

Descriptions of Seed Potatoes 2010

FIRST EARLIES – BEST EATEN SOON AFTER HARVESTING WITH THIN SKINS

Accent AGM (2.5kg net)

Very early maturing and heavy cropping. Waxy flesh with good flavour. Good for salads and boiling. Resistant to drought and potato cyst eel worm. (1989)

Amorosa (1.5kg net, organic)

A very early, rosy-red salad potato, pretty and smooth when small, rougher when mature and more multi-purpose in use. With high yields, red skin, yellow flesh and oval tubers this potato maintains its good flavour throughout its growth. (1990)

Arran Pilot AGM (2.5kg net)

Very early maturing and heavy cropping. Waxy flesh with good flavour, well suited to salads and boiling. Resistant to drought and potato cyst eelworm. (1991)

Colleen (10 tubers & 1.5kg net, organic)

A general-purpose potato with good resistance to tuber blight and common scab. Bulks up its uniform, white-skinned tubers well. Firm, quite dry textured flesh. (1993)

Duke of York (10 tuber pack & 2.5kg net)

Renowned for its excellent, rich flavour. Best eaten young as it gets more floury as it ages. Susceptible to frost, but being low-growing is good for windy areas. (1891)

Foremost AGM (2.5kg net)

Good reputation for high yields and flavour. Good cooker with waxy flesh. Some slug resistance. (1954)

Home Guard ((10 tuber pack)

As suggested by the name a Second World War favourite. Firm tubers with creamy white coloured flesh. Good flavour. Ideal for heavy soil. Resistant to potato leaf roll virus. Medium to high yielding variety. (1942)

Lady Christl AGM (2.5kg net)

Bulks up quickly in the season. Tasty new potato and much more. Good resistance to golden eelworm. (1996)

Maris Bard (1.5kg net, organic)

Very early maturing with reliably heavy crops. Firm, waxy flesh with new potato flavour. Good resistance to drought and virus. Good for forcing under glass. (1972)

Pentland Javelin (10 tuber pack)

Later maturing than most first earlies, but high yielding. May be left as a main crop. Waxy flesh, mild flavour. Good for boiling and chips. Resistant to scab & golden eelworm. (1967)

Premiere (1.5kg net, organic & 10 tuber pack)

Excellent flavour from firm and dry yellow flesh. Smooth-skinned oval tubers. (1979)



Red Duke of York AGM (2.5kg net)

Deep red and bigger tubers than the white Dukes and with a wonderful flavour. One of the few heritage varieties to enjoy commercial success - due to its vigorous nature. (1942)

Rocket (10 tuber pack & 2.5kg net)

One of the earliest varieties. High yielding. Good for boiling with firm, waxy texture and good flavour. Resistant to blackleg and potato cyst eelworm. (1987)

Sharpe's Express (10 tuber pack)

An old favourite and rightly so. Early to bulk up and with a superb flavour. The firmness of its flesh makes it ideal for chips and as a new potato. (1900)

Swift (2.5kg net)

The foliage is short and it is one of the best varieties for growing in pots or under polythene, glass or fleece. Good disease and eelworm resistance. (1994)

Ulster Chieftain (1.5 kg net)

White skinned oval tubers with moist firm creamy white flesh. A quality boiling potato. Heavy cropping variety. Slug Resistant. (1938)

Ulster Sceptre (1.5 kg net)

A long oval shaped tuber with white waxy flesh and white skin. Medium to heavy cropper. (1964)

Vanessa (1.5kg net)

Like a very early Desiree but with smoother tubers more suitable for exhibition use. Tried and tested attractive early red. General purpose waxy type with good boiling characteristics. (1973)

SECOND EARLIES – READY MID- TO LATE-JULY, BIGGER THAN EARLIES AND MOSTLY STORE WELL

Bonnie (10 mini tuber pack)

Round/oval shaped yellow skinned tuber with pink splashed eyes and cream flesh. Good for boiling and baking. Good disease tolerance and resistant to Golden Eelworm.

British Queen AGM (2.5kg net)

This variety is more than 100 years old and has long been prized for its shape, floury texture and delicious flavour. Use for chips, roast, baking and mash. (1894)

Carlingford (10 tuber pack)

A Northern Irish variety marvellous for salads because it retains its shape and white flesh colouring during cooking. (1982)

Catriona (10 tuber pack)

Good flavoured golden flesh. General purpose potato. Much prized by exhibitors. (1920)

Edzell Blue (1.5kg net)

The attractive bluish/purple skin turns cream when cooked. Snowy white flesh. Best boiled or steamed with skins on. Good for mashing and chips.

