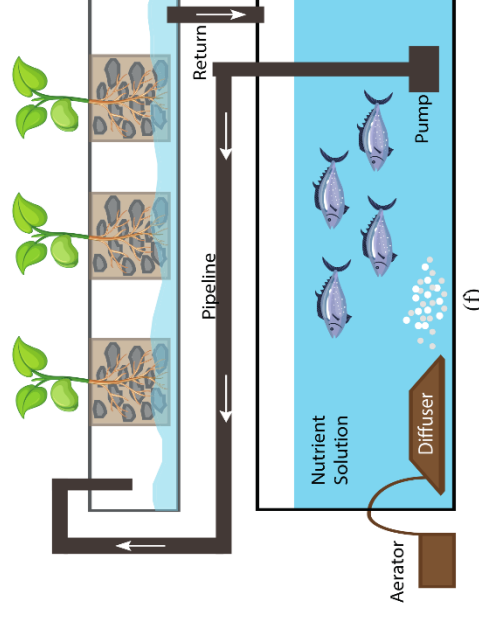
(c) Aeroponics



(d) Nutrient Film Technique (NFT)



(e) Ebb and flow

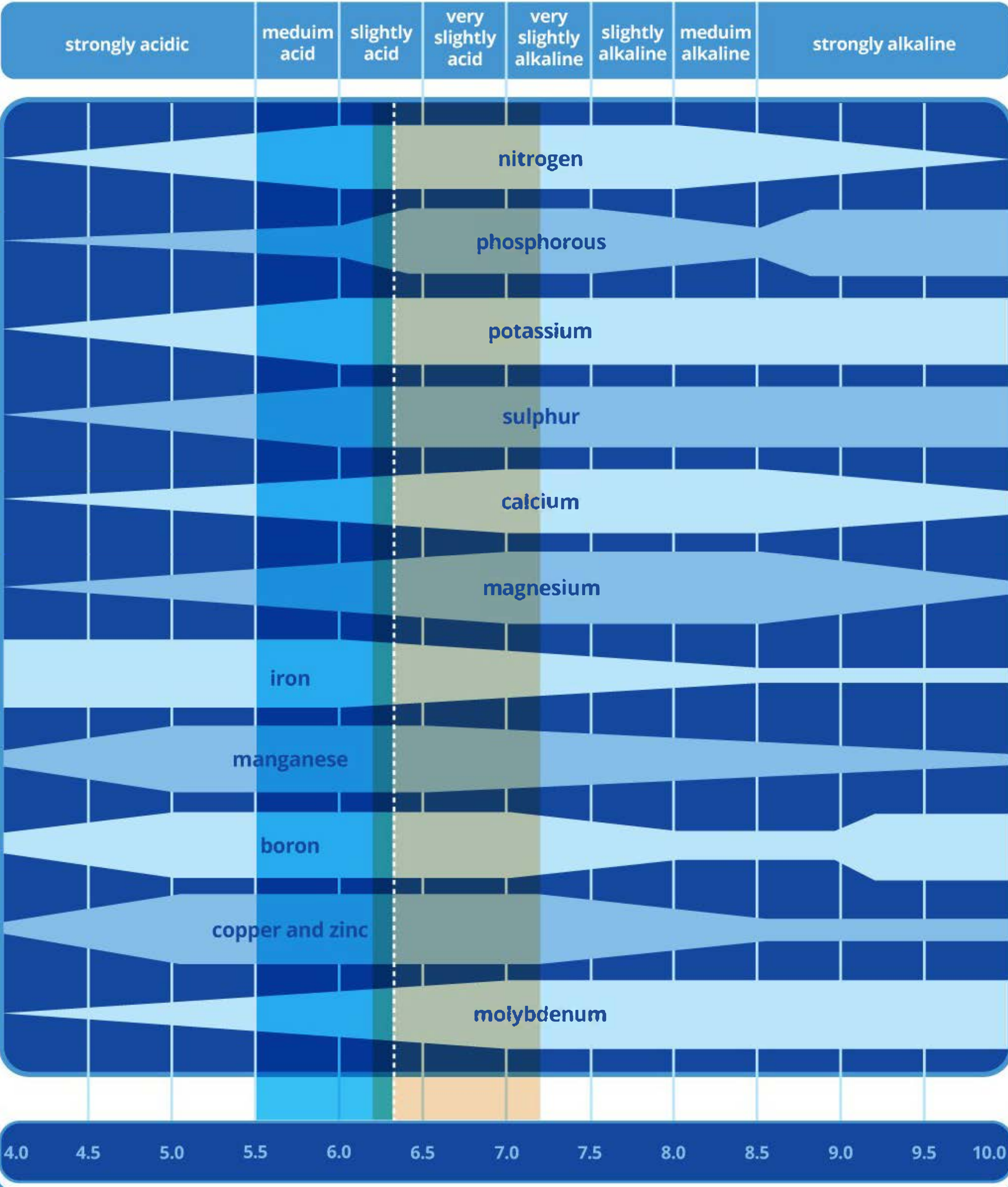


(f) Aquaponics

Velazquez-Gonzalez, Roberto & Garcia-Garcia, Adrian & Ventura-Zapata, Elsa & Barceinas-Sanchez, Jose & Sosa-Savedra, Julio. (2022). A Review on Hydroponics and the Technologies Associated for Medium- and Small-Scale Operations. Agriculture. 12. 646. 10.3390/agriculture12050646.



How nutrient pH affects availability of plant nutrients  
the width of the bands indicates the availability of each plant food element at various pH levels



Recommended pH range for plants grown in:

**Solution**  
5.5 - 6.3

**Soil**  
6.2 - 7.2

can be plant specific



# PERIODIC TABLE OF ELEMENTS

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## **UA-CEAC Greenhouse Hydroponic Tomato Recipes**

	1/2x Propagation (Week 0 - 4)	1. Vegetative (Week 4 - 8)	2. Generative (Week 8 - 12)	3. Balanced (Week 12+)
Element	ppm (mg/L)	ppm (mg/L)	ppm (mg/L)	ppm (mg/L)
<b>N</b>	80	160	170	200
<b>P</b>	20	40	47	50
<b>K</b>	85	170	240	260
<b>Ca</b>	90	180	200	230
<b>Mg</b>	25	50	60	70
<b>S</b>	35	70	100	120
<b>Cl</b>	15	30	50	60
<b>Fe</b>	1.0	2.0	2.5	3.0
<b>Mn</b>	0.35	0.70	0.70	0.70
<b>B</b>	0.20	0.40	0.40	0.40
<b>Zn</b>	0.17	0.33	0.33	0.33
<b>Cu</b>	0.03	0.06	0.06	0.06
<b>Mo</b>	0.03	0.06	0.06	0.06
<b>TDS:</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>871</b>	<b>995</b>
<b>EC:</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.6</b>
<b>EC+tap:</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>2.0</b>
<b>pH:</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>6.0</b>

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# NUTRIENT SOLUTION CALCULATIONS

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## Tomato Recipe 1 - Vegetative

