

FIRST EARLY POTATOES

VARIETY	Organic	Crop type	Description	Blight resistance	Scab resistance	Eel worm resistance	Soil/storage	Eating	Attributes	Similar varieties
ARRAN PILOT		FE	A popular garden variety, with good yields of firm waxy tubers. Trials have found good resistance to common scab.	Low	High		Good yields	Has a pleasing flavour	Firm, white fleshed, waxy tubers	Home Guard
BIM VITANOIRE		FE	This purple fleshed tuber is so new that it was only named Vitanoire in 2023! Good sized tubers that have a great flavour.	High	High	Moderate		Great flavour, high in Anthocyanin	Purple skin and flesh	
CASABLANCA		FE	Casablanca's clean smooth white skin makes it an exhibitors delight and its cooking ability will make it a chefs dream.	Low	Low	Low	crops can be achieved in 62 days!	chip, bake or boil	1 of 7 best in RHS trials for containers	Orla,
COLLEEN	O	FE	A good multipurpose potato, waxy yet mealy fleshed tubers. Added drought tolerance with overall resistance to disease.	High	Moderate	High	Drought tolerant plants	Boils and fries well	Good yields	Charlotte
DUKE OF YORK		FE	Good old fashioned favourite. Lift early for waxy fleshed tubers, or mature for general purpose. Slightly flowery tubers.	Low	High	Low	Lift late for storing	Legendary flavour, pale yellow flesh	Dig early for waxy, late for general purpose	Maris Bard Red Duke of York
EPICURE		FE	Epicure gives high yields of deep eyed tubers with firm, floury flesh. Its distinctive flavour makes this an old favourite.	Moderate	Low	Low		Distinctive flesh	Best boiled or steamed	
HOME GUARD		FE	Introduced by McGill & Smith of Ayr during WW2. it became a gardeners favourite. An early that is best eaten as an early!	Low	High	Low	Good yields	High levels of dry matter	Best eaten early	
LADY CRYSTL		FE	High yielding with good resistance to disease turning this more recent variety into a customer favourite.	High	High	resistant	High yielding	Firm flesh mild flavour	1 of 7 best in RHS trials for containers	
MARIS BARD	O	FE	Popular, high yielding with long oval tubers. Soft yet waxy flesh and good cooking qualities. Fairly high drought resistance.	Moderate	High	Low	Drought resistant	Best for boiling, baking salad	1 of 7 best in RHS trials for containers	Rocket Swift
PENTLAND JAVELIN		FE	A good flavoured early potato . If left as an early main it matures gracefully for general purpose use.	Low	High	High	Dig for FE leave for tasty EM	Good flavour	Excellent cooking qualities	Winston
RED DUKE OF YORK		FE	Found 1942 in a Dutch crop of Duke of York. A lovely strong flavoured red with moist yellow flesh. Vigorous & spectacular foliage.	Low	High	Low	Middling dry matter so stores ok	Strong flavoured red	Spectacular foliage, moist yellow flesh	Duke of York
ROCKET		FE	High yields uniform sized tubers. Matures very quickly in about 12-14 weeks. One of the best for containers.	Low	Moderate	High	High yielding	Firm mild flavoured good cookers	Good one for containers	Swift Maris Bard
SHARP'S EXPRESS		FE	"This one really is a true classic" <i>Dundry Nurseries</i> . A fine flavoured general purpose potato with cream floury flesh.	Moderate	Moderate	Low		Fine flavour floury, take care boiling	1 of 7 best in RHS trials for containers	Pentland Javlin, Winston
SWIFT		FE	A very fast maturing first early, about 12 - 14 weeks. High yields of uniform firm fleshed tubers. A real kitchen all rounder.	Moderate	High	High	High yields	Good flavour, firm flesh.	Good one for containers	Rocket Maris Bard
WINSTON		FE	Good yields of large smooth skinned tubers, with shallow eyes. One of the earliest bakers.	High	High	High	Good Yields	Early baker.	High drought tolerance	Pentland Javelin