Estima (2.5kg net)

Very high yielding. Slightly waxy flesh. Good for chipping, baking and storing. Resistant to blight, slugs and drought. (1973)



Kestrel (2.5kg net)

High yielding with pretty white and purple tubers. Good all rounder with an old fashioned flavour. Super for chips and roasting. Resistant to slugs, blackleg and eelworm. (1992)

Maris Peer (1.5kg net, organic)

A brilliant boiling and salad potato. Firm creamy flesh and delicious rich flavour. A beautiful plant with remarkable purple flowers, good for growing in containers. (1962)

Maxine (1.5 kg net)

Beautiful round smooth bright red tubers. White waxy flesh. High yielding. Good for boiling. Excellent flavour. Golden Eelworm resistant.

Mr Little's Yetholm Gypsy (10 mini tuber pack)

This variety has been kept in cultivation by the Little family of Yetholm. It has unique red, white and blue colours together in the skin. Flesh is cream. Ideal for baking, roasting, mashing, boiling and chipping. Retains colour if cooked with skins on. (1899)

Orla (1.5kg net, organic)

Outstanding resistance to tuber and foliage potato blight. Great for chips and salads or for use as a new potato. Smooth, creamy white skins; pale yellow flesh. (2000)

Osprey (1.5kg net)

Short oval tuber with cream skin and pink eyes. Firm waxy flesh. Ideal for boiling, baking and roasting. High yielding. Resistant to most diseases.

Piccolo Star (10 mini tuber pack)

Small tubers with yellow flesh and skin. Retains skin colour when cooked. Ideal for boiling. Good virus resistance.

Shetland Black (10 tuber pack & 10 mini tuber pack)

Medium sized long oval dark blue skin. Yellow flesh with blue vascular markings. Tasty floury texture. Best cooked in their skins. Ideal for baking and boiling. (Early 1900's)

Vivaldi (2.5kg net)

Outstanding taste as a main crop baker and for mashed potato. NEW FOR 2008

Wilja (2.5kg net)

Later maturing second early with high yields. Excellent all-round cooking properties. Waxy flesh of good flavour. Blight resistant, some resistance to scab and blackleg. (1972)

Yukon Gold (1.5kg net)

Golden skins with yellow flesh. Superb buttery rich flavour. Good for boiling and baking.

MAIN CROP - BRED TO STORE THROUGH THE WINTER, BIGGEST YIELDS & LARGEST POTATOES

Arran Victory (10 tubers, organic)

Heritage floury flavour along with colour novelty. Makes very fine mash. Microwaves, steams, fries and bakes well. Boiling needs care. (1918)

Cara (1.5kg organic, 2.5kg net)

An Irish variety producing high yields. Good for baking. Best on light soils. Good resistance to blight. (1976)

Congo (10 mini tuber pack)

Dark blue/purple skinned tuber with blue flesh. Buttery flavour. Makes stunning blue crisps and chips. Suitable for roasting, baking and mashing. (pre 1918)

Desiree (1.5kg & 2.5kg net & 10 tuber pack)

High yielding with firm, waxy-fleshed tubers of distinctive flavour. Good all-round cooking qualities. Does well on heavier, poorer soils. Withstands drought. (1962)

Fortyfold (10 mini tuber pack)

Large round purple skinned tubers with white flashes. Good nutty flavour. Used in original "Lancashire Hotpot". Ideal for boiling, baking or roasting. (1836)

Highland Burgundy Red (10 tuber pack & 10 mini tuber pack)

Burgundy skinned tuber. Central flesh is burgundy with a narrow band of white flesh under the skin. Makes novelty crisps, chips and mash as colour is retained if steamed or fried. Fluffy texture. Slightly sweet flavour. (1936)

Isle of Jura (10 tuber pack organic)

Large oval white skinned tubers with cream coloured flesh. Excellent flavour. Good for boiling, steaming, mashing, baking, roasting, chipping. High yielding. Good disease resistance.

King Edward (2.5kg net & 10 tuber pack)

Excellent flavour, especially when roasted or baked. Creamy-white, floury flesh with a strong, aromatic flavour. Likes a rich soil with plenty of organic matter. Does not do well on heavy, acidic or sandy soils. Good resistance to rots and scab but susceptible to drought. (1902)

Lady Balfour (1.5kg net, organic)

Oval, pink splashed tubers with firm, moist creamy flesh. Impressive blight resistance and double eelworm resistance. Huge yields, even in poorer soils. Stores well. Ideal for the organic gardener.