**Step 1** Stock Volume (L): **303**

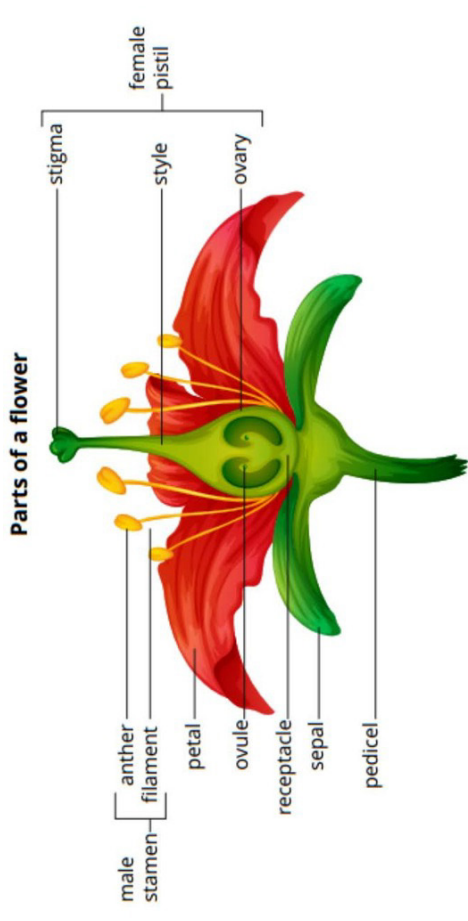
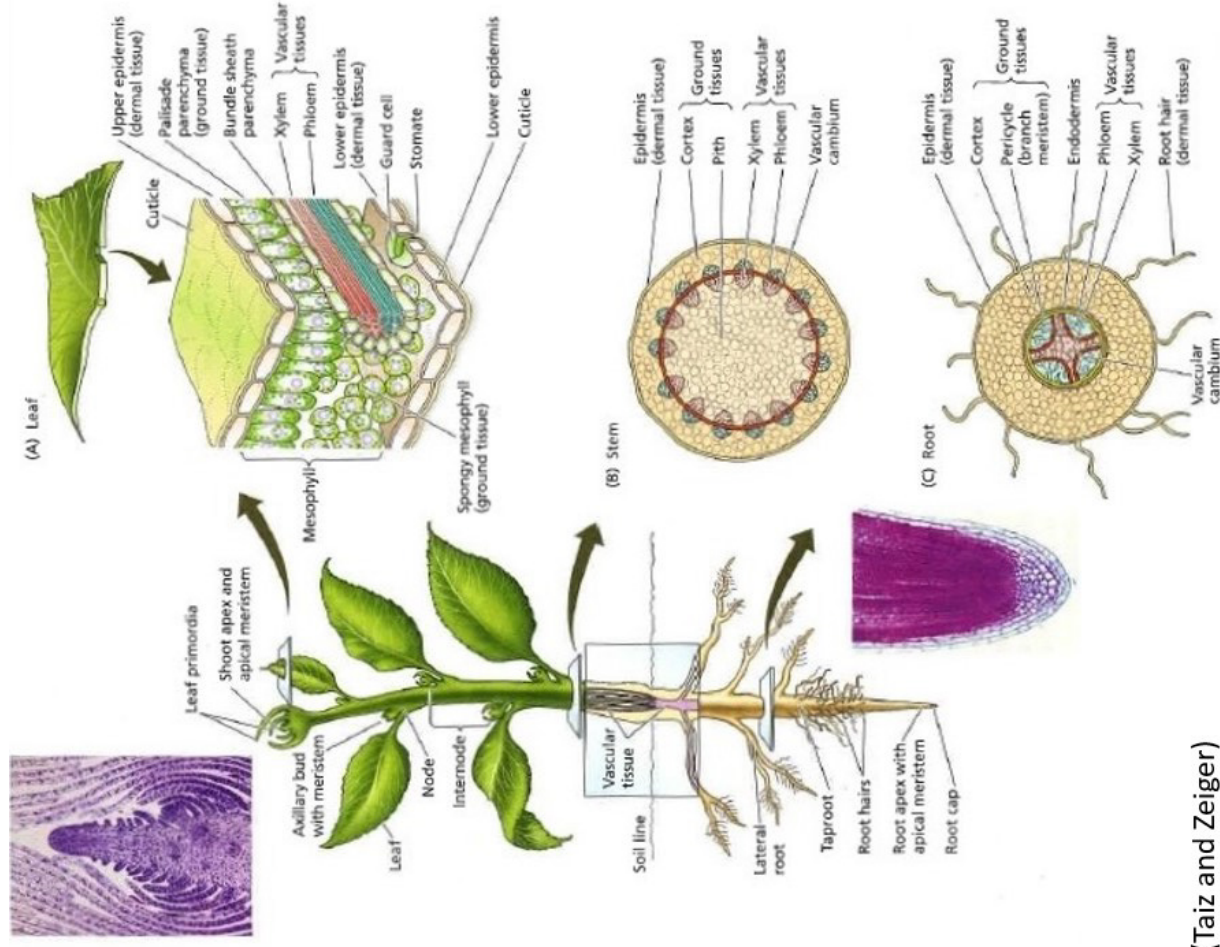
**Step 2** Stock Concentrate (X): **200**

