

Descriptions of Seed Potatoes 2013

FIRST EARLIES

BEST EATEN SOON AFTER HARVESTING WITH THIN SKINS

Arran Pilot

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

Duke of York

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.

Foremost AGM

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

Home Guard

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.

Maris Bard

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.

Pentland Javelin

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.

Red Duke of York AGM

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.

Rocket

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

Vales Emerald

Each root will yield a high number of round to oval, white skinned, firm, cream fleshed, great tasting tubers

SECOND EARLIES

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

Kestrel

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.

Marfona

A high yielding variety. Smooth oval tubers, waxy with pale beige/yellow skins and flesh, and a slightly sharp flavour, best for baking boiling and chipping.

Nicola

This variety has a firm cooked texture. It has a long oval shape, yellow skin and light yellow flesh.

MAIN CROP

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

Cara

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

Desiree

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

King Edward

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.

Maris Piper

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

Romano

Romano is a modern version of Desiree with a strong red skin. The flesh is white and is a good all-rounder being good for boiling, baking, roasting, chipping and salad. It has good disease resistance and slug resistant.

SALAD

Charlotte AGM

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.

Pink Fir Apple AGM

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.