

TUI SEED POTATO VARIETIES

Tui Certified Seed Potatoes are available in a wide range of varieties, and are certified to ensure they are true to type and will grow a healthy crop.

VARIETY	TUBER/SKIN	FLESH	COOKING	DAYS TO HARVEST
Rocket Fastest producing of early varieties and provides a good yield. Great for growing in containers.	Round, white	White, waxy	Good boiling potato with waxy texture.	Very early crop, approx 90 days
Swift Fast growing with exceptional taste. Great for growing in containers.	Oval, white	Creamy yellow, waxy	Will not discolour or disintegrate on steaming.	Very early crop, approx 90 days
Cliff Kidney Performs best in soils that contain peat. An excellent, firm potato for early cropping. Great for growing in containers.	Kidney, slight pink tinge	White, firm, waxy	Best for boiling.	Early crop, approx 100 days
Jersey Benne A medium cropper that can be grown in most soils. Great for growing in containers.	Oval, white	White, waxy	One of the most popular varieties for mashing or boiling.	Early crop, approx 100 days
Maris Anchor Yields well in most soil types but likes shelter. Great for growing in containers.	Oval, white	White, waxy	Keeps well with excellent all purpose cooking qualities.	Early-main crop, approx 110 days
Ilam Hardy Very adaptable and will give a good yield over a wide variety of conditions. Light blight resistance. Great for growing in containers.	Oval to round, white	White, waxy	Excellent cooking qualities – in particular boiling and frying.	Early-main crop, approx 130 days
Agria Great for growing in containers. High yielder.	Long oval, cream	Yellow	Excellent cooking qualities – in particular boiling. Stores well.	Main crop, approx 130 days
Heather Reliable, steady cropper.	Long oval, purple	White	Excellent cooking qualities – in particular boiling, mashing and roasting.	Main crop, approx 130 days
Purple Passion Moderate resistance to blight and powdery scab.	Oval, purple	Cream	Excellent cooking qualities – in particular French fries and boiling.	Early-main crop, approx 140 days
Desiree Likes reasonably fertile soils.	Oval, pink/red	Creamy yellow	Excellent all purpose cooking qualities.	Main crop, approx 140 days
Sebago Good yielder that will grow in most soils.	Oval, yellow	White	A good potato for boiling, potato salad and when mature makes a good French fries.	Early-main crop, approx. 140 days
Nadine Requires adequate soil moisture at all times.	Round, white	White waxy	Excellent cooking qualities – in particular boiling.	Main crop, approx 140 days
Red Rascal Reliable, steady crop. Resistant to late blight and powdery scab. Suitable to be grown organically.	Oval, crimson	White	Excellent all purpose cooking qualities.	Main crop, approx 150 days
Summer Delight Will grow well throughout New Zealand in most soils. High resistance to bruising damage and soft rot. High yielder.	Round to oval, yellow	Creamy yellow	Excellent cooking qualities for all end uses except frying.	Main crop, approx 150 days
Summer Beauty NEW Cross between Summer Delight and multi-purpose Coliban. Disease resistant. Produces extremely high yields.	Oval-round shape, white	White	Excellent flavour and cooking qualities, in particular boiling, mashing and roasting.	Main crop, approx 150 days
Moonlight Excellent drought and wind tolerance. Very high yielder.	Oval, white	White	Excellent cooking qualities – in particular boiling and frying.	Main crop, approx 160 days
Rua Will adapt and produce heavily in most soil types.	Round to oval, white	White	Excellent cooking qualities – in particular roasting and boiling. Keeps well.	Main crop, approx 160 days



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The humble potato is a staple on many dinner tables around New Zealand. Roasted, boiled, mashed or in a salad – no matter how you serve yours, they will always taste better dug out of your own garden. Plant Tui Certified Seed Potatoes in garden beds or containers, and harvest a bumper crop of homegrown potatoes this season.

Shopping list: Tui Certified Seed Potatoes, Tui Vegetable Mix, Tui Potato Food, Tui NovaTec Premium fertiliser if planting in pots and containers.

PREPARE

If you are starting with an existing garden bed dig in organic matter like sheep pellets and **Tui Compost** to your soil. Then add a layer of **Tui Vegetable Mix**. If planting in pots and containers use **Tui Vegetable Mix**.



PLANT

Grow your potatoes from **Tui Certified Seed Potatoes** – these are certified to ensure they are true to type, and will grow a healthy crop. Buy your seed potatoes at least a month before planting, to enable them to sprout. See our table on the reverse to select a variety that suits your tastes/how long you want to wait for harvest. Remove seed potatoes from the bag and place in trays in a dry, airy spot away from direct sunlight, until sprouts are approximately 20–40mm long.

Directions for planting in garden beds:

- Do not plant potatoes in the same place each year, and avoid planting them where tomatoes have been planted the previous season, to reduce the risk of spreading disease.
- Make long furrows in the soil approximately 300mm apart for smaller varieties and 400mm apart for main crop and larger varieties.
- Place seed potatoes approximately 250mm apart in the furrows.
- Cover with up to 50mm of soil.
- Continue mounding your potatoes as shoots grow, until they are approximately 300mm tall. This protects them from wind and frost, prevents light reaching tubers and turning them green, and encourages tuber development.

Directions for planting in containers or grow bags:

- Make sure there are plenty of drainage holes in your container.
- Place seed potatoes in **Tui Vegetable Mix** near the bottom of the container.
- As the sprouts grow, keep adding mix until it is up to the brim of the container.

NOURISH

Feed your potatoes and they will feed you. Replenishing nutrients used by your potatoes ensures they will grow to their full potential. Potatoes are gross feeders. Feed those planted in garden beds with a specialty fertiliser like **Tui Potato Food**, which contains high levels of phosphorus and potassium to promote healthy tuber production and plant growth. If planting in pots and containers use an all purpose variety, such as **Tui NovaTec Premium** fertiliser. Well watered, well nourished potatoes will have a better chance of keeping insect pests and diseases at bay.

Tui Tips:

- Carefully hoe around sprouts to keep your crop weed free.
- When watering, water the soil, not the foliage, to avoid blight.

Harvesting and Storage

Early varieties are ready to harvest when the flowers are fully opened, approximately three months after planting, (except for Nadine, Rocket and Swift which may have few or no flowers on them). Main and late cropping varieties are ready when the foliage dies off. If you can easily rub off the potato's skin with your thumb, the variety of potato is not good for storing, so eat these first. Earlier varieties are generally unsuitable for storing. As soon as potatoes have been dug, dry thoroughly and store in a cool, dark, well ventilated position. Carefully stored potatoes should last for up to six months.

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