**Step 3** Set your nutrient ppms:  $(ppm \times L \times X / 1000)$

Element	Target ppm	g (element)	Primary fertilizer salt	Chemical formula	FW	AM	% element	g (fertilizer salt)
N	160	9696	Potassium nitrate	KNO <sub>3</sub>	101.11	14.01	0.14	69991
P	40	2424	Potassium phosphate	KH <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	136.09	30.97	0.23	10650
K	170	10302	Potassium sulfate	K <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	174.26	39.10	0.45	22958
Ca	180		Calcium amm. nitrate	CaH <sub>4</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	120.12	40.08	0.33	
Mg	50		Magnesium sulfate	MgSO <sub>4</sub> 7H <sub>2</sub> O	246.48	24.31	0.10	
S	70		Magnesium sulfate	MgSO <sub>4</sub> 7H <sub>2</sub> O	246.48	32.07	0.13	
Cl	30		Calcium chloride	CaCl <sub>2</sub> 2H <sub>2</sub> O	147.01	35.45	0.48	
Fe	2.0		Iron chelate	EDDHA	NA	55.84	0.06	
Mn	0.70		Mangenesa sulfate	MnSO <sub>4</sub> 4H <sub>2</sub> O	223.06	54.94	0.25	
B	0.40		Boric acid	H <sub>3</sub> BO <sub>3</sub>	61.83	10.81	0.17	
Zn	0.33		Zinc sulfate	ZnSO <sub>4</sub> 7H <sub>2</sub> O	287.58	65.40	0.23	
Cu	0.06		Copper sulfate	CuSO <sub>4</sub> 5H <sub>2</sub> O	249.68	63.55	0.25	
Mo	0.06		Sodium Molybdate	MoNa <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	205.93	95.95	0.47	



# Plant Morphology & Transpiration



# **CROP REGISTRATION AND STEERING YOUR TOMATOES TOWARD PROFIT**

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For a grower to maximize profits it is important to keep the growth and reproduction of the tomato plant in balance. If the plant becomes either too reproductive (generative) or vegetative, fruit size and yield will decrease. It takes a great deal of horticultural skill to steer the plant, so neither mode of growth becomes dominant.

As an aid to unskilled growers, table 1 lists the plant characteristics for reproductive and vegetative growth.

Table 1: Steering the tomato plant: reproductive versus vegetative growth

<b>Characteristic</b>	<b>Reproductive (Generative) Growth</b>	<b>Vegetative Growth</b>
<b>Leaves</b>	Flat and open, light green, soft	Curled, thick, dark green
<b>Flowering</b>	Close to the top of the plant Flowers open fast and uniform Rapid flowering within truss	Further from the top of the plant Flowers open poorly; sepals stick Poor uniform flowering within truss
<b>Flower Color</b>	Dark yellow	Pale, light yellow
<b>Truss Stem</b>	Thick, sturdy, short and curved	Thin, long and sticking upwards
<b>Fruit</b>	Large, many, good shape and fast development	Small, few, poor shape and slow development

While steering plant growth is important at any time of the year, it is especially important at the beginning of the crop, if the crop is planted to the greenhouse during the winter. How the crop is started during periods of lower light will set the tone for the entire life of the crop.

To control or steer plant growth, a grower can make adjustments to the greenhouse temperatures as well as the carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), the humidity, the electrical conductivity (EC) of the nutrient solution, the irrigation frequency and volume and the pruning of the tomato plant. How the grower manages the above parameters will cause a reproductive action or vegetative action. For example, a grower can make the plant more reproductive, if the difference of the day/night temperature is greater. In nature, anytime a plant is exposed to stress- such as drought, high salts, low water and cold, the plant will go into a reproductive mode of growth. Placing the plant under opposite conditions, or more tropical in nature, the plant will show a more lush growth or vegetative response.

