



Growing Potatoes

This popular crop is relatively easy to grow; here are some important tips:

1. Potatoes will grow in almost any soil but prefer a well drained loam. If your soil is hard packed clay, amend it prior to planting with a bagged soil product such as Sea Soil or Soil Booster. Or, till in some Compost; take care not to till in more than 2" of compost; an over application can cause scab.

2. Small tubers should be left whole. Large ones can be cut but must have at least one or two 'eyes'. Dig holes approximately 2 feet apart and 8 inches deep. Place tubers in bottom of hole and cover up. While potatoes thrive in cooler temperatures, sprouts cannot handle frost. If frost threatens, cover sprouts with frost cover or additional soil.

3. Potato scab is a bacterial disease that finds its way into the garden via the addition of infected soil, by using infected tools or using affected tubers. To prevent scab:

- Choose Scab Resistant varieties
- Rotate the spot you plant potatoes every 3-4 years.
- Scab thrives in alkaline soil; bring down the pH with GARDEN SULFUR. Simply sprinkle into the hole at time of planting.
- Scab can occur if moisture is not consistent at time of tuber development. Always ensure adequate soil moisture as tubers form (4-6 weeks after planting).

Greenland carries several varieties of seed potatoes. Here are some we suggest: (S = Scab Resistant)



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Red Potatoes

Norland (S)

White flesh, red skin. Early yielding potato with medium to large potatoes.

Pontiac

White flesh, deep red skin. Early to mid season tubers are great for baby potatoes. Does well in clay.

Sangre

White flesh, dark red skin. Mid season with good yields and great storability. Super taste!

Yellow Potatoes

Bintje

Yellow flesh, gold skin. Mid-season potato has small to medium sized round tubers. Especially good for roasting and making fries.

Satina (S)

Yellow flesh, yellow skin. Early to mid tubers good for baking, boiling, great for storage.

Seiglande (S)

Yellow flesh, yellow skin. Oblong tubers store well, good for boiling and baking.

Yukon Gold

Mid season potato with yellow flesh and yellow skin.

White Potatoes

Kennebec

White flesh tan skin. Mid to large sized tubers in mid-late summer. Good baker, boiler and fryer.

Warba

White flesh, tan/white skin, red eyes. Medium tubers are best for boiling.



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Russet Potatoes

Norkotah (S)

White flesh, russet skin. Excellent for baking and fries, late season. Stores well.

Russet Burbank (S)

White flesh russet skin. Late producers, good for boiling and baking. Stores well.

Specialty Potatoes

Caribe (S)

White flesh with a purple-red skin. Early yield, very tasty, scab resistant, high yielding and stores well.

Russian Blue (S)

Blue flesh and skin. Mid/late producer, great for baking and fries. Stores well.

French Fingerling (S)

Yellow flesh with red skin, long finger-like tubers. Good for baking, fries, stores well.

Banana (S)

White flesh, yellow skin. Long, banana shaped potatoes with mild taste. Excellent for roasting, baking, boiling.

Insect Pests

Wireworms are a common potato pest. To prevent wire-worm damage, ensure you water in tubers with a solution of beneficial nematodes.

Need more info? Ask our diagnostics staff at Greenland.



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