## RHS AWARD OF GARDEN MERIT

# Potatoes 2011



## The AGM criteria

Intended as a practical guide for the gardener, the AGM is awarded only to plants that are:

- excellent for ordinary use in appropriate conditions
- available in the trade
- of good constitution
- essentially stable in form and colour
- reasonably resistant to pests and diseases

## **AGM hardiness ratings**

Each award includes a hardiness rating, which is an integral part of the AGM, and should be included in any citation of the award:

H1 requires heated glass

- H2 requires unheated glass
- H3 hardy outside in some regions; needs frost-free protection in winter

**H4** hardy throughout British Isles

### AGM material online

For information about RHS trials, go to: www.rhs.org.uk/trials. For a full list of AGM plants, go to: www.rhs.org.uk/AGMplants

### Cultivation

For more information, go to www.rhs.org.uk/growyourown and look under A to Z. For supplier details go to: www.rhs.org.uk/vegseedsuppliers

### **Descriptions**

All descriptions have been drawn up by members of the RHS Fruit, Vegetable and Herb Committee, for the most part after trial.

# POTATO (Solanum tuberosum) Potato (1st early)

- 98 'Accent' (PBR) (H3)
  - a super-tasting "new potato", with pale creamy-yellow waxy flesh. Eelworm and common scab resistance
- 93 'Concorde' (H3)
  - ~ long oval yellow tubers with waxy yellow flesh. Eelworm resistant. Reconfirmed after trial 1998
- 98 'Foremost' (H3)
  - ~ originally 'Suttons Foremost'. Ever popular 'new potato' with slightly waxy, firm, white, good-flavoured flesh that does not discolour or disintegrate on cooking
- 07 'Orla' (PBR) (H3)
  - ~ first early, but can also be used as a second early and maincrop. Good yield of round to oval creamy-white tubers; flesh slightly waxy with good flavour. Popular with organic gardeners
- 98 'Red Duke of York' (H3)
  - ~ oval red sport of 'Duke of York' with moist pale yellow flesh of superb flavour. Excellent roasted but a good all-rounder as tubers bulk up quickly if left to mature as a late Second Early
- 07 '**Riviera**' (PBR) (H3)
  - ~ first early. Heavy yield of round to oval, pale yellow, smoothskinned tubers with shallow eyes. Cream-coloured, waxy flesh has good flavour
- 07 'Vales Emerald' (PBR) (H3)
  - ~ first early. Very good yield of oval, pale yellow, shallow-eyed tubers with cream-coloured flesh
- 07 'Vivaldi' (PBR) (H3)
  - ~ first early; can be left to bulk up as summer baker. Good yield of oval, pale yellow, smooth-skinned tubers with creamy flesh
- 98 'Winston' (PBR) (H3)
  - ~ bulks up quickly to produce large, even-shaped tubers. Creamy moist

flesh of excellent flavour which does not discolour on cooking

#### Potato (2nd early)

#### 98 'British Queen' (H3)

- heavy and uniform crop of whiteskinned and floury-textured tubers of delicious flavour for all cooking purposes
- 98 'Charlotte' (H3)
  - long oval variety producing yellow-skinned and waxy tubers with creamy yellow flesh of firstclass flavour either hot or cold
- 98 'Dark Red Norland' (H3)
  - dark red-skinned oval tubers and pure white flesh. Heavy cropping.
     Good flavour for boiling and roasting
- 98 'Kondor' (PBR) (H3)
  - large pale red-skinned oval tubers with tasty, almost waxy, yellow flesh. Very high yields. Excellent for baking
- 98 'Lady Christl' (PBR) (H3)
  - ~ bulks up very quickly and is almost a First Early. Long oval, shalloweyed, pale yellow-skinned and creamy flesh which remains firm on cooking. Eelworm resistant. Reconfirmed after trial 2007
- 98 'Nadine' (PBR) (H3)
  - ~ exceptionally smooth skin and shallow eyes. Cream flesh with a moist, waxy texture that does not discolour on cooking. Heavy uniform yields. An exhibitor's favourite
- 07 'Pixie' (PBR) (H3)
  - ~ second early, but also produces very good crop when lifted early. Attractive oval tubers with smooth white skins and decorative pink eyes. Good for exhibition
- 93 'Stroma' (PBR) (H3)
  - long oval orange red-skinned tubers with firm yellow waxy flesh with a mild flavour; can be left as an early maincrop

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# Potatoes 2011 (cont.)



#### Potato (early maincrop)

- 93 'Avalanche' (PBR) (H3)
  - ~ 'Maris Piper' as a parent gives guaranteed yields and flavour. Creamy, quite floury flesh for mash, chips and baking
- 93 'Maxine' (PBR) (H3)
  - ~ large, smooth, pale redskinned tubers with white waxy flesh. Uniform tubers so also recommended for exhibitors. Eelworm resistant. Reconfirmed after trial 1998
- 93 'Navan' (PBR) (H3)
  - heavy crop of oval, white-skinned and creamy white-fleshed tubers.
     Ideal for chips and roasting.
     Eelworm resistant
- 93 'Picasso' (PBR) (H3)
  - ~ one of the heaviest croppers with creamy skin and striking bright red eyes. Waxy fine-flavoured flesh, particularly when boiled. Eelworm resistant and good resistance to common scab. Reconfirmed after trial 1998
- 98 **'Roseval'** (H3)
  - early main crop. High yield, uniform, oval tubers, attractive vivid carmine skin. Retains much

of its skin colour when cooked, contrasting well with the yellow, waxy flesh; of superb flavour as a salad, hot or cold. Reconfirmed after trial 2003

#### Potato (salad)

- 03 'Amandine' (PBR) (H3)
  - ~ first early. High yield, uniform, oval tubers, shallow eyes, pale yellow, waxy flesh
- 03 'Annabelle' (PBR) (H3)
  - ~ first early. High yield, oval tubers, shallow eyes, waxy, yellow flesh. Reconfirmed after trial 2007
- 98 'Charlotte' (H3)
  - long oval variety producing yellow-skinned and waxy tubers with creamy yellow flesh of firstclass flavour either hot or cold
- 03 'Cherie' (PBR) (H3)
  - good yield; pink-skinned, oval tubers. Pale yellow, waxy flesh, good flavour. Reconfirmed after trial 2007
- 03 'Mimi' (PBR) (H3)
  - maincrop. Small, round, uniform, high-quality tubers; attractive pink skin. Low yielding; suitable for pot culture. Reconfirmed after trial 2007

### 03 'Pink Fir Apple' (H3)

- ~ late main crop (22 weeks from planting). Very vigorous plants, elongated, knobbly tubers; good flavour
- 03 'Princess' (PBR) (H3)
  - ~ first early. High yields; oval tubers, cream-coloured, floury flesh and good flavour
- 03 'Ratte' (H3)
  - ~ early main crop. Oval tubers, waxy, cream flesh; good flavour
- 98 'Roseval' (H3)
  - ~ early main crop. High yield, uniform, oval tubers, attractive vivid carmine skin. Retains much of its skin colour when cooked, contrasting well with the yellow, waxy flesh; of superb flavour as a salad, hot or cold. Reconfirmed after trial 2003
- 03 'Shelley' (H3)
  - ~ second early. Uniform, oval tubers, shallow eyes, white flesh