**Table 2: Steering plant growth for maximum yield.**

Action	Reproductive Actions	Vegetative Actions
<b>Difference in Day/Night Temperature</b>	Greater	Smaller
<b>24-hour Temperature</b>	Low (<20°C)	High (>22°C)
<b>Cooling down; Day&gt; Night</b>	Fast (i.e. using a Pre-night temperature strategy)	Slow
<b>VPD (Humidity)</b>	Larger (Low R.H.)	Smaller (High R.H.)
<b>Ventilating (Mind the outside temperature)</b>	More	Less
<b>CO2</b>	500 - 1000 ppm	300- 400 ppm
<b>EC in the slab</b>	Higher ( <u>NOT</u> more K) Tomato; 4.5+ mS Cucumber; 2.8 - 3.2 mS	Lower Tomato; 4 - 4.5 mS Cucumber; 2 - 2.5 mS
<b>EC in the drip</b>	Higher	Lower
<b>Water content in the slab</b>	Lower; 10-15% Day/Night difference	Higher and Constant; 4-6% Day/Night difference
<b>Irrigation frequency and irrigation volume</b>	Less frequent; Large volume per irrigation	More frequent; Small volume per irrigation
<b>Irrigation start time</b>	Later in the morning	Earlier in the morning
<b>Irrigation stop time</b>	Earlier in the afternoon	Later in the afternoon (unless root problems)
<b>Truss pruning (tomato)</b>	Less (leave more fruit)	More (take off more fruit)
<b>Truss supports (tomato)</b>	More; sooner	Less, later

Taking these various actions will definitely work. Naturally, it is important to have full capability to maximize the results in steering plant growth.

Unfortunately, many greenhouses, especially in Mexico, are unheated, therefore the option to increase or decrease day/night temperatures can be limited. This greatly limits the capability to steer plant growth. It is extremely important for growers to have all available options if beefsteak tomatoes are grown.

Large, high quality beefsteak tomatoes cannot be grown in greenhouses that lack ample control of the environment. Smaller fruited cultivars are possible, but yields will not always be at their maximum.

# VPD (kPa) Chart for CEA Plant Steering

RH (%)

C	F	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90
15	59	1.53	1.45	1.36	1.28	1.19	1.11	1.02	0.94	0.85	0.77	0.68	0.60	0.51	0.43	0.34	0.26	0.17
16	61	1.64	1.55	1.45	1.36	1.27	1.18	1.09	1.00	0.91	0.82	0.73	0.64	0.55	0.45	0.36	0.27	0.18
17	63	1.74	1.65	1.55	1.45	1.36	1.26	1.16	1.07	0.97	0.87	0.78	0.68	0.58	0.48	0.39	0.29	0.19
18	64	1.86	1.75	1.65	1.55	1.44	1.34	1.24	1.14	1.03	0.93	0.83	0.72	0.62	0.52	0.41	0.31	0.21
19	66	1.98	1.87	1.76	1.65	1.54	1.43	1.32	1.21	1.10	0.99	0.88	0.77	0.66	0.55	0.44	0.33	0.22
20	68	2.10	1.99	1.87	1.75	1.64	1.52	1.40	1.29	1.17	1.05	0.94	0.82	0.70	0.58	0.47	0.35	0.23
21	70	2.24	2.11	1.99	1.87	1.74	1.62	1.49	1.37	1.24	1.12	0.99	0.87	0.75	0.62	0.50	0.37	0.25
22	72	2.38	2.25	2.11	1.98	1.85	1.72	1.59	1.45	1.32	1.19	1.06	0.93	0.79	0.66	0.53	0.40	0.26
23	73	2.53	2.39	2.25	2.11	1.97	1.83	1.69	1.55	1.40	1.26	1.12	0.98	0.84	0.70	0.56	0.42	0.28
24	75	2.69	2.54	2.39	2.24	2.09	1.94	1.79	1.64	1.49	1.34	1.19	1.04	0.90	0.75	0.60	0.45	0.30
25	77	2.85	2.69	2.53	2.38	2.22	2.06	1.90	1.74	1.58	1.43	1.27	1.11	0.95	0.79	0.63	0.48	0.32
26	79	3.03	2.86	2.69	2.52	2.35	2.18	2.02	1.85	1.68	1.51	1.34	1.18	1.01	0.84	0.67	0.50	0.34
27	81	3.21	3.03	2.85	2.67	2.50	2.32	2.14	1.96	1.78	1.60	1.43	1.25	1.07	0.89	0.71	0.53	0.36
28	82	3.40	3.21	3.02	2.83	2.65	2.46	2.27	2.08	1.89	1.70	1.51	1.32	1.13	0.94	0.76	0.57	0.38
29	84	3.60	3.40	3.20	3.00	2.80	2.60	2.40	2.20	2.00	1.80	1.60	1.40	1.20	1.00	0.80	0.60	0.40
30	86	3.82	3.61	3.39	3.18	2.97	2.76	2.55	2.33	2.12	1.91	1.70	1.48	1.27	1.06	0.85	0.64	0.42
31	88	4.04	3.82	3.59	3.37	3.14	2.92	2.70	2.47	2.25	2.02	1.80	1.57	1.35	1.12	0.90	0.67	0.45
32	90	4.28	4.04	3.80	3.57	3.33	3.09	2.85	2.61	2.38	2.14	1.90	1.66	1.43	1.19	0.95	0.71	0.48
33	91	4.53	4.28	4.02	3.77	3.52	3.27	3.02	2.77	2.51	2.26	2.01	1.76	1.51	1.26	1.01	0.75	0.50
34	93	4.79	4.52	4.25	3.99	3.72	3.46	3.19	2.93	2.66	2.39	2.13	1.86	1.60	1.33	1.06	0.80	0.53
35	95	5.06	4.78	4.50	4.22	3.94	3.65	3.37	3.09	2.81	2.53	2.25	1.97	1.69	1.41	1.12	0.84	0.56



