

SEED POTATOES 2022

All varieties are organic Scottish seed, certified disease free and sold loose at £1.80/kg. When planning how many tubers you'll need think in numbers rather than weight, although large ones can be cut in half before planting. Measure the length of your rows in feet and allow a tuber a foot for earlies and about 15 inches for maincrop. Keep in open trays in a cool, light space so the tubers grow robust, healthy shoots. If you plant in April you might need to protect the foliage from frosts and cold ground can hamper growth. Waiting until warmer weather in May can be worthwhile. Even June plantings can be successful if you're running late. Water very well two or three weeks before you plan to start harvesting; the plants will be of good size and ready to concentrate on bulking up the tubers.

EARLIES (for harvesting in June and July)

- Colleen. Popular Irish variety with a fine waxy texture.
- Maris Bard. Good flavour and a waxy texture that is very resistant to disintegration when boiled; Widely grown locally and one of our best sellers in the shop.
- Vitabella. A new disease resistant variety. Reportedly very tasty too.

SECOND EARLY AND SALAD VARIETIES (for late July and August)

- Charlotte. Our best selling seed potato. Excellent waxy textured yellow flesh when eaten early in the season, though it will become more floury if left to mature. Really tasty and will keep quite well into winter.
- Orla. Useful variety that can be dug as an early but bulks up well to produce good size bakers in August. Uniform, smooth and waxy. Good disease resistance.

MAINCROP (for late August onwards)

- Arran Victory. Our favourite Christmas variety. Tricky to boil but has a very tasty, white floury flesh for superb roasties, chips and mash. Beautiful purple skin.
- Cara. Popular and attractive white variety with pink 'eyes'. Mild flavour but versatile in the kitchen but a particularly good baker.
- Sunset. This is a replacement for the popular red Desiree. It is more resistant to scab and other diseases. We gave it a try at Sheffield Organic Growers last year and it did well. It has good flavour and a fine, firm texture. Good sliced in gratins and on pies.
- Setanta. Very tasty, floury red. Superb roaster. Related to the excellent 'Rooster'. Disease resistant, productive and an outstanding performer at the Sheffield Organic Growers site.
- Sarpo Mira. (pronounced sharpo) Super disease resistant and productive red from Hungary. Floury, so good for mashing, roasting and fluffy bakers but can be tricky to boil.
- Sante. An old favourite of organic growers. Very tasty, slightly floury. Excellent all rounder.

*** Don't forget we stock a wide range of vegetable seeds from 'Tamar Organics' and 'Seeds of Italy', and potting compost made with 'reclaimed' peat removed from waterways and treatment plants. Tomato, courgette and other vegetable plants will be available in April and May.