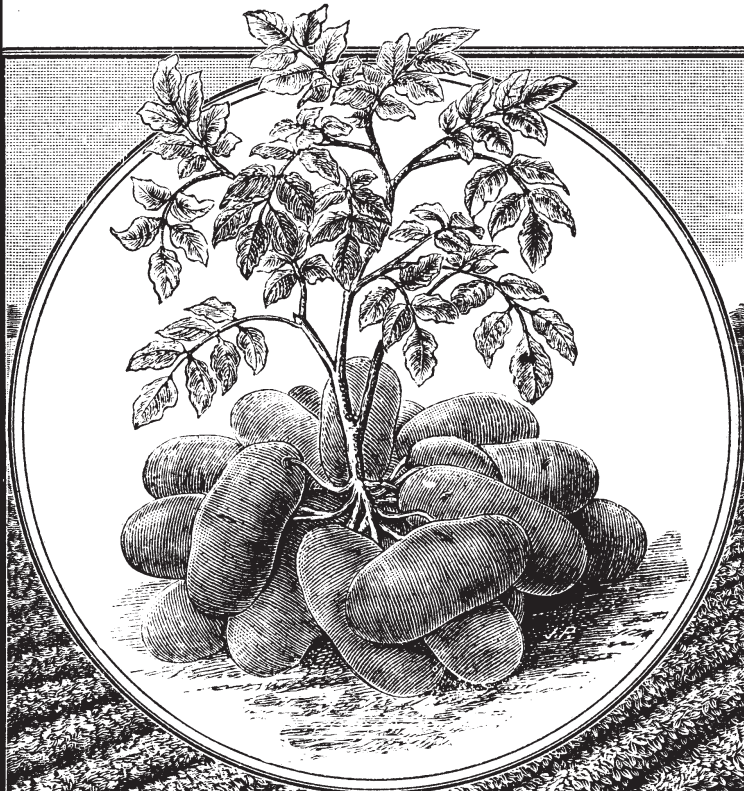
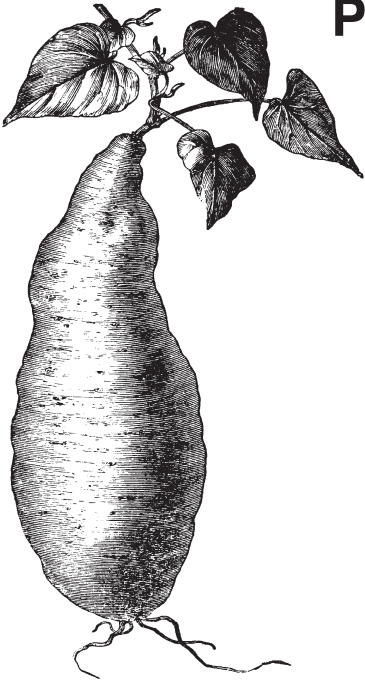


FEDCO SEEDS



Potatoes, Onions & Exotics 2024

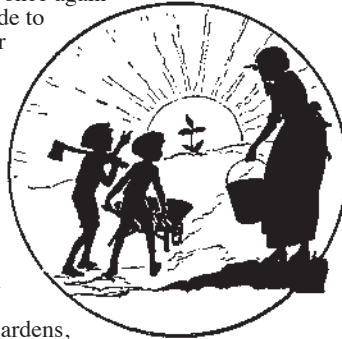
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ORGANIC GROWERS SUPPLY

Welcome to our 2024 Organic Growers Supply catalog!

We are excited to greet everyone once again with open doors and hearts flung wide to the joy and grief and wildness of our gardens and farms. The mighty web that connects Fedco workers and customers alike is the Earth, where we plant and tend our seeds, and which tends and feeds us in return. Despite, by all appearances, a growing chasm of polarity within the democratic experiment, we find our shared values year after year when we dig into the fertile soil that sustains us all.



Even in the sanctuaries of our gardens, we can't escape the heartache and challenges facing our communities. It was a rough spring for us in central Maine; longer, wetter and colder than it's been in more than a decade, followed by an unreasonably hot summer. As we entered autumn, we found ourselves cleaning up after a rare hurricane made landfall. Yet we've been more fortunate than many. Drought and fires have ravaged the boreal forests to our north and west, clouding the sun with smoke for days at a time. A horrific and prolonged deadly heat blanketed the Southwest. Our neighbors in Vermont are still rebuilding after a devastating hundred-year flood. How many gardens, both tended and wild, were burned, drowned or scorched this year? We all share this grief.

Yet gardeners are resourceful. We will save what seeds we can and replant next season. The garden grounds us, replenishes us, and quite literally feeds us. At Organic Growers Supply, we strive to offer sensible affordable supplies and tools that will help growers at all scales to nurture the plants that sustain our families and wider communities.

A few highlights in this year's listing:

- We are thrilled to reintroduce the beloved **Green Mountain potato**, tenderly pulled back from the brink of extinction.
- For folks with smaller plots, we've introduced **half-pound package sizes of onion and shallot sets**.
- Our new **Turbo Seed Starter** is a more sustainable potting mix that's made without peat, thus protecting fragile ecosystems.
- For a bit of fun, we've added a new **Fedco trucker cap**, featuring artwork by our longtime co-worker Sarah Oliver.
- More and more growers are excluding pests with **durable ProtekNet** insect netting, and we've added an even heavier-duty option that boasts a 4-5 year lifespan.
- We've expanded our **pole pruner** line. Keep those fruit trees healthy and shipshape!

Finally, we are especially glad to welcome new leadership to our operation. On behalf of the OGS team and our entire work collective, we welcome aboard Jen Goff, who is already moving us forward as we navigate increasing climatic and economic turbulence. Jen brings years of agricultural product-development experience and business savvy, with just as much garden soil under her fingernails as the rest of us.

Happy planting,
- Noah Dillard, on behalf of OGS



NEW! and BACK! for 2024

Potatoes, Onions & Exotics:

- 7410 Ebenezer onion sets: Far from a humbug!
- 7415 Sweet Globe onion sets: No misnomer with these sugary orbs!
- 7495 White Spanish onion plants: ¡Sí, por favor!
- 7983 Beauregard sweet potato: Serve these sweeties to your beau!
- 7985 O'Henry sweet potato: Don't sell your hair or watch—give the gift of sweets!
- 7987 Covington sweet potato: Stop Covington your neighbor's—grow your own!
- 7990 Vardaman sweet potato: Packed with vardamans and minerals!
- 7252 All Blue Organic midseason potato: Actually purple, but whatever!
- 7890 Green Mountain late potato: Saved from the brink of extinction!

Cover Crops & Supplies:

- 8006 Hulless Barley: There's barley any processing needed to eat it!
- 8143 Glenn Spring Wheat: Wheat a second—a new grain to try?!
- 8270 Kelp Liquid Concentrate: Twice as potent—it oughta keep your plants!
- 8271 Organic High Brix Molasses: Plants have a sweet tooth, too!
- 8319 5G Grow Great Garlic Greener Guaranteed Kit: Join our network to broadcast & download high-fidelity garlic fertility!
- 8362 Rainbow Valley Compost: Expert composting leprechauns were sprung from prism; it was a light sentence!
- 8363 Peat-free Turbo Seed Starter: Switch to eco-friendly soil, for peat's sake!
- 8401 EcoMulch Heavy Duty: Weed barriers don't get mulch better than this!
- 8404 WeedGuard Circles, Heavy Weight: Makes mulching as easy as pi!
- 8712 CannControl: Controls both fungal and insect pests! Cann I get a witness?
- 8812-8814 Mini Wini Seedling Trays: Grow winning seedlings in cute trays!
- 8815 Winstrip 128-cell Tray: We haven't a trays of doubt that you'll love this!
- 8831 Indestructible Bottom Tray: These trays destroy the competition!
- 8861 Easy-Drape Rip-Stop Bird Netting: Netting can stop this plant protection!
- 8874 ProtekNet 47g: A net gain for lasting pest exclusion!
- 8887 Mutineer Adapter Head and Handle: Join the hoe rebellion! Or hoedown?
- 8888 Set of 4 Wire Weeder Heads: Wire limit yourself to just one head?
- 8889 Set of 2 Collinear Hoe Heads: If you like one-liners, here are two!
- 8890 Large Torsion Weeder Head: So effective at weeding, you'll do The Twist!
- 8927 Planting Auger: We drilled down on augers, and hit paydirt with this one!
- 9050 Cut & Hold Pruner: Moth definitely your best bet for Brown-tail removal!
- 9051 Fiskars Power Pole Pruner: We poled pros—they cut straight to this one!
- 9057 Saw Blade for Fiskars Pole Pruner: See what we saw and decided to carry!
- 9201 RainSelect Wand: Wave this magic wand and watch your garden flourish!
- 9208 Fogg-It Nozzle: To fine-tune your watering, this head is not to be mist!
- 9305 36" Tall Tree ID Plates: Solve the perennial problem of plant ID!
- 9360 Airlock Fermentation Kit: Go bacteria roots and ferment more food!
- 9394 The Bamboo Gardener Rubber Palm Gloves: These gloves never tire!
- 9396 The Bamboo Gardener Nitrile Palm Gloves: Great fiber for gloves!
- 9404 Organic Fedco Caps: It's finally cotton through that folks want OG wear!
- 9405 Fedco Trucker Cap: We were driven to offer a new style!

Books:

- 9461 *Fedco Coloring Book* by the Fedco catalog crew
- 9490 *The Beginner's Guide To Growing Cannabis* by Tammi Sweet
- 9500 *A Beginner's Guide To Recognizing Trees Of The Northeast* by Mark Mikolas
- 9507 *Black Earth Wisdom* by Leah Penniman
- 9542 *The Ecological Farm* by Helen Atthowe
- 9557 *Farmers Of Forty Centuries* by F.H. King
- 9580 *A Gardener's Guide To Botany* by Scott Zona
- 9611 *Growing Plant Medicine, Volume One* by Richo Cech
- 9645 *Lawns Into Meadows* by Owen Wormser
- 9648 *The Lean Micro-Farm* by Ben Hartman
- 9665 *Miso, Tempeh, Natto & Other Tasty Ferments* by Kirsten and Christopher Shockey
- 9727 *Raising Resilient Bees* by Eric and Joy McEwen
- 9743 *Sam Thayer's Field Guide To Edible Wild Plants* by Samuel Thayer
- 9762 *The Small-Scale Poultry Flock*, revised edition, by Harvey Ussery
- 9814 *What We Sow* by Jennifer Jewell



GROWERS SUPPLY

Supplier Codes Know where your seed comes from! This unique Fedco feature provides information about the source(s) of each seed variety. For more info about supplier codes, see page 4.

- ① Small seed farmers including Fedco staff.
- ② Family-owned companies or cooperatives, domestic and foreign.
- ③-⑤ None of our potatoes or farm seed comes from larger corporations!

Indigenous Royalties We pay royalties for products that bear Native American names. These royalties will go to Nibezun, a project of the Wabanaki community here in Maine. (See page 4.) This program is one small way to raise awareness of the agricultural traditions that predate European colonization of this continent and to support the descendants of those communities today.

So Many Ways to Save on Potatoes and Supplies!

Fedco is a big believer in the powers of planning and cooperation to save our customers money, and we offer many opportunities to do so:

Bulk Pricing - Most commercial customers and larger group orders can easily qualify for our bulk pricing program, which kicks in for Organic Grower Supply and Potato orders with a retail value of \$1200+. Bulk pricing offers discounts of 20-30% off retail. Call or write for a bulk price list.

Rolling Discounts - We love our repeat customers! If you have ordered at least \$1200 in products from Organic Growers Supply in the previous 12-month period, you will receive bulk pricing on your OGS order. (Does not apply to potato orders.) Questions: ogs@fedcoseeds.com

Early Bird Discount - Our crew gets bored sometimes in December, so we offer an extra 5% off Growers Supply orders placed before December 31 and delivered or picked up by January 13. (Does not apply to orders receiving bulk pricing.)

Group Ordering - Team up with your friends and neighbors to get bulk pricing! Group orders can also share a pallet to reduce shipping costs. We make it easy and painless. For instructions, please visit fedcoseeds.com/ogs/groups.htm.

Truck Shipping - For orders that weigh more than a few hundred pounds, shipping on a pallet instead of in a box can be very economical. See page 174 for more info.

Depot Shipping - We have farms and storefronts throughout the Northeast lined up to accept pallet shipments of Growers Supply goods and seed potatoes so our customers can pick up their orders close to home at shipping costs up to 80% lower than FedEx rates. See page 174.

Special Ordering - Many of our soil amendments are available in bulk totes or full truckloads. We can also offer very reasonable prices on items special-ordered from our suppliers if we have enough lead time and don't need to warehouse the items for you. Contact us at ogs@fedcoseeds.com



Why did our 50 lb size shrink to 45 lb? We're not cheapskates—we're saving you money!

Last year we noticed FedEx was charging us thousands of dollars in handling fees for all our packages weighing 50 lb or more. To avoid these fees and to keep our prices as low as possible, we've reduced our largest bag/box size to 45 lb for any potatoes and amendments we repack.



ORGANIC CERTIFICATION

We are a MOFGA-certified organic repacker and handler of seed and feed. Organically produced items (with **Organic** in the name) are certified by USDA-approved agencies. We have on file each grower's certificate; our products are labeled and handled in ways to ensure their integrity. The receipt with your order has our certification number and is your certificate that what you purchased is organic. Please keep it for your records.

Conventionally grown seed is either untreated or coated with OMRI-listed coatings and inoculants. Certified-organic growers may be able to use such seed: consult with your certifier.