# Tomato Steering!

*Dr. Hooks*

Indeterminate  
greenhouse  
tomato plants  
grow:

~1-ft/week

3 leaves/wk

1 truss/wk

Add a C-clip  
every ~foot of  
growth,  
securely  
underneath a  
leaf petiole

Steering goal  
is to prune  
suckers and  
~3 leaves per  
week to  
maintain  
balanced  
growth

8-ft growing  
space  
(substrate to  
high-wire) =  
24 leaves and  
8 trusses per  
tomato plant

Truss #1  
(highest) is  
unfolded

Truss #2 has  
open flowers

Truss #3 has  
fruit set

Each plant  
should  
maintain six  
fruit-bearing  
trusses

Production  
goal is to fully  
harvest the  
lowest truss  
(Truss #8)  
each week in  
the harvest  
zone



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For an 8-ft plant with 24 leaves, a ~2.5 ft Harvest Zone is made in the lower canopy by pruning 8 leaves. The plant should then have 16 leaves left (2 leaves per truss) for balanced source and sink tissue



The Harvest zone is the lower canopy (1/3 of growing space) where leaves are pruned and ripe fruit are visible and easy to harvest



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# ***Expected Fruit per Truss***

***For greenhouse hydroponic indeterminate tomatoes***

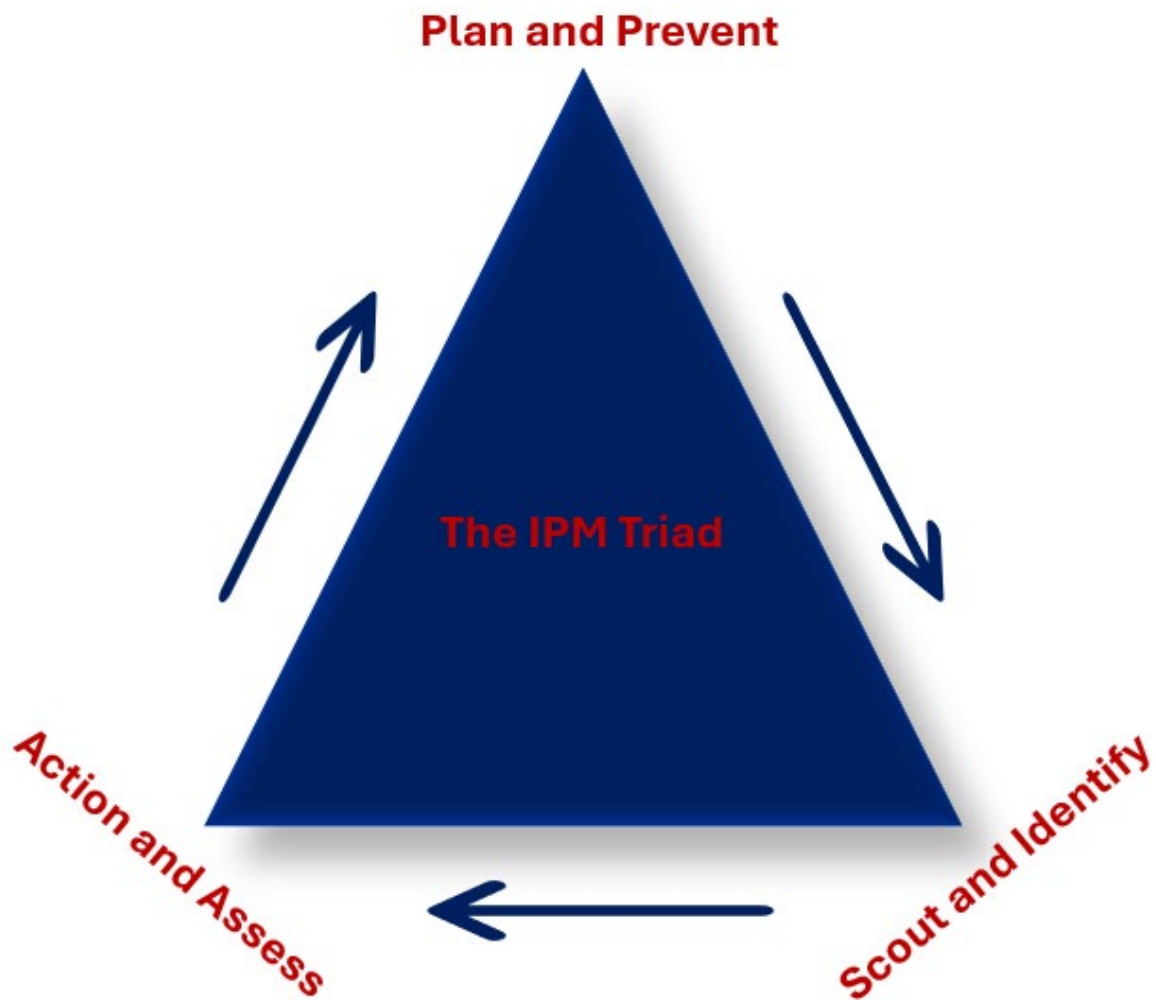
Tomato Type	Winter (Not ideal conditions)	Summer (Ideal conditions)
Beefsteak	2-3	3-4
TOV	3-5	5-7
Roma	4-6	6-8
Cocktail/Campari	6-10	10-14
Grape	8-12	12-16
Cherry	12-18	18-24



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**IPM Actions and hierarchal scale:**

