

Farmer Justin's Big Crop

When Justin moved into his new home in April 2013, he asked me to help him plant some tomatoes. As the plants grew, small tomatoes began to appear, but were slow to ripen due to an unusually low amount of sunlight in north Georgia during the first half of the year. With Justin increasingly impatient, I decided to play a trick on him. One day when he was at work, I bought two bright-red tomatoes from Publix, and attached them to the tomato plant with a green bag tie (see picture). I called Justin and told him that the tomatoes we'd planted were a special new variety that ripened almost instantly with only a few hours of direct sunlight. That day happened to be bright and sunny, so I told him to be sure to check the garden when he got home. A few hours later, I received an excited email from him that read **SUCCESS!** When I let the cat out of the bag in an email to him, I received a light-hearted reply that said, *You're a dick, Dad.*