We sometimes have short crops or failed lots. We do occasionally substitute conventional varieties unless you note otherwise. Please see our substitution policy (at right).

Agricultural inputs used on a certified-organic farm must be listed in your Organic System Plan and approved by your certifier. This does not necessarily mean that the inputs themselves are certified organic. We label the inputs we carry as follows:

OMRI: Listed by the Organic Materials Review Institute. Certificate available upon request, or on our website.

MOFGA: Reviewed and allowed by the Maine Organic Farmers & Gardeners Association Certification Services.

WSDA: Listed by the Washington State Department of Agriculture's Organic Certification division.

Nat'l List: One-ingredient products on the NOP List of Allowed Substances.

AYC: Ask your certifier. Has not been reviewed by a certifier, but the active ingredient is allowed.

Not Allowed: Has a place in sensible agriculture; may be used when certification is not an issue.

This information is correct to the best of our knowledge at press time. We cannot be responsible for errors or changes; changes are posted to our website as we become aware of them. In order to be certain that a product is allowed, check with your certifier.



POTATOES, ONIONS & EXOTICS SPRING PLANTING STOCK

The items on pages 116-122 ship in spring only.

Product availability is updated regularly at fedcoseeds.com. You'll find more ordering info on page 168. For mail orders, use the form on page 171.



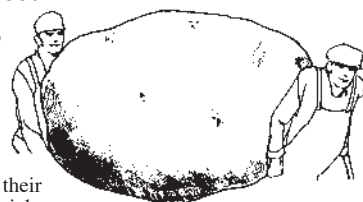
- **Ginger and Turmeric** ship in late February.
- **Potatoes and onion/shallot sets** ship in April and May.
- **Onion plants and sweet potato slips** are shipped based on your location, subject to our suppliers' field conditions; see next page.

Ordering Deadlines for Potatoes, Onions & Exotics

February 23	For ginger and turmeric.
March 8	For best availability of potatoes, and early April shipping to warm states.
late spring	Ordering closes when we sell out. <i>Don't delay!</i>

What is Certified Potato Seed?

All certified seed potatoes start as disease-free clones and are sold to seed growers as mini-tubers. In Maine, seed potato growers are allowed to replant for four years before they need to start again with disease-free stock. Each year during the growing season, farmers seeking certification have their fields inspected for viral and bacterial diseases. After harvest the farmers must submit a sample of each variety for disease testing at the Maine Potato Testing Lab. To be labeled and sold as certified potato seed, lots need to be 100% free of certain pathogens and at least 95% free of others. **We sell only certified potato seed.**



We also offer many varieties that are **certified organic**. Their growers have met both the standards of potato seed certification and the standards of organic production.

None of our varieties are genetically engineered. See page 113 for Fedco's policy on GMOs.

Substitutions

Potatoes are subject to crop limitations, and we will run out of some varieties. Most people prefer getting potatoes to getting a refund, so we offer a **substitution policy** for those willing to be flexible. However, we cannot offer substitutes in all cases. We ship more than 9000 potato orders in a period of four weeks with a small staff. We regret that in most cases we CANNOT contact individual customers about out-of-stock varieties in advance, nor can we offer any guarantee that we will process custom substitution requests. *Please do not ask us to do so.*

Substitution Policy

If you indicate that you will accept substitutions, we'll follow this protocol:

For conventionally grown varieties -

- We will substitute a variety of similar color and season.

For organically grown varieties -

- We will substitute conventional stock of the same variety and refund the price difference.

• If that's not available, we will substitute certified organic stock of a similar variety.

A few unusual varieties have no substitutes, as noted in their descriptions.

If we cannot fill your order for these items, you will receive a refund instead of a substitute.



ONION & SHALLOT SETS

ONION SETS

Approx. 100–130 onion sets per pound.

Stuttgarter Onion Sets OP. Long day. These small- to medium-sized semi-flat firm **yellow** onions will store until June if cured properly. Try them in creamy onion dip, or sliced on carne asada, or our favorite: cornmeal and beer-battered onion rings. ②

- 7400** A: 0.5# (0#) for \$5.00
 B: 2# for \$14.00
 C: 10# for \$25.00
 E: 32# for \$49.00

Red Baron Onion Sets OP. Long day. Nothing compares to a grilled BLT with some of these sweet **red** onions, thinly sliced and topped with the juiciest pink Brandywine, crunchiest leaf lettuce and a thick slab of fried pork belly. Red Baron yields bulbs in the 3" range that store decently and show off a stunning maroon skin. We love this fresh-eating onion for sandwiches and salads. ②

- 7405** A: 0.5# (0#) for \$5.00
 B: 2# for \$14.00
 C: 10# for \$25.00
 E: 32# for \$49.00



Sets ship along with potatoes in April.

Ebenezer White Onion Sets OP. Long day. Bright crystal **white** orbs with delicate papery skin. Plant close for small bunching onions, or give them room to size up into uniform round slicers. Very sweet, great for fresh eating. They don't store long, so use them up in guacamole, on burgers and in salads. ② **BACK!**

- 7410** A: 0.5# (0#) for \$5.00
 C: 10# for \$25.00
 B: 2# for \$14.00
 E: 32# for \$49.00

Sweet Globe Onion Sets F-1 hybrid. Long day. The absolute best for caramelizing, and mild enough for fresh eating. Large to jumbo **yellow** globes have delicate skins and tight necks for quick curing, though they don't store long. ② **NEW!**

- 7415** A: 0.5# (0#) for \$5.00
 C: 10# for \$25.00
 B: 2# for \$14.00
 E: 32# for \$49.00

SHALLOT SETS

Approx. 80–100 shallot sets per pound.

Monique Shallot Sets F-1 hybrid. Long-day single-headed shallots are shaped like pointy holiday lights. Pink skins fade to bronze as they cure. All the sweet flavor and fragrance of more traditional shallots. They store well through winter—the single bulb doesn't harbor pockets of moisture that can sometimes cause storage issues with multi-headed bunching shallots. ②

- 7425** A: 0.5# (0#) for \$12.50
 C: 10# for \$120.00
 B: 2# for \$35.00
 E: 32# for \$212.50

Nero Shallot Sets F-1 hybrid. Long-day traditional bunching shallot. Copper skin covering teardrop-shaped bulbs with sweet fragrant melting shallot goodness. ②

- 7430** A: 0.5# (0#) for \$12.50
 B: 2# for \$35.00
 C: 10# for \$120.00
 E: 32# for \$212.50



Roderique Shallot Sets OP. Long-day traditional French *échalion* or banana-shaped shallot. A standout variety for connoisseurs and prized for French cuisine. Tall narrow uniform copper-skinned bulbs are white-fleshed and quick to peel with a single slice up the side. Like most shallots, they will keep longer than other alliums in the pantry, and you'll be giving your meals a gourmet flavor all winter, spring and summer. ②

- 7440** A: 0.5# (0#) for \$12.50
 C: 10# for \$120.00
 B: 2# for \$35.00
 E: 32# for \$212.50

Growing Onions and Shallots - *Allium cepa*

Onions and shallots are day-length sensitive—to produce large bulbs, plant in spring as soon as soil is workable. Most of our sets and plants are long-day varieties, suitable for northern growers. Shallow rooted, onions require rich weed-free soil and consistent water. All other factors being equal, alliums grown from seedlings will grow bigger and resist disease better than those grown from sets.

Plant 3" apart in rows 1' apart and thin to 6" as they grow. (If you don't want to thin, plant them 4–6" apart.) Mulch when they are 1' tall. During the season, pull any plants that begin to bolt and use them as scallions. It's a good idea to sidedress once or twice a season, especially close to summer solstice. Clean and grade before storage. Eat thick-necked onions and shallots first because they won't keep. Ideal storage conditions are temperatures at 32° with humidity of 60–70%. If you can't do that, work to get a total number of 100. For example, at temperatures from 50–55°, humidity should be 45–50%.

For alliums seeds and more cultural information, see pages 51–53.

Note: We cannot ship sets and onion plants to certain counties in Idaho.

ONION PLANTS

Onion plants are drop-shipped Priority Mail directly to you from our Texas supplier, so shipments can arrive from January through April according to your planting zone. (See chart.) You may also request a shipping week when placing your order. Onions are dug as live plants from the field; shipping schedule may be delayed by a week or two due to weather conditions or other variables. You will be notified via email when your order has shipped.

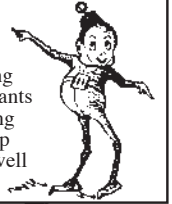
Planting instructions (for conventional growing) will arrive with your shipment. See our website for organic fertilization recommendations.

Onion Plant ship dates

Zone 10, 9, 8	begins mid-January
Zone 7	begins mid-February
Zone 6	begins early March
Zone 5	begins early April
Zone 4, 3, 2	begins mid-April

When Your Onion Plants Arrive:

Remove plants from the box immediately! They may seem a little peaked from travel, but don't fret! Plant them in the ground as soon as possible, watering well. If you can't plant immediately, unbundle the plants and heel them into moist potting medium in a seedling tray, or wrap the roots in damp paper towels and wrap loosely in plastic. After planting, keep onion plants well watered and well weeded, and you'll be rewarded!



Gardener's Onion Plant Medley 50 plants each of **three varieties** (our choice) of differently colored onion plants. If you want an assortment of onions but don't have space for a hundred of each, try this package deal. ②

- 7490** A: 150 plants (0#) for \$50.00

White Spanish (104 days) F-1 hybrid. Long day. Large **white** globes lack the sharpness of other varieties. Delicious raw in sandwiches, salads and guacamole. They don't store long, so eat them up! ② **NEW!**

- 7495** A: 100 plants (0#) for \$34.50
 B: 500 plants (0#) for \$157.50
 C: 2500 plants (0#) for \$695.00

Patterson (104 days) F-1 hybrid. Long day. Blocky-globed rusty-bronze-skinned Patterson has emerged as our new go-to **yellow** storage onion. Large, uniform size, thin necks for easy curing, and excellent storage potential. Available as seed on page 52. ②

- 7500** A: 100 plants (0#) for \$34.50
 B: 500 plants (0#) for \$157.50
 C: 2500 plants (0#) for \$695.00

Yellow Sweet Spanish (100 days) OP. Long to intermediate day. A wonderful OP variety that makes large globe-shaped uniformly sweet bulbs. Really great fresh, and will store up to 4 months with proper curing. ②

- 7510** A: 100 plants (0#) for \$34.50
 B: 500 plants (0#) for \$157.50
 C: 2500 plants (0#) for \$695.00

Yellow Granex (125 days) F-1 hybrid. Short day. *Not for northern growers*, better planted south of the NC-VA border. This is the variety that grows in Vidalia, GA, use to grow their world-famous sweet onions. You can't call them Vidalia onions unless that's where you live, but you can still grow some mighty sweet onions. Will store for a couple months if well cured. ②

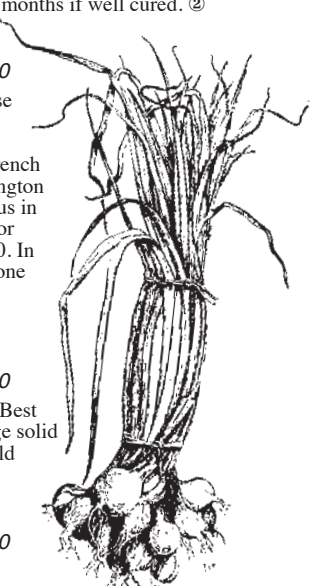
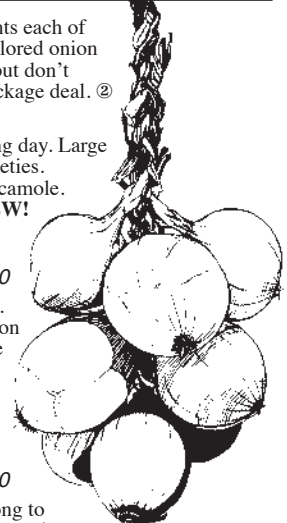
- 7519** A: 100 plants (0#) for \$34.50
 B: 500 plants (0#) for \$157.50
 C: 2500 plants (0#) for \$695.00

Walla Walla (125 days) OP. Long day. These large **yellow** onions are renowned for their mild flavor as soon as they come out of the ground. Said to have originated on the French island of Corsica and been brought to Washington by a French soldier, this onion became famous in the Pacific Northwest for its juicy sweet flavor and has been in commerce since around 1900. In WA it can be wintered over. In our harsher zone it must be planted in spring for fall harvest. They do not store. See page 51 for seed. ②

- 7520** A: 100 plants (0#) for \$34.50
 B: 500 plants (0#) for \$157.50
 C: 2500 plants (0#) for \$695.00

Redwing (116 days) F-1 hybrid. Long day. Best storage onion for northern growers. Large solid glossy deep purple-red globes. Very high yield potential. ②

- 7550** A: 100 plants (0#) for \$34.50
 B: 500 plants (0#) for \$157.50
 C: 2500 plants (0#) for \$695.00



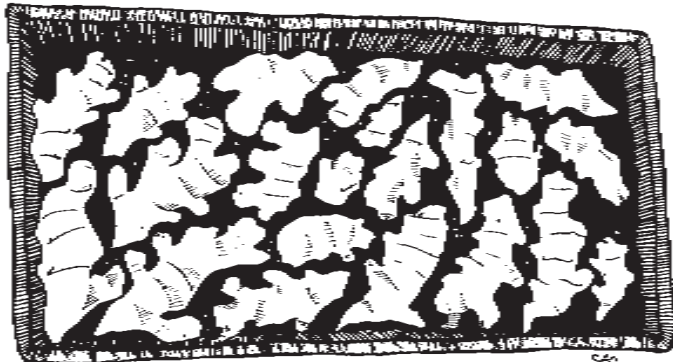
GINGER & TURMERIC

About 10–15 seed pieces per pound.

