

TOP TIP FOR POTATOES DO NOT ADD LIME TO SOIL THIS WILL ONLY ENCOURAGE ATTACK OF SCAB ON POTATOES

EARLY POTATOES SHOULD BE PLANTED ABOUT SIX INCHES DEEP ABOUT A FOOT APART IN ROWS AND ABOUT TWO FOOT MINIMUM BETWEEN ROWS .

MAINCROP POTATOES PLANT 15/18INCHES APART IN THE ROW AND 2FOOT SIX INCHES MINIMUM BETWEEN ROWS

UPON RECEIVING SEED POTATOES THEY SHOULD BE CHITTED WHICH IS TO PUT THEM IN TRAYS SINGLE LAYERED EYES TO THE TOP AND PLACED IN GOOD LIGHT AND FROST FREE PLACE THE RESULTING SHOOTS(EYES) SHOULD BE THINNED TO ABOUT TWO EYES WHEN PLANTING . THIS WILL GIVE FEWER LARGER POTATOES AND NOT SO MANY TINY ONES WHICH WILL GIVE YOU GRIEF FOR YEARS TO COME .

EARLY POTATOES

Aran Pilot first class yields, drought and scab resistant a good all rounder

Foremost extra high quality, very tasty, resistant to slugs, good yielder which will store for several months

Maris Bard smooth white skinned oval potatoes. High yielding on all soils.good general purpose cooking variety .in addition this variety holds up well to drought and as a bonus you can allow this variety to grow on without loosing its quality .i have grown massive specimens when dug up in late summer !!!!!.

Pentland Javelin good all round disease resistance, tasty waxy creamy flesh for salads, boiling does well in all soils

Rocket one of the earliest croppers, good flavour, high yielding and useful for showbench

Red Duke Of York red sport of duke of york with superb flavoured yellow flesh for all uses and long season of harvesting (included by popular request)

Swift (THE EARLIEST EARLY)

Makes only short and bushy foliage. Ideal for forcing in pots or under polythene/ fleece .crop is said to be heavier then rocket and combines high disease resistance and flavour .

Winston white smooth even disease resistant tubers, good yields, early season baker and good show variety

SECOND EARLIES (MIDS)

Charlotte excellent boiling and salad potato full of flavour, good yielder and stores well .give this a try as a roaster you may be pleasantly surprised !

Kestrel old fashioned flavour, good for baking, roasting and chips. Disease resistant and good show variety

Marfona after many requests for a large baking potato we believe this one will fit the bill the variety grows in all soils and is said to have good flavour and excellent storage . produces few but large potatoes which are disease resistant and popular in the kitchen.

Romano red tubers bred from desiree high yield of oval tubers with fine flavour and good disease resistance less prone to scab then desiree, may need extra watering in a dry year for good yield

Saxon modern variety producing large crops of long oval white skinned tubers.good disease resistance and general purpose cooking variety .the potatoes are said to to be creamy with OUTSTANDING FLAVOUR .this is our suppliers top selling white variety which he advises not to plant into very cold soil but better to wait until soil warms up

MAINCROP VARIETIES

Cara (LM) heavy yielder of smooth potatoes, popular in the kitchen, disease resistant and good storer

Desiree (EM) heavy cropper on all soils , waxy , great flavour good disease resistance and stores well

Lady Balfour (EM) named after the founder of the soil association founder . BRED FOR ORGANIC GARDENERS

Has high disease resistance including the dreaded blight .bred to make huge yields on even low fertility soils . attractive white potatoes splashed with pink .produces tasty moist firm flesh with long storage ability

MAINCROP VARIETIES (CONTINUED)

Golden Wonder (LM) flavour improves in storage, stores well into the new year, dry floury flesh, good for boiling, mashing, frying and unbeaten as a roast potato, russet skin repels slugs, not as heavy cropper as others needs extra water to give good yield. this is how potatoes used to taste !!

Maris Piper (EM) high yielding, eel worm resistant, boiling, roasting and uk number one chip variety

Picasso (EM) bred from cara

With striking white background and rosy pink eyes, produces massive yields on all soil types with good disease and pest resistance and a reputation for flavour and all round cooking proven to be excellent storers.

Codes for maincrops

EM= EARLY MAINCROP

LM= LATE MAINCROP

AFTER MANY REQUESTS WE HAVE SOURCED THE FOLLOWING CLASSIC POTATOES. UNFORTUNATELY THEY WILL COST SLIGHTLY MORE THEN THE OTHER POTATOES BUT WE FEEL THEY ARE STILL THEY ARE GOOD VALUE FOR MONEY. THIS YEAR WE HAVE NOW EXPANDED OUR RANGE TO 21 POTATO VARIETIES, I DOUBT ANY OTHER SOCIETY COULD MATCH THIS. OF COURSE WE CANNOT STOCK EVERY VARIETY BUT IF YOU HAVE A PARTICULAR REQUEST FOR NEXT YEAR WE WILL MAKE ENQUIRIES WITH THE SUPPLIERS TO SEE IF THEY CAN SUPPLY.

