Information Growing Seed Potatoes

Sarpo Varieties

Specially bred for maximum blight resistance

Mira - High yeilding, floury texture. Highest natural resistance to blight. Bake / Chip / Roast

Blue Danube - Early maincrop. Blue skin, white flesh. Good foliage blight resistance and excellent tuber blight resistance. "The best roast potato ever" Bake / Mash / chip / Roast

Chitting

In order to get your potatoes off to a good start it is necessary to chit the seed potatoes. This involves placing them upright in a light airy room at approx. 10°C (50°F) until the shoots are about 2.5cm long. (They need to be green in colour – if they are white there is not enough light)



Feeding -don't forget to feed your potatoes regulary once the growth is above ground. Make sure they do not dry out and are well watered to ensure a bumper crop



Potato Fertilise

Looking after the Crop

Once chitted, plant out the potatoes 30-40cm apart in rows, the rows being 60-75cm apart. Earth the row up once the shoots are about 25cm above the ground. Keep the plants well-watered in dry weather. Early potatoes are ready to harvest when the flowers are fully open. Maincrop are ready when the foliage has turned brown. Store potatoes in a dark frost-free position.

Potatoes in a Tub

Potatoes can be grown even if you have very limited space. Using a large deep tub, place about 5cm of compost in the bottom. Place 5 or 6 seed potatoes on

the compost and then add more compost until the potatoes are just covered. Once they have shoots about 5cm above the compost level add more compost. Continue this until the tub is full. Water the tub regularly and harvest the potatoes when ready. This is a great way to get a really early crop as it can be started off in a greenhouse or sunny patio.



Potatoes for Christmas

Put aside some of your early crop & replant in a sunny spot in September. Cover with cloches from October & with luck you can show off your new potatoes with your turkey!!



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The gardener's choice

Early Seed Potatoes

Plant them out in mid-March after chitting the tubers. Harvest June/July.

Accord

High yielding, good blight and eelworm resistance. a good gardening pototo. Salad / Boil / Roast

Arran Pilot (3)

Kidney shaped, white flesh. Heavy cropper, good on light soils. Good flavour. Boil / Wedges / Roast

Foremost (3)

Oval, pale yellow tubers: creamy white flesh. Good cropper. Boil / Salad / Roast

Lady Christl (3)

Very early salad type with high yields, good taste and nice bright skin finish. Salad / Boil / Roast

Pentland Javelin (4)

Oval, white fleshed tubers. Heavy cropper with good scab / eelworm resistance. Salad / Boil / Bake / Mash/ Chip & Roast

Premiere (7)

Round uniform tubers: light yellow flesh. High yielding. Boil / Saute / Chip / Roast

Rocket (4)

Very early variety. Round tubers with white skin & flesh. Firm waxy texture. Salad / Boil / Mash / Chip / Roast

Sharpes Express (5)

Distinctive flavour. Good all rounder. pear shaped tubers smooth skinned. Salad / Boil / Bake / Mash / Chip / Roast

Swift (4)

Round oval tubers with white skin / lemon yellow flesh. Early bulking. Boil / Wedges / Roast

Second Early Potatoes

Plant early April. Harvest July / August.

Charlotte (4)

Pale yellow skin, yellow flesh & firm texture. Superb salad variety. Boil / Salad / Roast

Estima (4)

Oval, pale yellow fleshed tubers. Heavy cropper. Firm moist texture. Boil / Bake / Wedges / Roast

Kestrel

Oval yellow skinned tubers. Firm yellow flesh. Resistant to slug damage. Salad / Boil / Bake / Mash / Chip / Roast

Marfona (6)

Short oval tubers: Creamy flesh. High yielding. Boil / Bake / Mash / Chip / Roast

Nadine (5)

Can be harvested early for new potatoes. Excellent bakers. Eelworm & scab resistant. Boil / Bake / Mash / Roast



Ensure the ground is thoroughly dug over and use plenty of well rotted manure or organic material. Nicola (4)

Long oval tuber, yellow skin / flesh. Salad / Boil / Mash / Chip / Roast

Saxon (7)

High yielding with creamy flavour. Good disease resistance. Boil / Bake / Mash / Chip / Roast

Wilja

High yielding variety. Some slug and disease resistance. Salad / Boil / Bake / Mash / Chip / Roast

Maincrop Potatoes

Plant April. Harvest September

Desiree (5)

Red skin with yellow flesh. Heavy cropper, drought resistance. Boil / Bake / Mash / Wedges / Roast

King Edward (6)

Kidney shaped tubers, white skin with pink tints. Boil / Bake / Mash / Chip / Roast

Maris Piper (7)

Oval yellow tubers: pale yellow flesh. Yields large numbers of tubers. Boil / Mash / Chip / Roast

Picasso (3)

Oval tubers, creamy white flesh. Boil / Bake / Mash / Chip / Roast / Sauté

Pink Fir Apple (3)

Irregular shaped tubers with nutty taste. Specialist salad variety

The numbers in brackets relate to texture 1= Waxy, Waxy potatoes are firmer & hold their shape. 9= Floury.

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