If you can't begin sprouting right away, ginger and turmeric stock can be stored for several weeks, at above 65°. Definitely start sprouting them by mid-April.

For New England, we recommend growing ginger and turmeric in hoopouses. They need the heat. To sprout your stock, spread 3" of good potting soil in a crate, arrange rhizomes so they aren't touching, and add soil to cover by a few inches. If you order a large quantity of ginger, it may arrive in big hands that need to be cut before planting; for turmeric, snap off some of the larger "fingers" and plant the main rhizome with a few of the smaller "fingers" still attached. Keep the crate at 80° in a sunny place, and keep soil moist but not water-logged. They're sensitive to overwatering, but most sprouting failures are due to low or fluctuating temps. After last frost, plant out at 5" apart, in a fertile 6"-deep trench down a 4"-wide bed, and hill during the season. Harvest before frost.

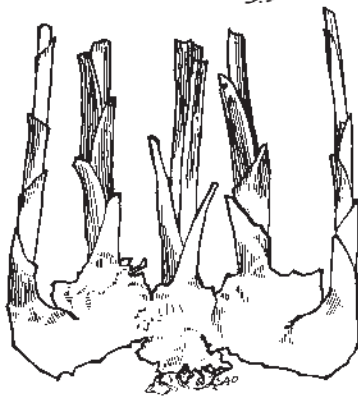
In an attempt to expedite sprouting of ginger and turmeric, longtime Fedco staffer Bria soaked seed pieces in a 3% hydrogen peroxide solution for 24 hours by her south window. She then followed our regular sprouting instructions. She was amazed at the speed with which they broke dormancy!



Ginger - Organic *Zingiber officinale*

Ginger in this climate? Combine high tunnels, irrigation and organic fertility and you can produce a coveted hand of baby ginger with rose-tinted pearlescent skin. Its beauty eclipses supermarket ginger. Let this precious gem shine as crystallized chunks in vanilla ice cream, or sliced into thick batons in a zesty stir-fry, or slipped over the rim of a fancy cocktail. Growing instructions available on our website. Supply limited—order early. *Shipped late February, or as soon as weather permits.* ②

7970 A: 0.5# (0#) for \$20.25
B: 2# for \$54.00
C: 10# for \$199.00
D: 25# for \$449.00



Turmeric - Organic *Curcuma longa*

This spunky little superfood adds ebullient golden color to curries and sauces.

Anti-inflammatory, antiseptic, antioxidant, anticarcinogenic—northern growers better get their high-tunnels built! Lighter yields than ginger, but market customers will pay top dollar. Blend fresh turmeric and local wildflower honey into gently warmed whole milk for a delicious restorative tonic. Cultivate like ginger—instructions are on our website. *Shipped late February, or as soon as weather permits.* ②

7971 A: 0.5# (0#) for \$20.25
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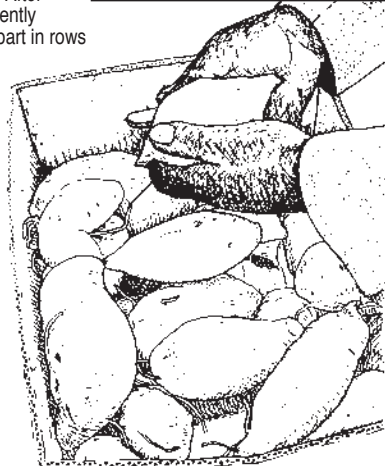
Ginger and turmeric ship in late February, or as soon as weather permits.

SWEET POTATO SLIPS

Ipomoea batatas

Sweet potatoes are no fussier than winter squash—if you can grow butternut, you can grow sweet potatoes! They prefer rich slightly acidic soil that is high in potassium. After danger of frost, when soil is consistently above 55–60°, plant slips 12–18" apart in rows 36" apart, hilled up or in raised beds covered with 8421 IRT plastic mulch. For extra heat, cover with 8877 slitted plastic row cover over 8880 wire hoops. Fertilize regularly with 8292 Fish Hydrolysate with Kelp. Dig tubers soon after first frost kills the vines. Handle gently; damaged tubers won't store as well. To cure for storage, spread them out in a warm place for a few weeks; a hoophouse or warm part of the house will work. Once cured and dry, wrap individually in newsprint (or store in a breathable covered container), and keep in a cool to room-temp place (55–70°). They'll keep for several months.

Sweet potato slips ship by region. In the Northeast they'll ship in mid to late May.



Georgia Jet (90 days)

Deep red skin, deep orange flesh.

The standard variety for commercial sweet potato production in the North, Georgia Jet is almost irritatingly reliable in colder climates—bulks up fast and yields like a boss. Moist flesh is moderately sweet. ②

7980 A: 25 slips (0#) for \$39.00
B: 100 slips (0#) for \$75.00
C: 500 slips (0#) for \$280.00

Beauregard (90–100 days) **Red skin, orange flesh.** A well-known staple variety in the U.S. Grows vigorously and sizes up nicely. Heavy yields of silky smooth, sweet but not too sweet potatoes will await your grubby little paws in the fall. ② **NEW!**

7983 A: 25 slips (0#) for \$39.00
B: 100 slips (0#) for \$75.00
C: 500 slips (0#) for \$280.00

O'Henry (90–100 days) **Buff skin, creamy white flesh.** Replaces Bonita, and is much less finicky to grow and store. Smooth flesh with flavor more on the savory end of the sweet potato spectrum. Versatile, perfect for a roasted veggie medley or to lend depth to mashed potatoes. Makes a good substitute for regular potatoes, so folks avoiding nightshades should give it a try. ② **NEW!**

7985 A: 25 slips (0#) for \$39.00
B: 100 slips (0#) for \$75.00
C: 500 slips (0#) for \$280.00

Covington (100 days) **Rose skin, dark orange flesh.** This newer variety from the NC State University breeding program is quickly gaining popularity with gardeners and market growers alike. Superb flavor, luscious texture and a forgiving growing habit sets this variety apart from the rest. Heavy yields of uniform tubers that can be left in the ground without as much risk of cracking as varieties like Beauregard. They set their tubers in tight bunches making them easy to harvest. **PVP.** ② **NEW!**

7987 A: 25 slips (0#) for \$43.00
B: 100 slips (0#) for \$82.50
C: 500 slips (0#) for \$310.00

Vardaman (100–110 days) **Golden skin, bright orange flesh.** A rare bush variety, this sweet potato is a good choice for smaller spaces like raised beds and containers. Very ornamental, with purple leaves that turn green as they mature. Firm flesh holds up to roasting and frying, and also means they keep longer in storage. ② **NEW!**

7990 A: 25 slips (0#) for \$39.00
B: 100 slips (0#) for \$75.00
C: 500 slips (0#) for \$280.00

Murasaki (120 days) **Purple skin, white flesh.** Japanese-type sweet potato requires a longer season to mature; it may pose a challenge to northern growers, but the eating quality is unbeatable. Rich nutty flavor and high sugar content. A shoo-in for our southern customers. If you're one of those Yankee gardeners who can't back down from a dare (who says you can't grow figs in Maine?), this is the sweet for you. Well worth the effort. ②

7999 A: 25 slips (0#) for \$39.00
B: 100 slips (0#) for \$75.00
C: 500 slips (0#) for \$280.00

Supplier Codes Know where your seed comes from! This unique Fedco feature provides information about the source(s) of each seed variety. For more info about supplier codes, see page 4.

- ① Small seed farmers including Fedco staff.
- ② Family-owned companies or cooperatives, domestic and foreign.
- ③–⑤ None of our potatoes or farm seed come from larger corporations!

Sweet potato slips are shipped by region, not by climate zone. See our website for a map. In the Northeast they ship in mid to late May. If you live in a colder microclimate than your surrounding region, please let us know in the comments section when placing your order, and we'll adjust your ship date.

When Your Sweet Potato Slips Arrive:

If you can't plant right away, put slips in a vase of water in a warm sunny location. Slips that arrive with few leaves or roots are still likely to perform well; if the slips arrive slimy and rotten, please email us with pictures.

If shipping weight in parentheses is (0#), the item qualifies for free shipping!

SEED POTATOES

Solanum tuberosum

One pound of seed will usually plant 5-8 row feet, depending on the variety; 10# will usually plant 50 row feet. See pages 123-124 for complete growing instructions and a comparison chart. We ship seed potatoes in April. Order early for the best selection!

FINGERLINGS

Long and thin, shaped like small fish or maybe even fingers, displaying various skin and flesh colors, fingerlings are often prolific and disease-resistant. Though mostly late maturing, the plants set heavily and small ones can be harvested early. These beautiful potatoes have unequalled culinary qualities and flavor.

AmaRosa - Organic Red skin, red flesh.

These plants cranked out such monster tubers we felt funny charging fingerling prices at market. Classically plump fingerling shape with smooth red skin and creamy red flesh with excellent color retention, AmaRosa made the grade for high yields, and they're tasty as heck. Leave the skins on when cooking, as they have a high vitamin C and mineral content. Good keepers and good sellers. Scab resistant, and also some resistance to late blight. **PVP. ①②**

7100 B: 2# for \$17.25 C: 10# for \$56.75
D: 25# for \$112.00 E: 45# for \$165.25

Austrian Crescent - Yellow skin, pale yellow flesh. As lovely as the rising crescent moon on a summer's eve, with unearthly yields. Some sources mention Austrian Crescent tubers as long as 10" — giant fingers! Also called *Kipfel*, the German word for a croissant. Croissants have the butter baked in, but we recommend slathering your roasted fingerlings. Combine with Magic Molly and AmaRosa for a rainbow potato salad. Moderate scab resistance. **②**

7600 B: 2# for \$13.25 C: 10# for \$43.25
D: 25# for \$86.50 E: 45# for \$109.00

Banana - Yellow skin, yellow flesh. Sometimes called **Russian Banana**. Nutty and waxy, Bananas are renowned for their heavy yields of banana-shaped fingers. Makes terrible smoothies, but you will spend nights dreaming of long strips of roasted Bananas, simmering in the crackles and pops of the lightest olive oil, with a slight crunch of sea salt and a dash of balsamic vinegar. Resistant to scab, but susceptible to late blight, leafroll and verticillium wilt.

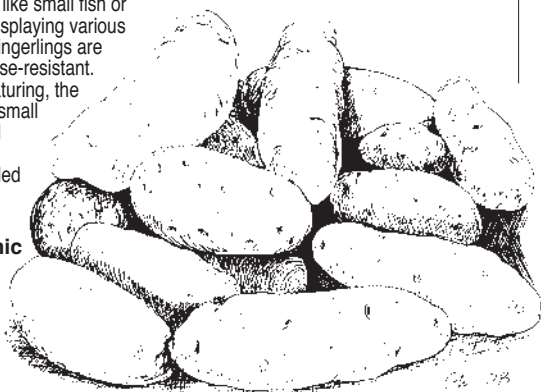
Banana Organic ②
7110 B: 2# for \$17.25 C: 10# for \$56.75
D: 25# for \$112.00 E: 45# for \$165.25

Banana Conventional ②
7610 B: 2# for \$13.25 C: 10# for \$43.25
D: 25# for \$86.50 E: 45# for \$109.00

French Fingerling - Dark rose-red skin, yellow flesh with pink lines. This fine fingerling, a spud of lore and song, is more than just a fancy fad. You'll want to pick these sweet little potatoes on the early side to fully revel in their tenderness, before they embark on their more awkward and bulky phase and develop growth cracks. The skin, though it scuffs easily, is worth the extra care, as it stays smooth to the touch, tender and awfully pretty. The yellow flesh features a stunning pinkish webbing. Tall spreading plants with wide-set tubers. Hill and mulch well! In our trials, showed impressive resistance to potato beetles, leaf hopper and scab.

French Fingerling Organic ②
7120 B: 2# for \$17.25 C: 10# for \$56.75
D: 25# for \$112.00 E: 45# for \$165.25

French Fingerling Conventional ②
7620 B: 2# for \$13.25 C: 10# for \$43.25
D: 25# for \$86.50 E: 45# for \$109.00



La Ratte - Yellow-netted skin, yellow flesh. "The Rat" describes the plump shape well but belies the appetizing flavor! This little pet is versatile in the kitchen and the most consistent fingerling in shape and size. You'll welcome these rodents into your packing shed for their ease of sale and perfect texture. Kept in cold storage, La Ratte stores beautifully and maintains its fine quality to sustain you through the winter. Scab resistant.