GOURMET RANGE

RATTE (early maincrop)

The classic of French cuisine. earlier than pink fir apple and with far fewer knobles. heavy cropper with short neat growth combined with superb flavour.

PINK FIR APPLE (late maincrop)

Famous british classic but originally a continental variety. It has the most superb new potato flavour in winter and into the new year. don't try to peel this knobby potato, just cook in their skin. Delicious both hot and cold. Decadence is making chips from single tubers !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

ALL ONIONS REQUIRE AN OPEN SUNNY SITE WITH A WELL DRAINED SOIL, THEY DISLIKE A WATERLOGGED SITE. THEY ALSO DISLIKE A ACID SOIL AND LIME SHOULD BE USED TO BRING UP TO ALKALINE CONDITIONS IF REQUIRED. FOR GENERAL CULTIVATION ONIONS LIKE A HUMUS RICH SOIL WITH WELL ROTTED MANURE OR COMPOST BEING DUG INTO YOUR ONION BED IN AUTUMN OR WINTER .DO NOT PLANT ONIONS INTO A FRESHLY MANURED SITE.

ONIONS/SHALLOTS ARE USUALLY PLANTED FROM LATE FEBRUARY TO EARLY APRIL DEPENDING ON THE SOIL CONDITIONS. THE SETS ARE USUALLY PLANTED 4/6 INCHES APART IN THE ROW AND IN ROWS FROM 12/18 INCHES APART (THE MORE ROOM YOU GIVE HELPS YOU LATER WHEN YOU HAVE TO HOE OUT THE WEEDS)

TO HELP YOU HAVING TO KEEP REPLANTING AFTER THE BIRDS HAVE PULLED OUT YOUR SETS TRIM OFF ANY DRIED WISPS OF FOLIAGE WHICH MAY STILL BE ATTACHED TO THE TOP OF THE SET AS YOU PLANT AND AS A ADDITIONAL SAFEGUARD PLANT YOUR SETS JUST BELOW THE SURFACE OF THE SOIL. ALL GENERAL FERTILISERS CAN BE USED TO FEED YOUR SETS BUT TRY NOT TO USE FEEDS WITH HIGH NITROGEN AS THE SEASON DRAWS TO A END , TRY IF POSSIBLE TO USE FEEDS HIGHER IN PHOSPHATE AND POTASH THIS HELPS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE BULBS AND ALSO WILL ASSIST IN THE LONG TERM STORAGE OF YOUR CROP . ANY ONION UNDER STRESS NORMALLY CAUSED BY WEATHER CONDITIONS MAY TRY AND BOLT JUST PINCH OUT THE STEM AND HEAD IF THEY SHOULD APPEAR

WHEN HARVESTING YOUR CROP ENSURE THAT THE BULBS HAVE BEEN DRIED OUT BEFORE BEING PUT INTO STORE ,DO NOT TRY AND STORE ANY THAT ARE SOFT OR HAVE ANY SIGNS OF FUNGUS.TRY AND USE ANY ONIONS THAT HAVE BULLNECKS ON THEM (THIS TERM IS DESCRIBED FOR ONIONS WITH VERY THICK NECKS)THEY TEND NOT TO STORE WELL.

YELLOW ONION SETS

STUR BC20 NEW IMPROVED HIGH YIELDING STURON TYPE SAID TO HAVE EVEN BETTER STORAGE ABILITY THEN THE ORIGINAL WITH SAME ROUNDED SHAPE.SUPPLIER BELIEVES THAT THIS MAY REPLACE STURON WITHIN A FEW YEARS

RED ONION SETS

RED BARON WELL KNOWN DARK RED FLAT ROUND ONION WITH INTERNAL RED AND WHITE RINGS. NORMALLY RELIABLE CROPPER.STRONGER FLAVOURED THEN MOST ONIONS WHICH IS BOTH EXCELLENT COOKED OR RAW.(RED ONIONS ARE NEVER CHEAP TO BUY IN SUPERMARKETS WHY NOT GIVE THEM A TRY)

SHALLOTS

RED SUN HIGH YIELDING RED SKINNED WHITE FLESHED SHALLOT .EXCELLENT FLAVOUR FOR COOKING, SALAD OR PICKLING PURPOSES.THE BULBS ARE SAID TO HAVE LONG STORAGE POTENTIAL .