Maris Piper (2.5kg net)

High yielding, best on silty soils. Good cooking qualities especially baking, roasting, and chipping. Mild flavour. Resistant to Golden eelworm, blight and blackleg. (1963)

Peach Bloom (10 tuber pack)

Vintage main crop, round white fleshed potato suitable for all round use with good blight resistance. NEW FOR 2009

Picasso AGM (2.5kg net)

Early maturing main crop variety with very high yields. Attractive tubers with good cooking qualities, especially boiling and baking. (1992)

Ratte AGM (10 tuber pack)

Flavour and cooking qualities reminiscent of Pink Fir Apple. Ratte is earlier, often more productive and has fewer knobbly bits, shorter stems and nicer flowers. Delicious nutty taste like chestnuts, firm, waxy flesh which does not disintegrate. (1872)

Robinta (1.5kg net, organic)

The most disease resistant red potato ever. Very productive with smooth red skin and cream flesh. Short oval tubers retain their shape well when boiled. Good resistance to blight, scab and potato cyst nematode. (1978)

Rooster (2kg net)

Pink skinned oval tubers with yellow flesh. Ideal for roasting, mashing, excellent for french fries. High yielding. High resistance to virus.

Salad Blue (10 mini tuber pack)

A short oval tuber. The skin and flesh are both a deep blue. Fluffy texture. Not good as a salad potato. Ideal for chips and mash. (1900's)

Sarpo Axona (2.5kg net)

Sister to Sarpo Mira but with outstanding blight resistance and more regular tubers that have creamier flesh and superb flavour for all culinary purposes. (2006)

Sarpo Mira (2.5kg net)

A real breakthrough! Unprecedented blight resistance and huge yields of tasty floury tubers. Does well on a wide range of soil types. Slugs prefer not to attack them! (2006)

Vitelotte (10 mini tuber pack)

Originally from Peru and Bolivia. Cultivated in France since 1850. Known as the truffle potato. Unusually shaped long oval tubers with dark purple skin and purple flesh. Chestnut flavoured. Idea for boiling, chips or salad.

SALAD

Annabelle AGM (1.5kg net)

An early maturing salad variety with a good yield of attractive, smallish oval, yellow tubers. Very fine taste and great to boil, steam and sauté. (2001)

Anya (10 tubers & 1.5kg net)

A modern cross of Desiree and Pink Fir Apple from Scotland bringing the benefits of a lovely nutty flavour and retro knobbly appearance. (1995)

Aura (10 mini tuber pack)

French salad potato. Long, yellow, firm tubers. Excellent flavour. Recommended for boiling. (1950)

Bambino (10 tuber & 1.5kg net, organic)

A superb new salad potato with small round tubers and light cream flesh. Good resistance to blight, scab, gangrene and blackleg. (2007)

Belle De Fontenay (1.5kg net)

An old French variety esteemed for its flavour which further improves on storage. Beautiful pale yellow tubers. (1885)

Charlotte AGM (1.5kg net, organic, 2kg net & 10 tuber pack)



Bred in France for excellent flavour and firm flesh. Terrific texture for salads and larger than other salad varieties for different effect. Good all-round disease resistance. (1981)

International Kidney (2kg net)

The 'Jersey Royal' we all love. The flavour of its firm waxy flesh knows no parallel. Also excellent for boiling and roasting. (1879)

Juliette (1.5kg net)

An early main crop variety from France with good resistance to blight and potato cyst nematode. Its creamy flesh has the waxy texture good for salads. (2000)

Pink Fir Apple AGM (1.5kg net, organic, 2kg net & 10 tuber pack)

Prized for its buttery, waxy texture and 'new potato' flavour, this is one of the oldest varieties still in cultivation. Best boiled in its skin. (1850)

MINI-TUBERS

Mini-tubers are clinically produced to give maximum plant health protection. 100% free of all potato pathogens.

Mini-tuber production commences with laboratory in-vitro micro-propagation of the initial micro-plants grown under stringent quality assurance controls.

Nodal cuttings are taken from the micro-plants, rooted in sterile nutrient jelly, are moved to a screened compost based or hydroponic growing facility.

This new technology provides secure long term storage of heritage varieties and allowing rapid introduction of varieties old and new. This is important at a time when many field grown seed varieties worldwide are under increasing pest and disease pressures.