La Ratte Organic ②
7130 B: 2# for \$17.25 C: 10# for \$56.75
D: 25# for \$112.00 E: 45# for \$165.25

La Ratte Conventional ②
7622 B: 2# for \$13.25 C: 10# for \$43.25
D: 25# for \$86.50 E: 45# for \$109.00

Magic Molly - Dark purple skin, deep purple flesh. This rockstar potato just won't stop. Pick them early for sweet little fingerlings or hold out for larger potatoes later in the season. Rich purple from skin to center. Distinctive earthy flavor and pleasantly firm waxy texture. A fantastic addition to a dish of roasted mixed vegetables. Ian Jerolmack of Stonecipher Farm in Bowdoinham, ME, has Molly fans among his restaurant accounts; they incited a small riot after his Mollies had been bought up. We love Magic Molly so much it inspired the creation of our 2017 cover art superhero. Vigorous plants, high yields and few diseases. Slight inclination to scab. *No subs for this variety; if we run out, you will receive a refund.*

Magic Molly Organic ②
7140 B: 2# for \$17.25 C: 10# for \$56.75
D: 25# for \$112.00 E: 45# for \$165.25

Magic Molly Conventional ②
7625 B: 2# for \$13.25 C: 10# for \$43.25
D: 25# for \$86.50 E: 45# for \$109.00

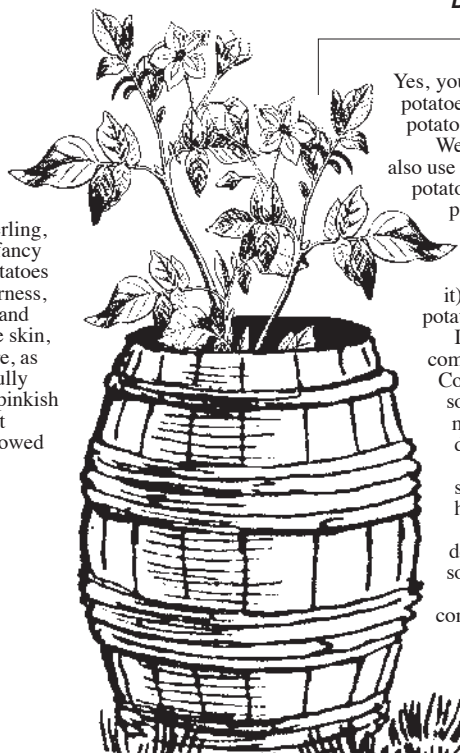
Pinto - Red and yellow skin, yellow flesh. The cutest potato we offer! With boldly polka-dotted bicolor skins, they practically sell themselves at market. High yields with up to 28 tubers per plant. You'll think the Easter Bunny left you a sweet pile of yellow-spotted pink eggs when you harvest! Buttery and decadent with a creamy texture. In our trials Pinto shows resistance to blight, drought and scab; the leafhopper didn't bother it a bit. Bred by UMaine. *No subs for this variety; if we run out, you will receive a refund.*

Pinto Organic ①② NEW!
7145 B: 2# for \$17.25 C: 10# for \$56.75
D: 25# for \$112.00 E: 45# for \$165.25

Pinto Conventional ②
7628 B: 2# for \$13.25 C: 10# for \$43.25
D: 25# for \$86.50 E: 45# for \$109.00

Red Thumb - Red skin, pale red flesh. The earliest potato in our trialing field, a rare trait among fingerlings. Also unusual for its cream-colored flesh streaked with a light red pigment. Dig early for that classic petite fingerling, or wait for skins to set to secure some lunkers. If you're a backyard breeder or an aspiring one, you'll love the potential offered by this beautifully flowering and seed-producing variety. Its earliness likely contributes to its ability to stand up to early blight. Moderate scab resistance. **②**

7630 B: 2# for \$13.25 C: 10# for \$43.25
D: 25# for \$86.50 E: 45# for \$109.00



Growing Potatoes in Containers

Yes, you can grow potatoes in containers! Yields will not be as high as potatoes planted in the ground, but if a bucket is all you have, plant a potato!

We recommend **8807** 20-gallon fabric pots (p. 148), but you can also use a 5-gallon bucket with drainage holes drilled in the bottom. Each potato plant wants about 5 gallons to grow in, so you can plant 4 seed potatoes per 20-gallon pot (spaced 6" from pot edges), or one seed potato per bucket.

Before planting, chit (green sprout) your seed potatoes (p. 123). When sprouts appear, leave the seed whole (don't cut it) and rub off all but the largest 2 or 3 sprouts. If you want smaller potatoes, leave all the sprouts.

In your containers, set seed potatoes into 3" of moist balanced compost, like **8356** Coast of Maine Quoddy Blend or **8369** Vermont Compost Plus (p. 139-140). You can mix the compost with garden soil to save money, but compost is best because it stays loose and moist. You can also add a small handful of **8315** TurboTuber, but don't overdo it.

Cover potatoes with 12-16" of compost or soil, leaving 3-4" of space at the top of the container. Once sprouts emerge, mulch with hay or straw to keep any high-setting tubers from turning green.

Set containers in full sun, but avoid really hot locations. Water deeply a couple times a week, but make sure the soil doesn't stay soggy. Harvest 2 weeks after plants turn yellow and wither.

We're in the early stages of trialing varieties for growing in containers. So far we've had success with these varieties:

- 7730** Upstate Abundance
- 7815** Purple Majesty
- All our **fingerlings!**
- 7990** Vardaman sweet potato

Let us know which varieties work best for you!

EARLY POTATOES 65-80 days

Algonquin - Buff skin, white flesh. Large smooth oval tubers size up early and are largely free from internal and external defects. High yielding and scab resistant. Our grower in New York says, "I've grown it for years, and have never been disappointed with it, which is a rare quality for a potato. I don't think you can go wrong with it." Released by Cornell in 2017.

The Algonquin people have a long venerable history throughout eastern Canada and around the Great Lakes and New England. Modern Algonquins have been politically active to defend their resources against commercial wild rice harvesting ventures, industrial-scale deforestation and mining companies. **PVP. Indigenous Royalties.** ②

7640 B: 2# for \$8.25 C: 10# for \$20.00 E: 45# for \$46.75

Chieftain - Pinkish-red skin, white flesh. Rounded oblong tubers with slightly netted skin that's as red as a Fraser Chieftain's kilt. Shallow eyes for easy peeling. Matures later and is more productive than most earlies. A Maine red-potato staple for our Aroostook growers, its floury fluffiness is complemented by heaping spoonfuls of butter, garlic and a generous pour of raw cream. Medium spreading plant with lilac flowers. Resistant to scab, net necrosis, stem-end browning and late blight.

Chieftain Organic ②

7180 B: 2# for \$11.50 C: 10# for \$33.00 E: 45# for \$76.50

Chieftain Conventional ②

7650 B: 2# for \$8.25 C: 10# for \$20.00 E: 45# for \$42.50

Dark Red Norland - Dark red skin, white flesh. Great for new potatoes! For the best potato salad in the world, combine freshly dug young Norlands, homemade mayonnaise, and slivered garlic and fresh sage sizzled in butter (plus coarse salt and cracked pepper). Makes good home-fries, too. Easy-to-grow and high-yielding. Fair storage. Medium-to-large plants with purple flowers. Resistant to growth cracks, early blight, hollow heart, scab and rhizoctonia. Dig before late blight is a concern.

Dark Red Norland Organic ②

7190 B: 2# for \$11.50 C: 10# for \$33.00 E: 45# for \$76.50

Dark Red Norland Conventional ②

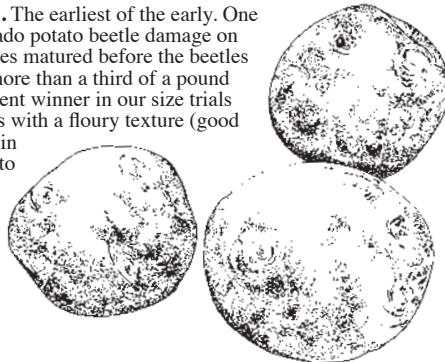
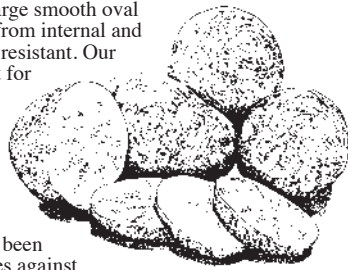
7670 B: 2# for \$8.25 C: 10# for \$20.00 E: 45# for \$42.50

Envol - Buff skin, white flesh. The earliest of the early. One farm reported having no Colorado potato beetle damage on their Envols because the potatoes matured before the beetles even arrived! Tubers average more than a third of a pound each, making Envol the consistent winner in our size trials for early varieties. Round spuds with a floury texture (good for mashing and baking) and thin skins that are smooth and easy to peel or unobtrusive if left on. Stores quite well for such an early potato. Bred in Quebec in the '80s. Some heat tolerance. Resists hollow heart. Susceptible to scab. **PVP.** ②

**7680 B: 2# for \$8.25
C: 10# for \$23.50
E: 45# for \$46.75**

Natascha - Yellow skin, yellow flesh. A higher-yielding alternative to Anuschka and Augusta. You'll be delighted by the multitude of deep yellow, perfectly smooth and amazingly blemish-free potatoes that tumble from the hills at harvest. My favorite early yellow. Excellent flavor with smooth and creamy texture. I like them boiled and buttered, but they are also really nice and creamy whipped with an immersion blender. Resistant to scab, bruising, rhizoctonia, black leg, PVY and tuber rots. **PVP.** ②

7695 B: 2# for \$8.25 C: 10# for \$23.50 E: 45# for \$46.75



Pamper your Potatoes

Turbo-Tuber (Approx. 7-2-9, plus 2% Ca and 3.5% S) High-test organic fertilizer, formulated to meet the nutrient requirements of potatoes. See page 137 for details. *No NH sale.* **MOFGA**

**8315 A: 5# for \$13.50
B: 45# for \$89.50
C: pallet 40 bags (1800#) for \$2340.00**

Potato Bags Heavy paper bags for storing or marketing your own spuds. To avoid moisture build-up, 5# and 20# sizes have a mesh vent in front and 50# size has punched air holes.

**9325 B: 5# bags, bundle of 5 (0#) for \$4.00
9326 B: 20# bags, bundle of 5 (2#) for \$4.25
9327 B: 50# bags, bundle of 3 (3#) for \$4.75**



Red Gold - Pink skin with red eyes, yellow flesh. Red Gold will usher in the summer and knock out any spring doldrums. The bright gold flesh shines like the July sun under which you'll be harvesting. One of the most stunning potatoes in our lineup. Plant close together for a ton of tasty little ovals or farther apart for a heavier yield. With creamy sweetness roasted or fried, Red Gold has a reputation for the hands-down best flavor of all the early varieties. Not a great storer. Will stand up against too-wet soil and even some blight. ②

7700 B: 2# for \$8.25 C: 10# for \$23.50 E: 45# for \$46.75

Sangre - Deep red skin, white flesh. It's rare, but here's an early spud that's good for storage. Deep red skin protects the creamy soft white flesh. Boiling and baking are the best culinary uses for this potato, released from Colorado State University in 1982. Shows resistance to early blight, leaf roll, potato virus Y and hollow heart. Susceptible to verticillium wilt and fusarium dry rot. Slowly emerging upright medium-sized vines with lavender flowers. ②

7720 B: 2# for \$8.25 C: 10# for \$25.00 E: 45# for \$51.00

Satina - Organic - Yellow skin, yellow flesh. They say farming leaves you wicked haggard, so polish up your style for city market with these stunningly chic Satinas. The soft buttery flesh and yellow skin are smooth as silk. Ian of Stonecipher Farm says, "This ain't no Mickey D's fry trash. Satinas are the sparkplug in our skillet." When dug, each plant has one or two thick stalks with a string of large round tubers dangling beneath. Satinas store well and are resistant to common scab. Free the seed! ②

7225 B: 2# for \$11.50 C: 10# for \$33.00 E: 45# for \$76.50

Upstate Abundance - Buff skin, white flesh. Abundant

piles of petite potatoes, creamy and fancy. Plants set oodles of tubers the size of golf-balls throughout the growing season, filling out the hill vertically. (This trait might make them good candidates for small-container gardening.) Whether you let them sprawl or grow them in a barrel, make sure to mulch well, as tubers set all the way up to the soil surface. Harvest them anytime during the season—the ones you leave till fall will keep all winter in the root cellar. Bred by Walter de Jong at Cornell. Resistance to golden nematode Ro1 and Ro2, PVY, hollow heart, and a handful of other diseases and blemishes. Late-blight resistant. **PVP. No subs for this variety; if we run out, you will receive a refund.** ②

7730 B: 2# for \$8.25 C: 10# for \$23.50 E: 45# for \$46.75

Yukon Gem - Yellow skin with pink eyes, yellow flesh. A modern take on old familiar Yukon Gold, with higher yields and better PVY and scab resistances. Stocked with the latest in plant-vigor innovation, the Gem has surpassed its predecessor in popularity. In 2006, plant pathologists from the Agricultural Research Service in Aberdeen, ID, deemed Yukon Gem ready for the fresh market because of its resistance to costly infections of late blight and dry rot. Matures about 10 days later than Yukon Gold, but worth the wait. *Yukon* is from a contraction of the words in the Gwich'in phrase *chuu gajj han*, which means 'white water river' and refers to the pale color of glacial runoff in the Yukon River. Late-blight resistant. **PVP. Indigenous Royalties.**