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SECOND EARLY

VARIETY	Organic	Crop type	Description	Blight resistance	Scab resistance	Eel worm resistance	Soil/storage	Eating	Attributes	Similar varieties
BRITISH QUEEN		SE	Over 100 years old and highly prized for its good yields of medium sized tubers. Simmer gently to make the most fluffy mash	Low	Moderate	Low	High yields	Best fried, baked or steamed	Dry, floury and very tasty	
CHARLOTTE	O	SE	High yields of waxy tubers with a mild chestnut flavour	High	Moderate	Moderate	High yields	Waxy salad	Boiler	Nicola, Belle de Fontenay
ESTIMA		SE	Early maturing baker with firm, moist, pale yellow flesh. Mild flavour, excellent cooking qualities. Good for salads and baking.	Moderate	High	Low	Both early and later lifting	Firm cooker for salad and soup	Good drought resistance	Wilja
GEMSON		SE	Recent introduction, bred from Maris Peer. A lovely salad potato with exceptional flavour. One to watch, shows great promise.	Low	High	Low	Produces small tasty potatoes	Salad variety exceptional flavour	Boils well	Maris Peer
JAZZY		SE	A new, exciting variety has a character all of its own. Waxy, firm skin perfect for boiling, steaming and roasting. Next big thing!?	Low	Low	Low		Boiling, steaming and roasting	1 of 7 best in RHS trials for containers	Belle de Fontenay, Gemson
KESTREL		SE	high yields of large blue eyed tubers. Firm flesh and well above average flavour makes this a good all rounder.	Moderate	High	Low	High yields	Well above average flavour	Possibly the highest slug resistance of all	Estima
LILY ROSE		SE	Dutch variety, oval in shape, with bright red skin and flesh. A colourful addition to the dinner table	Low	Low	Low	Stores well	Boiling, frying and steaming	Red skin and red flesh	Jazzy
MARFONA		SE	High yield large waxy tubers with very nice flavour. Good all round cooking qualities, stores very well. Suits a wide range of soil.	Moderate	Moderate	Low	Stores well, suits wide soil range	All-rounder	High Yields	Estima, Wilja
MARIS PEER	O	SE	Good yields of uniform, very firm fleshed small to medium tubers. well flavoured salad boiling potatoes.	Moderate	Moderate	High	Small to medium tubers	Flavoursome salad boilers	Pretty purple flowers	Nicola
ORLA	O	SE	Orla is the most blight resistant first early to date. It's a high yielding oval variety with attractive white tubers that are very tasty.	High	High	Low	High yields	Very tasty	Oval shape cream flesh.	Casablanca
PURPLE RAIN		SE	"This Dutch variety is a must try" <i>Dundry Nurseries</i> . Blue skinned variety with a colourful firm flesh	High	High	Low		Good flavour boiled or steamed	Purple skin colourful firm flesh	
SARPO UNA	O	SE	Only S.E. in the Sarpo breeding programme, has delicate flavour and produces large yields. Use for early salad or leave to bulk up.	High	High	Low	High yields	Salad or, if left, great bakers	Does well in containers	Ratte
SAXON		SE	Has eye appeal, good skin, disease resistant. Great for baking and has wonderful cooked texture. Plant in mild conditions	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	High yields, needs mild conditions	All purpose, nice creamy flavour	Great bakers boilers, doesn't disintegrate	British Queen
WILJA		SE	The good flavour and excellent boiling qualities is what makes this the British gardeners favourite second early variety.	Moderate	High	Low	High yields	Top of the 'list' for bakers	Large tubers	Estima
YUKON GOLD		SE	Large yellow skinned tubers with a rich buttery flavour. The flesh has a slightly mealy texture that remains firm on cooking.	Low	Moderate	Low		Superb baked or fried	Remains firm on cooking. Yellow flesh	Saxon

