

Potato Varieties – Information Sheet

Caledonian Pearl

A popular first/second early variety known for producing high yields of smooth, yellow-skinned tubers with creamy flesh and waxy texture. They have a delicious, delicate flavour and hold their shape well when cooked

- Exceptional for summer potato salads
- Boiling, steaming and light roasting
- Strong natural resilience – resistant to powdery scab, potato virus and bruising

Casablanca

Fast-growing first early known for smooth skin, high yields and versatility. Ready in as little as 62 days after planting

- Mild, and pleasant flavour – good for boiling, steaming, chipping or light baking. Slightly more fluffy compared to specialised heritage varieties. Avoid over-boiling.
- Good disease hardiness – good natural resistance to common scab, powdery mildew and blackleg

Foremost

Classic British first early. Short oval tubers with white skin, waxy white flesh and a rich flavour that does not disintegrate on boiling (RHS)

- Boiling, steaming, salads
- Good resistance to common scab

International Kidney

Heritage potato (Jersey Royal when grown on Jersey). Kidney shape, white skin and flesh, and a rich, buttery flavour with a smooth waxy texture. Does not like to get too dry when growing

- First or second early
- Firm and waxy when harvested young, holding shape without turning soapy
- Poor overall disease resistance – susceptible to late blight, potato virus X. Advice is to grow early to avoid disease window. Thin skinned

Maris Bard

Heavy cropping, drought-resistant potato that produces delicious white skinned and white fleshed tubers.

- Semi-dry flesh makes it ideal for frying, baking, mashing or boiling as a salad potato
- Good resistance to scabbing and fair resistance to blight

Rocket

High-volume consistent crop yields, excellent for small spaces

- Boiled or steamed, good for a salad potato – maybe slightly bland compared to second early varieties
- Soft waxy texture right after lifting
- Good resistance to golden eelworm, blackleg, and common scab. If left in ground too long can crack and be susceptible to blight if grown late in season

Second Earlies

Charlotte

High yielding with a long oval shape, buttery flavour and firm waxy yellow flesh (RHS)

- Boiled, steamed, warm / cold salad potato
- Strong natural resistance to common scab and potato blight

Kestrel

High yielding with creamy white flesh and skin splashed with purple blotches.

- All-rounder in the kitchen. Retains flavour and does not absorb excessive oil when fried
- Excellent resistance to common potato ailments including eelworm, common scab, slugs, blackleg and bruising

Maris Peer

Small, uniform baby-sized tubers with light skin and creamy firm flesh

- Hold their shape when cooked good for boiling, steaming and roasting to serve whole
- Good resistance to common issues like scab, splitting and bruising

Nadine

High Yields of uniform, round-to-oval tubers with smooth white skin, very shallow eyes and creamy white flesh (RHS)

- Firm, moist and waxy with a mild, slightly sweet flavour
- Versatile uses – boiling, steaming and baking, even mashing and roasting
- Good resistance to common scab, golden potato cyst nematode and bruising
- Reliable heavy cropper

Nicola

Waxy with smooth, light yellow skin, shallow eyes, firm pale yellow flesh with a rich buttery flavour

- Holds its shape well. Versatile in the kitchen
- Reliable disease resistance to common scab, eelworm, leaf-roll virus although it is susceptible to blight

Main Crop

Desiree

A versatile, strong flavoured potato with a distinctive smooth, light-red skin and pale yellow flesh.

- Holds shape well when cooked, waxy and firm – good for roasting, mashing and chipping and putting in hot-pots and stews
- High tolerance to drought, good resistance to Virus Y and powdery scab although susceptible to common scab and eelworm

King Edward

Famous late cropping heritage variety with a creamy white skin and distinctive pink splashes.

- A light floury texture and exceptional flavour makes it good for **roasting**, baking and mashing. Fluffy texture
- Good resistance to common scab, powdery scab and slugs

Maris Piper

Popular it features golden-to-yellow skin, creamy white flesh and a floury texture excellent for roasting and chipping. Excellent long term storage capabilities

- Excellent for chipping – crisp outside and fluffy interior. Similar for roasting, and smooth white fluffy mash and baked potatoes
- Strong resistance to eelworm

Picasso

High yielding variety producing large uniform tubers with pale skin and distinct pink eyes. (RHS)

- Great flavour, often producing large heavy 'baker' sized potatoes. Waxy yet versatile when boiled, mashed, chipped or baked
- Excellent resistance to common scab, potato blight and good drought tolerance. Possible minor slug damage
- Outstanding long-term storage capabilities

Pink Fir Apple

A classic heritage late main crop salad potato. Famous for long, thin, knobbly shape, light pink skin and pale yellow waxy flesh that offers a rich, distinctive and nutty flavour

- Best cooked unpeeled, firm and waxy; earthy, nutty and rich flavour. Boiled, steamed served hot or cold in salads
- Stores well
- Low resistance to late blight and eelworm. Good resistance to wart disease and common scab

Setanta

Irish bred red skinned main crop derived from the Rooster potato. Dry fluffy, floury texture with yellow to cream flesh. High yielding

- Uniform, oval, medium sized tubers with smooth red skin and shallow eyes. Exceptional for roasting, mashing, chipping and baking jacket potatoes
- Exceptional blight resistance, drought tolerance. Also strong resistance to common scab, slugs and bruising
- Stores well over winter