Yukon Gem Organic ①②

7228 B: 2# for \$11.50 C: 10# for \$37.25 E: 45# for \$121.25

Yukon Gem Conventional ②

7735 B: 2# for \$8.25 C: 10# for \$23.50 E: 45# for \$46.75

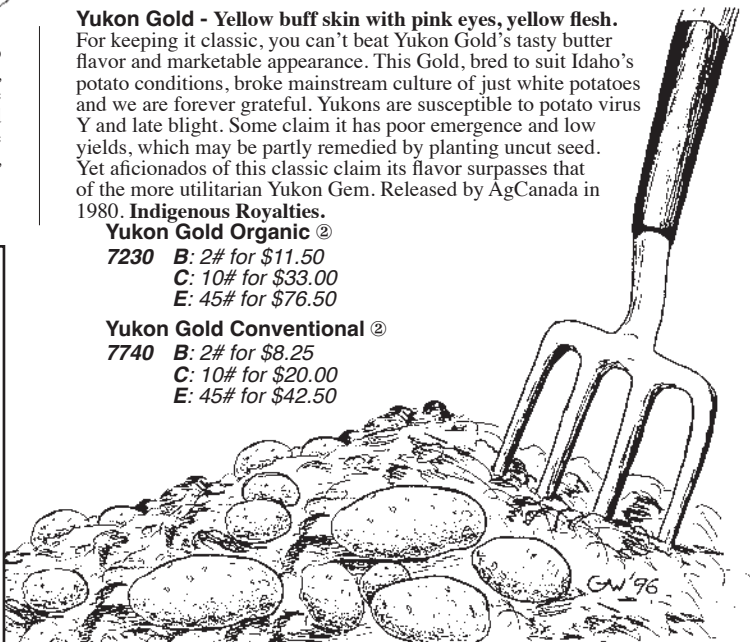
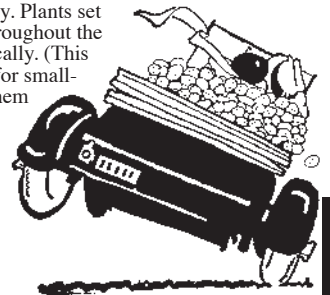
Yukon Gold - Yellow buff skin with pink eyes, yellow flesh. For keeping it classic, you can't beat Yukon Gold's tasty buttery flavor and marketable appearance. This Gold, bred to suit Idaho's potato conditions, broke mainstream culture of just white potatoes and we are forever grateful. Yukons are susceptible to potato virus Y and late blight. Some claim it has poor emergence and low yields, which may be partly remedied by planting uncut seed. Yet aficionados of this classic claim its flavor surpasses that of the more utilitarian Yukon Gem. Released by AgCanada in 1980. **Indigenous Royalties.**

Yukon Gold Organic ②

**7230 B: 2# for \$11.50
C: 10# for \$33.00
E: 45# for \$76.50**

Yukon Gold Conventional ②

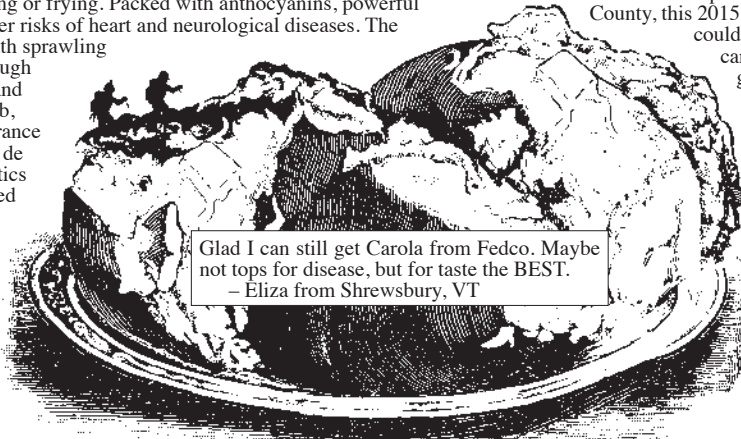
**7740 B: 2# for \$8.25
C: 10# for \$20.00
E: 45# for \$42.50**



POTATOES

MIDSEASON POTATOES 80-90 days

Adirondack Blue - Blue-purple skin, purple flesh. Maintains its purple color after boiling, roasting or frying. Packed with anthocyanins, powerful antioxidants that can lower risks of heart and neurological diseases. The plants are ostentatious with sprawling blue-tinted foliage. Although tuber dormancy is short and Blue is susceptible to scab, scurf and CPB, its appearance is awfully festive. Walter de Jong and his potato-genetics buddies at Cornell released Addie Blue in 2003. The word *Adirondack* is thought to come from the Mohawk word *ha-de-ron-dah* meaning 'eaters of trees.' French missionary Joseph-François Lafitau recorded that the word was used by the Iroquois as a derogatory term for groups of Algonquins who did not practice agriculture and therefore sometimes ate tree bark to survive harsh winters. *Note:* storage life is short, so seed may be ugly when it arrives. Plant them anyway—odds are they'll be just fine. **Indigenous Royalties.**



Glad I can still get Carola from Fedco. Maybe not tops for disease, but for taste the BEST.
- Eliza from Shrewsbury, VT

- Adirondack Blue Organic** ②
7240 B: 2# for \$11.50 **C:** 10# for \$37.25 **E:** 45# for \$121.25
- Adirondack Blue Conventional** ②
7745 B: 2# for \$8.25 **C:** 10# for \$23.50 **E:** 45# for \$46.75

Adirondack Red - Red skin, pinkish flesh. These rubies will have your cast iron glistening. Intense bright skin, moist firm flesh that's rich in antioxidants, refuting those who knock potatoes' nutritive qualities. Positive feedback from Stonecipher Farm was flattering but, alas, unprintable. Released by Cornell in 2008 to restore vigor to the red fresh potato scene and deemed an "heirloom-to-be" by *Gourmet*. Resists skinning, hollow heart, internal defects and growth cracks. *No subs for this variety; if we run out, you will receive a refund.* **Indigenous Royalties.**

- Adirondack Red Organic** ②
7245 B: 2# for \$11.50 **C:** 10# for \$33.00 **E:** 45# for \$97.75
- Adirondack Red Conventional** ②
7750 B: 2# for \$8.25 **C:** 10# for \$25.00 **E:** 45# for \$51.00

All Blue - Organic - Blue-purple skin, purple flesh. Once a novelty, now a sought-after specialty potato that doesn't sacrifice flavor for beauty. Texture is dry and floury. For a brilliant salad, steam up purple potatoes and sliced carrots and toss them with garlic vinaigrette and chopped herbs. Vigorous plants with blue blossoms have solid yields. Moderate resistance to late blight, hollow heart and scab. ② **BACK!**

- 7252 B:** 2# for \$11.50 **C:** 10# for \$33.00 **E:** 45# for \$97.75

Baltic Rose - Red skin, yellow flesh. Add this tasty little tuber to your midsummer cornucopia. A relatively new variety from Eastern Europe, it has been getting rave reviews from growers who delight in its gorgeous appearance, excellent flavor and smooth texture, not to mention its hearty yields. Slightly textured skin has small shallow eyes that make for easy peeling, though we're not sure why anyone would do such a thing. You'll find it pleasing roasted, fried, stewed or steamed up for a nice potato salad. Better still, these roses claim resistance to scab, PVY, rhizoctonia, black leg and golden nematodes. Late-blight resistant. **PVP.** ②

- 7758 B:** 2# for \$8.25 **C:** 10# for \$23.50 **E:** 45# for \$46.75

Blackberry - Organic - Deep dark purple skin and flesh. Nearly black with super-high concentrations of cancer-fighting anthocyanins, these are so inky the flesh will dye your fingers like actual blackberries. With irrigation we got above-average yields of uniformly round spuds with thin delicate skins and smooth creamy dark purple flesh. In our trial it stood up tall and healthy against potato beetles, wire worm and early blight. Gentle handling is recommended as injured tubers are susceptible to fusarium dry rot in storage. Otherwise they store just fine. **PVP.** ②

- 7253 B:** 2# for \$11.50 **C:** 10# for \$37.25 **E:** 45# for \$121.25

Blue Gold - Blue-purple skin, yellow flesh. Also known as **Peter Wilcox** and, although named for Peter C. Wilcox, a professor in the Spiritual and Pastoral Care Program at Loyola College, these yields are ungodly. Round sapphire beads with stunning gold flesh proclaim large amounts of tubers with a sinfully flashy appearance. Tubers set high, so hill well. Space at 10-12". Lavender flowers. Scab and nematode resistant, susceptible to a daunting degree of scurfs, wilts and blights.

- Blue Gold Organic** ①②
7255 B: 2# for \$11.50 **C:** 10# for \$37.25 **E:** 45# for \$121.25
- Blue Gold Conventional** ②
7760 B: 2# for \$8.25 **C:** 10# for \$25.00 **E:** 45# for \$51.00

Caribou Russet - Russeted skin, white flesh. It's been more than 100 years since herds of woodland caribou graced the state of Maine. At least we can still claim the potato. Named after the city of Caribou in Aroostook County, this 2015 UMaine release was bred for cool climates, which could be especially handy if we decide to follow those caribou herds up to Canada. Vigorous plants produce good yields of large oblong russet potatoes. Using organic practices, we've grown really big Caribou. The word *caribou* comes through French from the Mi'kmaq *qalipu* or 'snow shoveler'—referring to the animal's habit of pawing through the snow for food. You will be able to paw through your root cellar for many delicious feasts this winter if you grow this productive variety. Great mashed, fried or baked. Has exceptionally low instance of hollow heart, a common problem of most russets. Moderately resistant to scab and verticillium wilt. **PVP. Indigenous Royalties.**

- Caribou Organic** ①②
7259 B: 2# for \$11.50
C: 10# for \$37.25
E: 45# for \$121.25

- Caribou Conventional** ②
7765 B: 2# for \$8.25
C: 10# for \$20.00
E: 45# for \$42.50

Carola - Yellow skin, yellow flesh. Fedco employees can agree on Carola as the best-tasting potato more than we can agree on anything else. These potatoes are rarely uniform but have that charming old-fashioned potato look. Firm and waxy, with flavor loved by all. Great prepared on the grill, wrapped in foil with sliced onion and sea salt. Watch out for dreary weather that could wallop your Carolas with fungal blights. Decent scab resistance partially compensates for this weakness. Medium spreading plants with white flowers. ②

- 7770 B:** 2# for \$8.25 **C:** 10# for \$25.00 **E:** 45# for \$51.00

Eva - Buff skin, white flesh. This apple of the earth entices with its smooth glossy skin and uniform tuber size and shape, and you don't even have to fear eternal banishment when you take a bite. Starchy texture is ideal for baking, mashing, fries and homemade chips. Tolerates a wide variety of soil conditions. The tubers have a very long dormant period and shallow eyes that tend to cluster at one end: plan to chit whole tubers before planting (instructions on page 123). Good resistance to early blight and scab, and excellent resistance to viruses and golden nematodes. No hollow heart or internal necrosis. Susceptible to late blight. ②

- 7775 B:** 2# for \$8.25 **C:** 10# for \$20.00 **E:** 45# for \$42.50

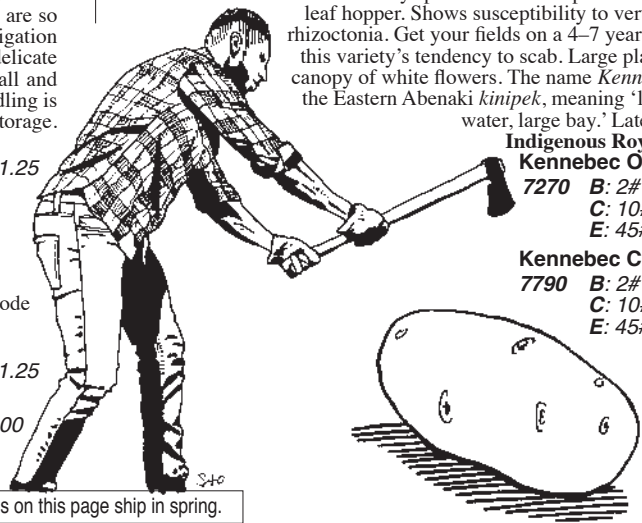
Gold Rush Russet - Organic - Russeted skin, white flesh. You'll feel rich when you start filling your crates with these hulking tubers. A perfect baking potato, and it fries up like a champ, too. The discovery of a gold deposit in Coloma, CA, brought 300,000 people to California from 1848 to 1855. We don't expect quite that many people to rush for this potato, but it deserves our enthusiasm for its good flavor and reliably high yields. Russets can be fussy in our humid climate, but Gold Rush performs even in wet years or poor soils. Plant at wide spacing to allow tubers to grow to their full potential. 1992 North Dakota Ag Exp Stn release. Uniform, smooth and resistant to hollow heart. Good resistance to scab. Susceptible to blights and fusarium. ①

- 7265 B:** 2# for \$11.50 **C:** 10# for \$37.25 **E:** 45# for \$121.25

Kennebec - Buff skin, white flesh. The quintessential Maine potato. Very adaptable to various soil and growing conditions, rugged, but sweet on the inside, just like a true Mainer. A surprise winner for best French fry among several varieties that customer Tim Cunningham cooked up in a vat of olive oil at our 2017 spring Tree Sale (insert nostalgic sigh here). Large uniform tubers store extremely well and resist late blight. Kennebecs are high yielding, resistant to dry spells and the last potato taken down by the leaf hopper. Shows susceptibility to verticillium wilt and rhizoctonia. Get your fields on a 4-7 year rotation to avoid this variety's tendency to scab. Large plants have a dense canopy of white flowers. The name *Kennebec* comes from the Eastern Abenaki *kinipek*, meaning 'large body of still water, large bay.' Late-blight resistant.

- Indigenous Royalties.**
Kennebec Organic ①②
7270 B: 2# for \$11.50
C: 10# for \$37.25
E: 45# for \$121.25

- Kennebec Conventional** ②
7790 B: 2# for \$8.25
C: 10# for \$20.00
E: 45# for \$42.50



Items on this page ship in spring.