MAIN CROP POTATOES

VARIETY	Organic	Crop type	Description	Blight resistance	Scab resistance	Eel worm resistance	Soil/storage	Eating	Attributes	Similar varieties
ARRAN VICTORY	O	M	Introduced 1918, the oldest Arran variety available. Very tasty floury tuber with fine texture. Vigorous weed suppressing foliage.	High	Moderate	Low	High yields	Mash, roast, fry, bake, steam	Bluish/purple tubers with white flesh	
BAMBINO	O	M	Terrific late salad variety, good full flavour that produces small to medium sized tubers in profusion	High	High	High	Good yields	Late salad	Cream flesh	Ratte
BELLE DE FONTENAY		M	One of the classic salad potatoes of French cuisine. Pretty yellow, smooth waxy and slightly curved tubers.	Low	High	low	Improves with storage	Waxy salad good eaten hot or cold	Yellow, slightly curved tubers	Bambino
CARA	O	M	Red eyed tough guy for the allotment, high yields and looks good. Vigorous potato suitable for a wide range of culinary uses.	High	High	High	Stores well, high yields	All rounder, particularly good baker	Red-eyed tuber cream flesh	Picasso
CAROLUS	O	M	Combines slightly floury texture with excellent flavour. voted no.1 baker and chipper 2022 good all rounder.	Moderate	High	Low	Does well on heavy soils	Floury texture excellent flavour	Bumper crops	Picasso, Kestrel, Belle
DESIREE		M	Still the worlds most popular red. Vigorous fairly waxy tuber with a strong flavour. On heavy soils is susceptible to potato cyst.	Moderate	Moderate	Low	Withstands drought	Fairly waxy. Strong flavour	Red skin, light yellow flesh. Stores well	Sarpo Mira
GOLDEN WONDER	O	M	A Scottish russet tasty, floury potato. A firm fleshed very dry, floury, tasty potato particularly if stored until after New Year.	High	High	Low	Taste improves in storage	Dry, floury and tasty	Large long oval tubers	Setanta, King Edward
KERR'S PINK		M	Bred in Banffshire, the potato for Burns Night. A tall robust plant which crops well in a long season. Produces fine grained floury tubers.	High	Moderate	Low	Good storage ability	Floury texture Take care when boiling	Dense weed suppressing foliage	Golden Wonder
KING EDWARD		M	Northumberland 1902 it appeared as Felside Hero but got linked to The Coronation. The best roaster ever!?	Low	High	Low	High yielding, stores well	Roaster with excellent flavour	Wide range of uses in the kitchen	Golden Wonder, Kerrs Pink, Setanta
NICOLA		M	High yield, oval to long tubers waxy excellent buttery flavour. Plant mid summer (Aug in greenhouse) for Christmas.	Moderate	High	High	Early salad, leave for all purpose	Excellent boiling quality	Deep yellow flesh	Maris Peer
PICASSO		M	Popular tuber for Allotment holders. Very high yields of medium to large white skinned firm textured tubers with pretty red eyes.	Moderate	High	High	High yielding	Firm texture, great mashed	Stores very well	Cara
PINK FIR APPLE		M	Now well known, but for years it was kept going by UK enthusiasts because of its fine flavour. Spreading foliage. Unusual tubers	Low	High	Low	Tubers push out of soil so earth-up well	Waxy, good boiler	Good keeper, knobbly finger shapen tubers	Ratte
RATTE		M	French cuisine classic cooks like Pink Fir Apple but earlier in the season and has fewer knobbly bits and shorter foliage.	Low	Low	Low		Nutty flavour mashed or with salad	Stores well	Pink Fir Apple
SARPO AXONA	O	a	The new Sarpo varieties have been raised as the ultimate blight fighters. Tubers seem to be free from slug damage.	High	Moderate	Low		Baker, boiler, roast and chipper	Wet years: some blight on leaf no transfer to tuber	Sarpo Mira
SARPO MIRA	O	M	Heralded as the ultimate Blight resistant variety. Tends to produce some very large tubers	High	Moderate	Moderate	Prolific production	Red skin white flesh	Very leafy habit	Estima, Sarpo Axona
SETANTA	O	M	Eating quality is excellent an all round culinary use. High resistance to foliage blight, tuber blight, gangrene and dry rot.	High	Moderate	Low	A very high, dry matter potato,	Exceptional roasters	Red skin, yellow flesh	Sunset
SUNSET	O	M	Attractive red skin and bright yellow flesh bred in Northern Ireland it's an all-purpose potato with a firm flesh and good flavour	Moderate	High	High	Firm flesh	Good flavour	Red skin, bright yellow flesh	Setana