

Horkans Irish Potato's info leaflet.

Fact sheet on our Quality Irish grown Certified seed potatoes.

Home Grown Irish Potatoes. Sprout them now for an early crop this Summer.

Gardeners are now interested in growing a smaller quantity of vegetables but more variety covering a longer cropping time from early summer to late winter.

Potatoes can be growing even in the smallest section of soil and are ideal for growing in Potato bags and pots to give you lots of great tasting potatoes which are easy to crop and care for.

Sprout early seed potatoes now indoors in a bright frost free location for planting out next month look for the tried and tested varieties including Home Guard, Duke of York, Colleen, sharp's express, Orla, and those popular second early British queens and records.

Good soil preparation is important, ideally ground where potatoes have not been grown in for several seasons - Add some Westland organic farm yard manure or Organic chicken fertiliser as potatoes are hungry feeders and appreciate plenty of nutrition throughout the season.

Horkys tip: This season grow your potatoes in Grow beds or Potato planters and place on your patio to grow on this spring and summer – Potato's do great in raised planters and pots



Potato Planters



Orla Irish Potatoes



Garden Cloche for potatoes and veg

Horkys tip; Remember to add Westland Organic Chicken manure fertiliser when planting and add sulphate of potash during earthing up which will ensure a nice Floury dry potato

Some of the very best early varieties

FIRST EARLIES

COLLEEN - Resistant to potato tuber blight.

Super Irish Bred variety with excellent flavour and super large crops.

- Tubers are medium to large, short oval. Super flavour for an early variety.
- Creamy yellow skin, light yellow flesh and shallow eyes. – Good cropper
- Medium to high yield of regular tubers.
- **Resistant to tuber blight.**
- Moderately resistant to dry rot, black scurf and common scab.

Suitable for boiling, baking, steaming. It is a firm potato with good skin finish and does not disintegrate on boiling. It is free from after cooking discolouration and enzymic browning. HIGHLY RECOMMENDED Excellent Irish variety bred for our heavy and wet soils. Ready to use in mid July.

Horkys: Special Offer buy 5 bags for € 30

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HOME GUARD: - First Early. WAXY FLESH – Great cropper for west of Ireland conditions.

Excellent first early varieties, round large potatoes are produced in mid July. Super flavour and ideal for use throughout the summer period. Ideal for anyone looking to grow a nice waxy fleshed variety. Tubers are short-oval with yellow-brown skin which develop faint purple on exposure to light. The flesh is creamy-white and the eyes are shallow.

The variety produces a moderately heavy crop and ideal for our west of Ireland conditions. A larger crop is produced on moisture retentive soils. Tubers are medium size and uniform in shape and usually free from secondary growth irregularities.

ORLA – First early Irish variety. Excellent resistance to tuber blight and other diseases

Super Irish bred variety with and excellent large yield and excellent eating qualities.

This is an ideal variety to grow organically because it has excellent Disease resistance

- Tubers are oval to long oval with very bright and attractive creamy white skin.
- Light yellow flesh. Excellent fresh flavour. Real taste of the first early potatoes
- Shallow eyes. – easy to peel
- Tubers are medium to medium large. Ideal to grow in pots or tubs or directly out into drills

Disease resistance:

- Excellent resistance to tuber blight – no need to spray for blight with this variety
- Compact growth making this variety Ideal for planting in open windy gardens. HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

SHARPES EXPRESS:

A well known and respected early variety, super high yields with and excellent flavour. One of the very best early varieties.

Tubers are pear-shaped, tapering markedly towards the heel ends with pale-yellow, shiny skins which develop faint red-purple about the eyes on exposure to light. The flesh is creamy white or pale lemon and the eyes are shallow,

The variety produces a good yield of small to medium-sized tubers with very uniform shape. Tubers store well right throughout the summer / autumn. Established EARLY Variety.

SECOND EARLY VARIETY.

BRITISH QUEEN – Super mid season variety, Excellent flavour.

Tubers oval, slightly irregular, white skin, creamy flesh, shallow eyes. This variety is over 100 years old and is still my NO 1 Potato variety for its fantastic floury flesh, delicious flavour and high cropping.

- It is a late bulking variety with excellent floury flesh – one of the best dry fleshed varieties
- Dry matter very high and eating quality is very good – lovely with a knob of fresh Butter.
- Lovely floury potato with a great, great taste. Horkys favourite floury potato. – A winner
- I recommend you plant this variety for its heavy cropping ability and its fantastic flavour.

RECORDS – Super mid season variety, Excellent flavour.

One of the most popular second early varieties – Great cropper – Lovely cream yellow flesh, excellent cropper and stores well in late summer and Autumn

Lovely eating Quality – highly recommended Round, yellow fleshed and yellow skinned, very dry and mealy after boiling. Good for chips. This variety is used for making potato crisps. Good resistance to powdery scab Uses: Boil/Bake/Roast/Chip. EXCELLENT VARIETY HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

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