Keuka Gold - Buff skin, light yellow flesh. After its release from Cornell in 2004, these large oblong flat tasty tubers gained immediate popularity, especially with growers in the variable climates of upstate New York and New England. In 2009, the *New York Times* featured Keuka, implying its dethroning of the modern potato pop star Yukon Gold, and mentioning its rich flavor mashed or roasted. Catalog editor Elisabeth is finally ready to admit to Fedco co-workers that she's abandoned Carola to give more garden space to Keuka. Shows resistance to scab and golden nematode. Susceptible to rhizoctonia. **Indigenous Royalties.** ②

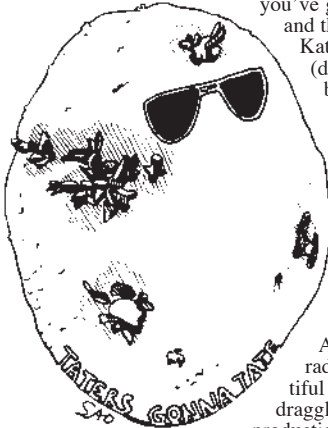
Keuka Gold Organic ② **NEW!**

7280 B: 2# for \$11.50 **C:** 10# for \$33.00 **E:** 45# for \$76.50

Keuka Gold Conventional ②

7800 B: 2# for \$8.25 **C:** 10# for \$20.00 **E:** 45# for \$42.50

Masquerade - Mottled purple and gold skin, yellow flesh. This whimsical tuber is sure to turn heads. Roast them in olive oil and sprinkle with salt and



you've got a stunning offering for both the eyes and the taste buds. Longtime Fedco customer Katie Springman said, "They're wonderful (don't need anything, not even salt) AND beautiful: the outside is a blast, the inside is brilliant yellow, and the blooms are deep purple. My neighbor saw them and asked what they were so he could add them to his flower garden next year!" Keeps well in the root cellar, but don't be surprised to see sprouts forming soon after harvest—its Peruvian parentage means it has almost no dormancy period. Literature suggests resistance to hollow heart and bruising—our trials suggest more than that. Amid the crush of early blight and Colorado potato beetles in our field, these beautiful plants remained vigorous among bedraggled neighbors. Holds its own in organic production. **PVP.** ②

7805 B: 2# for \$8.25 **C:** 10# for \$25.00 **E:** 45# for \$51.00

Nicola - Yellow skin, deep yellow flesh. Developed in Germany, these medium-large oblong potatoes are on the waxy side and hold their shape, making a preeminent potato salad. Fabulous new potatoes. Attractive firm skin is smooth and velvety. Most known for being on the early side of midseason and a classic "gold nugget" potato. Said to have the lowest glyceimic index of any potato. A tried-and-true late-blight survivor; shows resistance to rhizoctonia, blackleg, scab and drought. Late-blight resistant. ②

7810 B: 2# for \$8.25 **C:** 10# for \$25.00 **E:** 45# for \$51.00

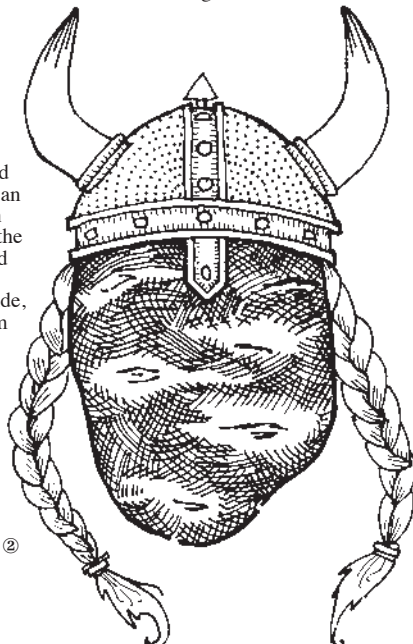
Purple Majesty - Purple skin, purple flesh. All rise for this stately spud, this magnificent murphy, this towering tuber, this pompous purple potato! To manufacture an ounce of the original royal purple, Phoenician dye-makers had to crack the shells of a quarter million tiny mollusks, extract the drops of mucous and expose it to sunlight for a precise amount of time—thus the substance was worth its weight in gold. This potato's deep purple hues are easier to obtain, but its unusual appearance may still command a premium price at market. Starchy enough for baking or mashing but firm enough to hold its shape in potato salads. Uniform small- to medium-sized tubers. Limited life span in the root cellar: eat 'em up. Moderately resistant to leafroll and potato virus, susceptible to most other diseases including scab. **PVP.** ②

7815 B: 2# for \$8.25
C: 10# for \$25.00
E: 45# for \$51.00

Purple Viking - Pink-splashed purple skin, white flesh. A crowd pleaser at market and fresh out of the oven, the Purple Viking's got show-stopping purple skin with vivid pink splashes that are sure to reel in an audience. Its creamy rich flesh when baked, roasted or mashed will keep the everyone happy. For size, style, yield and taste, it's an all-around winner. Vikings grow on the large knobby side, so if you want smaller, more uniform potatoes plant closer than 10" apart. Shows some resistance to leaf hoppers. *No subs for this variety; if we run out, you will receive a refund.*

Purple Viking Organic ②
7300 B: 2# for \$11.50
C: 10# for \$37.25
E: 45# for \$121.25

Purple Viking Conventional ②
7820 B: 2# for \$8.25
C: 10# for \$23.50
E: 45# for \$46.75



Red Maria - Red skin, white flesh. Brace yourself for staggering yields! Red Maria will fill the root cellar, or satisfy your market's bulk red-potato niche. Skin hue has less visual exuberance than her sister Strawberry Paw's, but fulfills the needs of 98% of red-potato customers. Super-sweet moist flesh. Excellent dormancy retention in winter storage. Scab resistant. Reddish-purple flowers, semi-upright dark green vines. Also known as **NY-129.**

Red Maria Organic ①②

7305 B: 2# for \$11.50 **C:** 10# for \$37.25 **E:** 45# for \$121.25

Red Maria Conventional ②

7830 B: 2# for \$8.25 **C:** 10# for \$23.50 **E:** 45# for \$46.75

Soraya - Yellow skin, yellow flesh. This golden heartthrob from Germany is hoping to make friends with growers on this continent. Very healthy and low maintenance, Soraya won't balk at low fertility or lack of inputs in your soil, though the plants do appreciate consistent moisture levels. Heavy yields for luscious potato salads in the summer, and very good storability for hearty soups all winter long. Tolerates heat and drought with low incidence of secondary growth, growth cracks and hollow heart. Resistant to fusarium dry rot, scab, silver scurf, black leg, PVY, PVX and PLRV, golden nematodes Ro1 and Ro4. Late-blight resistant. **PVP.**

Soraya Organic ②

7310 B: 2# for \$11.50 **C:** 10# for \$37.25 **E:** 45# for \$121.25

Soraya Conventional ②

7843 B: 2# for \$8.25 **C:** 10# for \$23.50 **E:** 45# for \$46.75

I loved growing Soraya last year for the first time! Good yields of beautiful blemish free potatoes with no irrigation in a drought year here in southern VT. They're a keeper!
– Margaret from Brattleboro, VT

Strawberry Paw - Bright red skin, white flesh. Developed specifically for blight and scab resistance, the merit of these bright fuchsia gems goes beyond reliably healthy crops. Their flashy display is a fantastic addition to your potato collection. With generally good yields and medium-to-large size, their flesh is firm, sweet and moist. Fedco staffer Alice Coyle's favorite red potato. Scab resistant. Becoming known for their vigorous nature and good storage. Also known as **NY-136.**

Strawberry Paw Organic ①②

7327 B: 2# for \$11.50 **C:** 10# for \$37.25 **E:** 45# for \$121.25

Strawberry Paw Conventional ②

7845 B: 2# for \$8.25 **C:** 10# for \$23.50 **E:** 45# for \$46.75

Vivaldi - Organic - Pale yellow skin, pale yellow flesh. This medium-early oval potato got a lot of press in the UK as a "slimming potato," as some lab tests have shown it contains roughly three-quarters the calories and carbohydrates of the average potato. Fedco staff commented on its mildly sweet flavor and creamy velvety texture in a warehouse kitchen oven-fry bake-off: we found it worthy of honoring with a violin concerto, and certainly worthy of listing in our catalog. Holds shape well during cooking. High yields of large tubers, but little disease resistance. **PVP** expires in 2024. ①

7330 B: 2# for \$11.50 **C:** 10# for \$37.25 **E:** 45# for \$121.25

Saving the Green Mountain Potato

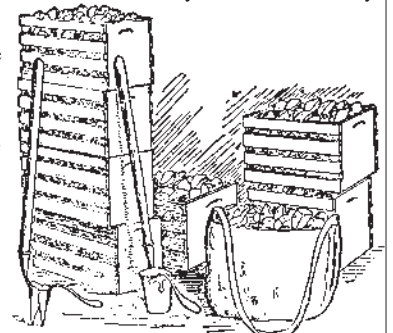
Late blight, responsible for famines in the northern hemisphere, arrived in the U.S. in 1840, and a considerable effort to develop resistant potato varieties soon followed. One of the earliest achievements was the Green Mountain potato, developed by Orson Alexander of the University of Vermont in 1878 and released seven years later. While not considered late-blight resistant by today's standards, the variety offered heavy yields, great flavor and versatile culinary uses. It became the dominant potato variety grown in New England.

By the 1950s, however, mechanized industry favored potatoes with a more consistent shape and size, and new russet potatoes began to replace the old Green Mountains. Still, it held on as a staple for homesteaders and gardeners for the rest of the century.

In the early 2000s, the Slow Food Ark of Taste highlighted the variety as being on the decline, and in 2020 the very last of the available certified seed was offered in our catalog. (What is *certified* potato seed? See page 115.)

Responding to the outpouring of customer requests for Green Mountain, we set our sights on saving the vanishing breed. We teamed up with the Coreys, a family in Maine that grows foundation seed potatoes for the majority of growers on the eastern seaboard and beyond, and Sara Corey was able to find a clean source of Green Mountain tissue maintained by the Maine Potato Board. In 2022 the first new plantlets were grown in beds of sterile soil to produce a batch of minitubers, which in 2023 were grown out into seed potatoes. This new generation of certified Green Mountain seed is available exclusively to Fedco customers, 146 years after its first introduction.

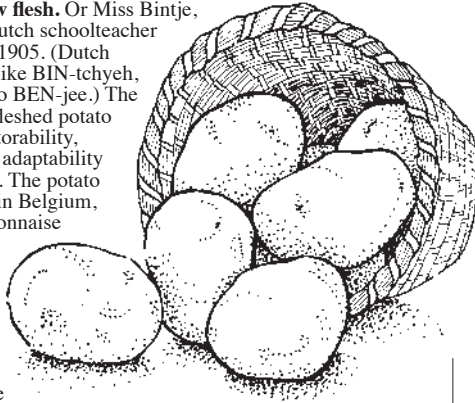
See **7890** Green Mountain description, next page.



If shipping weight in parentheses is (0#), the item qualifies for free shipping!

LATE POTATOES more than 90 days

Bintje - Yellow skin, yellow flesh. Or Miss Bintje, named after a pupil of the Dutch schoolteacher who released this variety in 1905. (Dutch pronunciation is something like BIN-tcheyh, but it's been Americanized to BEN-jee.) The most widely grown yellow-fleshed potato in the world because of its storability, proficient growth habits and adaptability to a wide range of soil types. The potato of choice for *pommes frites* in Belgium, where they dip them in mayonnaise instead of in ketchup. Large clusters of smooth golden-fleshed tubers will appear beneath these quickly germinating, vigorous plants. Exquisite flavor; the Dutch know a thing or two about breeding desirable potatoes. Space at 16-18". Susceptible to scab. ②



7860 B: 2# for \$8.25 C: 10# for \$25.00 E: 45# for \$51.00

Desiree - Red skin, yellow flesh. Satiny rose-red skin and creamy yellow flesh with a distinct flavor. Bred in the Netherlands, these large and long oval tubers will satisfy. High yielding in fertile soil, the plants are rugged and will tolerate drought, also show resistance to late blight, potato virus Y and skin spot. Moderately susceptible to scab. Late-blight resistant. ②

7865 B: 2# for \$8.25 C: 10# for \$25.00 E: 45# for \$51.00

Elba - Buff skin, white flesh. Elba's dreamy yield will strike out your summer's carried-over debts. Delicious Elba keeps solidly all winter long, despite slow spring emergence. Dan Corey, who grows much of our unique conventional potato stock says, "Elba is hard to screw up," even when grown under the stricter standards of organic production. Bulky standard round white storage potatoes can survive in less-than-optimal conditions. First pick for avoiding fungal blights, including scab and even late blight. Late-blight resistant.

Elba Organic ①②

7345 B: 2# for \$11.50 C: 10# for \$33.00 E: 45# for \$97.75

Elba Conventional ②

7870 B: 2# for \$8.25 C: 10# for \$23.50 E: 45# for \$46.75

German Butterball - Lightly russeted yellow skin, yellow flesh. These delectable buttery balls are hands-down the best-tasting roasting potato in the winter. With flesh just dry enough for a fry or a hash, the Butterball has high yields, good storage qualities and shows some virus resistance. Susceptible to rhizoctonia. Scab resistant. Large prostrate vines with few white flowers.