1. *Cultural (preventative)*
2. *Mechanical (physical)*
3. *Biological (beneficials)*
4. *Chemical (pesticides)*



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# IPM Scout Map (TGH Fall 2025)

North Side (Wet Wall)																										
Flowers			Peppers			Tomatoes						Cucurbits														
Section D		Ashley Hydroponic Hibiscus Research		Lily IPM Study		Fungi Blocks for Fresh Crops! Project								Section D												
Section C				Makena Peppers x Substrate Research		Emilie IPM Study								Section C												
Section B						Tessa IPM Study								Section B												
Section A				Lily IPM Study		Rock wool substrate (Control)								Section A												
Row 9			Row 8			Row 7			Row 6			Row 5			Row 4			Row 3			Row 2			Row 1		
South Side (Exhaust Fans)																										
Legend ( Blue = Beneficial , Red = Pest , Yellow = Pathogen )										Severity: (1-5)  Based on population and damage  1 = Low 3 = Moderate 5 = High																
AN	Ants	LH	Leafhopper	SB	Shield bug																					
A	Aphids	LM	Leaf miner	SM	Spider mites																					
AB	Assassin bug	L	Looper	TB	Tomato bug																					
CB	Cucumber bug	M	Mantid	TH	Thrips																					
DF	Drain fly	O	Other	TP	Tomato psyllid																					
FG	Fungus gnat	PW	Parasitic Wasp	V	Virus																					
LB	Ladybug	PM	Powdery Mildew	WF	Whitefly																					
LW	Lacewing	RM	Russet mite																							

## Notes



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