German Butterball Organic ①②

7360 B: 2# for \$11.50 C: 10# for \$33.00 E: 45# for \$97.75

German Butterball Conventional ②

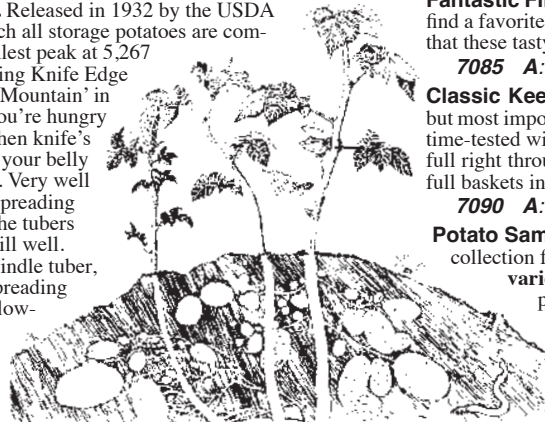
7880 B: 2# for \$8.25 C: 10# for \$20.00 E: 45# for \$46.75

Green Mountain - Buff skin, white flesh. This 1885 heirloom from Vermont has been out of circulation since 2021 when we lost access to certified seed stock. The potential loss of this beloved variety was the heartbreak of many New England growers. A true potato lover's potato, baked or boiled, the medium-sized round tubers have unparalleled fluffiness and an earthy flavor that doesn't fade in long storage. We had to get this variety back in circulation! In collaboration with one of our long-time potato growers, we embarked on a Green Mountain restoration, scouring seed banks for genetic material; growing out clonal plantlets from tissue culture; cleaning and testing to ensure 100% health; and finally growing out the mini-tubers that are the foundation of a certified-seed line. This year we're thrilled to offer a limited supply of first-generation seed stock. Resistant to fusarium storage rot, black leg and verticillium wilt. Susceptible to viral diseases and scab. ② **BACK!**

7890 B: 2# for \$8.25 C: 10# for \$25.00

Katahdin - Buff skin, white flesh. Released in 1932 by the USDA and Maine, it is the standard to which all storage potatoes are compared. Mount Katahdin (Maine's tallest peak at 5,267 feet) is famous for its vertigo-inducing Knife Edge trail. *Katahdin* means 'the Greatest Mountain' in the Penobscot language. Whether you're hungry from hiking or gardening, set a kitchen knife's edge to Katahdin the potato and fill your belly with its warm comforting goodness. Very well suited to a Maine growing season, spreading plants can produce some lunkers. The tubers tend towards the soil's surface, so hill well. Resistant to mild mosaic, but not spindle tuber, leafroll or scab. Medium-to-large spreading plant with many large light purple flowers. **Indigenous Royalties. ②**

**7900 B: 2# for \$8.25
C: 10# for \$20.00
E: 45# for \$42.50**



Lehigh - Yellow skin, light yellow flesh. A late-season yellow that produces high yields of large tubers. Alice harvested one that weighed in at almost 18 ounces, and the second-largest tuber from the same plant weighed 14 ounces! Has produced consistently high yields across diverse growing regions and conditions. Excellent storage potential. Holds its shape well when boiled, making it ideal for soups and stews, but also great fried. Lehigh new potatoes mash up creamy, dense and delectable. Released jointly in 2007 by Cornell, Penn State and UMaine and named after Lehigh County in PA, where the field trials were conducted. *Lehigh* is derived from the Lenape term *Lechauweki* or *Lechauwekink*, meaning 'where there are forks' (e.g. in the Lehigh River). Resistant to blackspot bruise and scab. **Indigenous Royalties. ②**

Lehigh Organic ②

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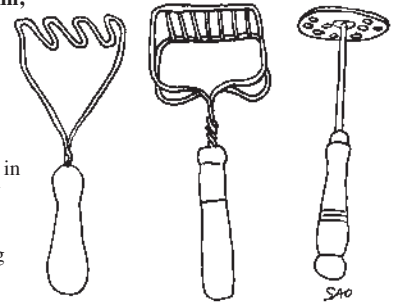
Lehigh Conventional ②

7905 B: 2# for \$8.25 C: 10# for \$23.50 E: 45# for \$46.75

Red Pontiac - Red skin, white flesh. Red Pontiacs yield large round potatoes with attractive red skin and succulent white flesh that keeps moist all winter long. These multipurpose potatoes are great for the fresh market as they show few defects and continue to store. The plants tolerate drought but are susceptible to most common potato diseases. Pontiac, or Obwandiyag, was an 18th-c. Odawa war chief known for his role in leading Native Americans in a struggle against British military occupation of the Great Lakes region. **Indigenous Royalties. ②**

7910 B: 2# for \$8.25 C: 10# for \$20.00 E: 45# for \$42.50

Russet Burbank - Russet skin, white flesh. Known to most as the Idaho Potato, the dry mealy texture makes it a trusty old favorite. A great baking or mashing potato; you'll have the whole winter and spring to experiment in the kitchen. Its reliably high yields mature late in the season, and the plants show resistance to scab, black leg and fusarium. This dependable standard requires heavy feeding and regular moisture for exceptional performance.



Russet Burbank Organic ②

7370 B: 2# for \$11.50 C: 10# for \$37.25 E: 45# for \$121.25

Russet Burbank Conventional ②

7930 B: 2# for \$8.25 C: 10# for \$20.00 E: 45# for \$42.50

POTATO COLLECTIONS

Having trouble deciding which variety to choose? We put together collections to help. We'll choose the varieties in the spring when we better know about availability, and we guarantee a diverse selection in every collection. All varieties will be individually packaged and labeled. We might even include one that is not listed in the catalog.

Specialty Organics

A well-rounded spud medley from our favorite organic growers covers the seasonal potato spectrum. We'll choose **five varieties** to provide earlies and lates in multiple hues of skin and flesh. Taste the difference that organic production can make. **2#** of each variety.

7080 A: 10# for \$34.75

Fantastic Fingerlings Three diverse varieties of gourmet potatoes. If you find a favorite, you can grow it next year. Sample the many colors and shapes that these tasty cuties offer. **2#** of each variety.

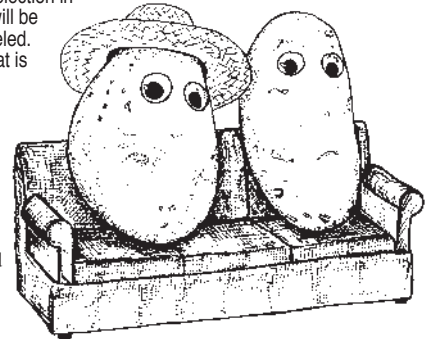
7085 A: 6# for \$31.25

Classic Keepers Yes, we like to eat potatoes during the growing season, but most importantly, we must feast through the winter. This **collection of five** time-tested winter-storage potatoes will keep your stove cranking and bellies full right through spring parsnip digging. Multiple hues of skin and flesh for full baskets in your root cellar. **2#** of each variety.

7090 A: 10# for \$24.00

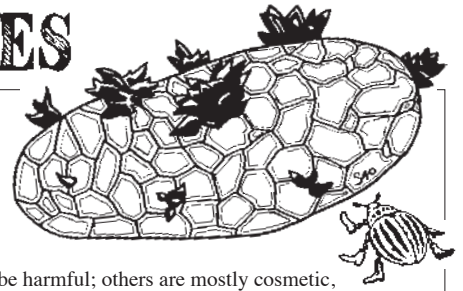
Potato Sampler Encouraged by writer Joan Dye Gussow, we've created a collection for limited space and expansive palate. This **collection of three varieties** includes 2# each of an early, a midseason and a fingerling potato. "It never ceases to amaze me what even a small piece of land lovingly tended can produce," Gussow writes in *This Organic Life*.

7095 A: 6# for \$19.25





GROWING POTATOES



Upon Arrival

Inspect your order as soon as it arrives. Seed potatoes may not look appetizing; that's ok! Sprouting, shriveling, wrinkles and minor blemishes are normal and will not affect the performance of your potato patch. If your seed potatoes are mushy, weeping or very moldy, please contact us at ogs@fedcoseeds.com. If you are not going to plant within two weeks, store seed in a dark cool (around 40°) fairly humid place. Do not remove growing sprouts; these are your new plants.

Chitting or Green Sprouting

You may use chitting to encourage early growth, speed development of marketable tubers, and perhaps increase yields. Warm tubers to 65° in the dark for about two weeks, then spread them out with most of the eyes facing up in a warm place (60–70°) with medium light intensity for about two weeks. This stimulates strong stubby sprouts at the bud end that are not easily broken off.

Soil Preparation

Potatoes grow in any well-drained fertile soil. Work in compost or aged manure, or try our house-blended **8315 Turbo-Tuber** fertilizer, specially formulated to meet the needs of the potato plant. Incidence of scab increases with use of uncomposted manure, lime or wood ash the year of planting. Turn new ground the year before and plant with a rye/vetch cover crop. Rotate potatoes (and other Solanaceae family members: tomatoes, peppers, eggplants) with other plant families in at least a 3-year or, preferably, a 4-year rotation.

Cutting Seed

Small tubers planted whole are less sensitive to seed piece decay than cut pieces. You can cut large tubers into pieces of 2 oz or more, about the size of an egg, with at least two eyes. Many varieties have eyes clustered at one end, so be sure to distribute eyes evenly when cutting. Fingerling eyes spiral the length of the tuber so you may cut them into discs or wedges. Consider treating cut seed with **8173 Myco Seed Treat**. To reduce the risk of seed piece decay, either cut and plant in one operation, or condition the cut seed pieces at 55–60° and 90% humidity for 3–4 days. Covering pieces with damp burlap bags or towels is a way to maintain humidity levels.



Planting

Plant when the soil is 55–60° and dry enough to work easily, about when dandelions bloom. Planting in cooler soil slows emergence and increases the chance of seed piece decay. Planting in hot dry soil also increases the risk of seed piece decay. Plant in furrows 4–6" deep, in rows that allow for your style of hilling. Space new potatoes and fingerlings at 8" for maximum tuber set. Space later-season varieties at 10–12" for maximum size. One pound of seed will usually plant 5–8 row feet, depending on the variety; 10# will usually plant 50 row feet. 2 oz seed pieces 12" apart with 40" row spacing, requires approximately 1600# (or 1000# fingerlings) per acre.

Cultivation and Hilling

Cultivate shallowly as needed during early growth. Hill when plants reach 6" and again at 12–15". After the second hilling, plants will shade and outcompete weeds. Don't cover plants completely when hilling. Be gentle so as not to damage the roots. Hilling gives the plants room to develop potatoes between the seed piece and the soil surface; it also warms the roots, stimulating growth. Mulching plants after the second hilling helps to retain soil moisture, control weeds and reduce incidence of sunburn.

Irrigation

Potato plants are sensitive to small changes in soil moisture because of their shallow (12–15") root systems. Tuber yield and size are directly related to the amount of water available during two critical growth stages: tuber initiation and tuber bulking. Tuber initiation is a 10–14 day period when tubers form at stolon tips. For most varieties, the end of this stage coincides with early flowering. Tuber bulking follows and continues until plants are mature. Lack of water tends to increase incidence and severity of scab, and will affect yield and overall size of the potatoes. Inconsistent water may cause growth cracks, hollow heart and second growth. Ensure 1" of water weekly from plant emergence until two weeks before harvest.

Harvest and Storage

Early harvest or "robbing the plant" can be done anytime you can find potatoes, approximately 60 days after planting or 30 days after flowering. These are new potatoes to be eaten; they will not store well.

Potato plants are mature when the vines start to senesce, or die back and fall over. You may cut, mow, flame-kill or allow them to die naturally. Leave tubers in the ground for 14–21 days after the vines are dead before digging to give the skin time to "set," and to prevent transmission of blight spores from foliage to tubers. Harvest in cool dry weather if possible. After a brief drying, out of direct sunlight, lightly brush off excess dirt but don't wash potatoes intended for storage. Hold at 55–60° for several weeks to allow harvest injuries and bruising to heal; then store only sound tubers at 38–40° with 85–90% relative humidity in complete darkness.

Yields

An average yield is 10# harvested to 1# planted (10:1). Less than 6:1 probably indicates a problem, likely caused by low fertility, lack of water, or excessive disease or insect pressure. Yields as high as 20:1 are exceptional, but can be achieved.

Spud Pests

Like most crops, potatoes are affected by various insects and diseases. The Colorado potato beetle and the potato leafhopper are the most damaging insects. Some diseases such as late blight (see below) can also be harmful; others are mostly cosmetic, like common scab. Leafhopper damage, or hopperburn, can be mistaken for late blight. Consult your local Cooperative Extension office for help with spud problems.

Colorado Potato Beetle Control

Here are several steps that help in the battle against CPB.

Soil health - Healthy soil produces healthy plants, and healthy plants experience less insect and disease pressure.

Crop rotation - Rotating plant families in 3–5 year rotations really helps to control insect and disease problems.

Field scouting - In home gardens, as plants emerge, handpick beetles and larvae; drop them into a container of soapy water. Look under the leaves for orange egg masses and squish them.

Planting later than normal - Takes plant emergence out of sync with beetles' cycle and helps reduce CPB's early egg laying.

Insect netting - Cover with ProtekNet (**8872**) to exclude CPB.

Spraying - If your area is too large for handpicking, you could consider:

- Surround (**8720**), a kaolin clay formulation, forms a barrier on leaves.
- Grandevo (**8750**) a preparation of *Chromobacterium subsugae* that is effective on larvae.
- Entrust (**8759** on our website), a spinosad insecticide active on several orders of insects. For commercial growers.
- Monterey Garden Spray (**8762**), a spinosad for home gardens.
- Pyganic (**8765**) or Bug Buster-O (**8768**), broad-spectrum pyrethrum insecticides.

Walking the field - Several days after spraying, handpick larvae that the spray missed.

As always, vigilance is the key. Please send us your feedback: what worked or didn't work for you?

If you are trying to identify a pest, or need to send an insect or plant sample to a lab for diagnosis, go to extension.umaine.edu/ipm/ipddl/, a useful website of Maine's plant disease diagnostic laboratory, or contact your local Cooperative Extension Service.

Late Blight

Late blight is a fungal disease that attacks the foliage, fruit and tubers of tomatoes and potatoes. The fungus *Phytophthora infestans* (genus translates as 'plant destroyer') flourishes in cool, wet conditions and can wipe out robust plants. Traveling by air (though it can be seed-borne in potatoes), the spores swiftly proliferate in wet conditions between 60° and 80°. Infected plants develop greyish-black lesions on leaves and stems, often accompanied by fuzzy white fungal growth. Left uncontrolled, the blight can spread to the tubers.

Here are a few tips for healthy crops:

- Plant only seed that is certified disease-free (that's us).
- Consider planting late-blight resistant varieties. If a variety shows field resistance to late blight, we mention it in the description.
- Consider beginning the season with preventive measures. Regalia (**8693**), formulated with an extract from giant knotweed, induces systemic resistance to *Phytophthora* and other pathogens. With translaminar action, spraying the tops of leaves extends coverage to the bottoms as well. Spray every 7–14 days to protect new growth. Cease (**8710**) colonizes leaf surfaces with beneficial bacteria that inhibit the growth of predatory fungus. Also consider Monterey Complete Disease Control (**8709**). Cueva copper (**8675** on our website) can be applied as a preventive spray.
- As a last resort, if lesions appear, apply Bonide Copper (**8672**).
- Avoid overhead irrigation just before dusk, as prolonged wet vegetation is a prime target for the blight.
- Hill potatoes well to reduce the transmission of infection from leaf to tuber. Growing potatoes in plastic mulch may help.
- Do not compost any infected plant material. Freezing kills spores; be sure plant tissue is thoroughly frozen. The best method to sterilize your field for next year may be to leave sick plants on the surface to freeze.

Stay up-to-date by watching MOFGA's bulletins (Go to mofga.org, choose Farmer Resources, then Reports/Alerts) or contact your local Cooperative Extension Service for more information. In Maine you can call the Late Blight Hotline (207-760-9ipm) for daily reports on late blight incidence in Maine. Nationally, you can go to usablight.org/map/ to see an interactive up-to-date map of Late Blight occurrences across the country.

Certified-organic Growers

We list several products for certified-organic growers but be aware that no pest- or disease-control product is allowable without filing a plan for its use under the NOP. See pages 115 and 145 for more information.

If shipping weight in parentheses is (0#), the item qualifies for free shipping!

POTATOES AT A GLANCE

Variety	OG	CS	Maturity	Skin Color	Flesh Color	Shape	Texture	Yield	Storage	Resistance	Certifier
Adirondack Blue	7240	7745	M	blue-purple	purple	Ob	mealy, floury	M	F	G	ME
Adirondack Red	7245	7750	M	red	pinkish-red	R	moist, firm	M	G	G	ME
Algonquin		7640	E-M	buff	white	Ov	moist, firm	H	G	H	NY
All Blue	7252		M	blue-purple	purple	Ob	dry, floury	M	E	G	ME
AmaRosa	7100		M-L	red	red	F	waxy	H	G	H	ME
Austrian Crescent		7600	M	yellow	light yellow	F	waxy	H	G	G	ME
Baltic Rose		7758	M	red	yellow	Ov	moist, firm	H	G	H	ME
Banana	7110	7610	M-L	yellow	yellow	F	waxy	H	G	H	ME
Bintje		7860	L	yellow	yellow	Ob	waxy	H	G	M	CO
Blackberry	7253		M	purple-black	purple	R	moist, firm	M-H	G	G	ME
Blue Gold	7255	7760	E-M	blue-purple	yellow	R	moist, waxy	M	G	G	ME
Caribou Russet	7259	7765	M	russet	white	L	dry, floury	M-H	E	M	ME
Carola		7770	M	yellow	yellow	Ob	moist, firm	H	G	H	ME, CO
Chieftain	7180	7650	E-M	pinkish-red	white	R-Ob	mealy, floury	H	F	H	ME
Dark Red Norland	7190	7670	E	dark red	white	Ob	moist, firm	H	F	H	ME
Desiree		7865	L	rose red	yellow	L-Ov	moist, firm	H	G	M	CO
Elba	7345	7870	L	buff	white	R	moist, firm	H	E	H	ME
Envol		7680	VE	buff	white	R	floury	M	G	M	ME
Eva		7775	M	buff	white	R-Ob	mealy, floury	M	E	H	ME
French Fingerling	7120	7620	M-L	dark rose-red	yellow w/ pink	F	waxy	H	G	H	ME
German Butterball	7360	7880	L	yellow w/ light russet	yellow	Ob	medium-dry	M-H	E	G	ME, CO
Gold Rush Russet	7265		M	russet	white	Ob	dry, floury	H	G	G	ME
Green Mountain		7890	L	buff	white	Ob	dry, floury	M	E	M	ME
Katahdin		7900	L	buff	white	R	moist, firm	H	E	M	ME
Kennebec	7270	7790	M	buff	white	Ob	moist, firm	H	E	M	ME
Keuka Gold	7280	7800	M	buff	light yellow	Ob	moist, firm	H	G	H	ME
La Ratte	7130	7622	L	yellow netted	yellow	F	waxy	H	G	G	CO
Lehigh	7363	7905	M-L	yellow	light yellow	R	waxy	M-H	E	G	ME
Magic Molly	7140	7625	M-L	deep purple	purple	Ob	moist, waxy	H	E	G	ME
Masquerade		7805	M	yellow w/ purple spots	yellow	R	dry, floury	H	G	G	CO
Natascha		7695	E	yellow	yellow	Ob	waxy	H	G	H	ME
Nicola		7810	M	deep yellow	dark yellow	L-Ov	waxy	M-H	G	G	CO
Pinto	7145	7628	L	red w/ yellow spots	yellow	F	moist, firm	H	G	H	ME
Purple Majesty		7815	M	purple	purple	Ob	moist, firm	M	F	M	ME
Purple Viking	7300	7820	M	purple w/ pink splashes	white	R	moist, firm	H	E	H	CO
Red Gold		7700	VE	pink w/ red eyes	yellow	Ov	waxy	H	F	M	ME
Red Maria	7305	7830	M	red	white	R	moist, firm	H	G	H	ME
Red Pontiac		7910	L	red	white	R	moist	H	E	M	ME
Red Thumb		7630	L	red	pale red	F	waxy	M	G	M	ME, CO
Russet Burbank	7370	7930	VL	russet	white	L	dry, floury	H	E	H	ME
Sangre		7720	E	deep red	white	Ob	moist, firm	M-H	E	G	CO
Satina	7225		E-M	yellow	yellow	R	moist, firm	H	E	H	ME
Soraya	7310	7843	M	yellow	yellow	Ov	moist, firm	H	G	H	NY
Strawberry Paw	7327	7845	M	bright red	white	R	moist, firm	H	E	H	ME
Upstate Abundance		7730	E	buff	white	R	firm, creamy	H	E	M	NY
Vivaldi	7330		E-M	pale yellow	pale yellow	Ov	moist, firm	H	G	M	ME
Yukon Gem	7228	7735	E	yellow w/pink eyes	yellow	R-Ob	firm, creamy	H	G	H	ME
Yukon Gold	7230	7740	VE	yellow-buff w/pink eyes	yellow	Ov	firm, fluffy	M	E	M	ME

POTATOES

Chart Key

OG: Organically Grown

CS: Conventional Seed

Maturity: VE = very early
E = early
M = midseason
L = late
VL = very late

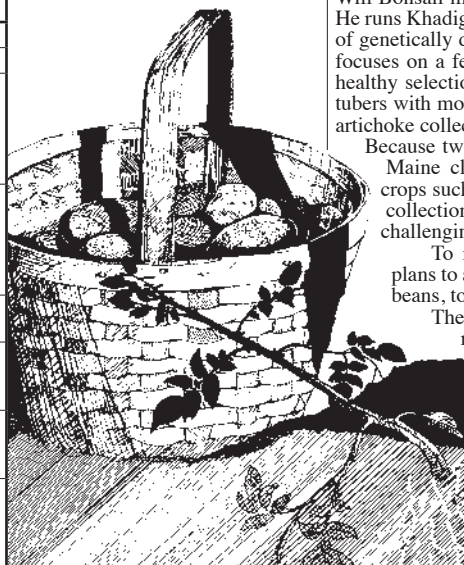
Shape: R = round
L = long
Ob = oblong
Ov = oval
F = fingerling

Yield: M = medium
H = high

Storage: F = fair
G = good
E = excellent

Scab Resistance: M = moderate
G = good
H = high

State certification agency: ME = Maine
CO = Colorado
NY = New York



SCATTERSEED PROJECT

Will Bonsall moved to Industry, ME, in 1971 to live simply and self-sufficiently. He runs Khadighar Farm. Will's Scatterseed Project hosts and preserves thousands of genetically diverse crops well-suited to Maine's seasons and soils. The project focuses on a few vegetable families and makes a valiant effort to keep viable a healthy selection of genetics. One of Will's main focuses is clonally propagated tubers with more than 700 varieties of potatoes and the most extensive Jerusalem artichoke collection in North America.

Because two-season, or biennial, crops are hard to overwinter or store in our Maine climate, there are few growers in New England saving seed for crops such as rutabagas, leeks or turnips. However, Will tends a magnificent collection of these as well, concentrating on those crops that excel in our challenging climate.

To round out his collection and to emphasize self-sufficiency, Will plans to add what he considers the easier crops to his seed-saving work, like beans, tomatoes and grains.

The vital work of seed-saving doesn't leave much room or time for raising market crops. Will earns little revenue from his crusade. Scatterseed may be the only place on the planet where some of these varieties are still alive. Here a little more labor can mean huge success. Your donations make a real impact—\$4,482.18 in 2023! Scatterseed relies on our support. Consider making a donation on the Potatoes, Onions & Exotics order form (p. 163 or online) to keep the work going and to ensure that we can continue to enjoy our world of vegetable wonders.

To learn about Will's growing methods, check out his book: *Will Bonsall's Essential Guide to Radical, Self-Reliant Gardening*, (9819 in the Books section).

Order online at fedcoseeds.com

Division	Products	Find on pages	Schedule	Shipping Charges	Pickups
Seeds items 200-5999	vegetable, herb and flower seed	pages 5-110 order form pg 169	Daily shipping begins mid-Dec. 2023. Twice-a-week shipping begins in May. No shipping Nov. 1 to early Dec. We will ship backorders at our discretion; however, crops needing an early start are shipped ASAP.	Free for all orders \$50 and over. Under \$50, pay \$6 shipping charge. We ship to Canada: internet orders only, shipping charges apply.	Order online; we send a confirmation email when order is ready. Pick up at OGS warehouse. (Hours listed below.) Seeds warehouse is closed for browsing.
Potatoes, Onions & Exotics items 7000-7999	seed potatoes, onion sets & plants, ginger & turmeric, sweet potato slips	pages 116-122 order form pg 171	Order ginger and turmeric by Feb 23. Order by March 8 for best availability of potatoes, and for early April shipping to warm states. We will take potato orders until we run out in late spring.	See chart on order form, page 171. For lower prices, consider depot shipping, details pg 174.	Pickup orders must be placed online. We send a reminder email in the spring.
Organic Growers Supply (OGS) items 8000-9999	cover crops, soil amendments, tools, supplies, books	pages 126-167 order form pg 173	We ship year-round!	See chart on order form, page 173. Items with (0#) weight ship for free. For lower prices, consider depot shipping, details pg 174.	Pickup orders must be placed online. Warehouse is open for pickups and shopping (hours below). Order in advance for best service.

Directions for all three paper order forms:

- Please use a current catalog.

Prices, item numbers and availability change!

Need a current catalog? Request one at (207) 426-0090.

- Please use the correct order form.

• You can mail the different order forms together in the same envelope, but please write **separate checks** for each division's form.

• If you pay by **card**, we will charge you when we receive your order. We will send you a bill or a refund for any adjustments as each order is completed.

• Please **subtotal each column** and total your order. That helps us check our order-entry accuracy.

• **Sales Tax:** Orders shipped to Maine addresses and all pickup customers pay 5.5% sales tax on all products. We must collect local taxes in states that require us to do so. States affected are listed on the order form. *Farms and retailers:* please send us a copy of your state resale certificate or farm exemption. Otherwise we must charge sales tax.

• **Shipping:** We ship by FedEx or Priority Mail, our choice, based on weight. Orders over 300 lb, consider a truck shipment, details on p. 174. Shipping to Alaska & Hawaii is all by Priority Mail.

Substitution policy: Unless you decline substitutions on your order form, we will substitute for items that we cannot supply:

- We will substitute a variety of the same kind and similar season.
- If we have to substitute a more expensive variety, we won't charge you more.
- If we run out of organic seed we will substitute high-quality conventional seed for the same variety unless you specify otherwise on your order form.

For information on Seeds backorders and out-of-stocks, see page 3.

Change to volume discount program: In order to provide high-quality products at competitive prices, we are discontinuing our old volume discount program. While these smaller discounts are going away, we are now better positioned to build savings directly into our list prices. We think this is the best way to keep prices fair.

Bulk Pricing: Large orders over \$1200 qualify for bulk pricing.

- You may not combine subtotals from different divisions to reach the bulk pricing threshold.
- **Seeds:** Orders with subtotals over \$1200 receive 20% off.
- **Potatoes:** Orders with subtotals over \$1200 qualify for bulk pricing. *Download bulk price list at fedcoseeds.com/moose/MTdisc.htm or call us.*
- **Organic Growers Supply:** Once your cumulative orders total over \$1200 within 12 months, you qualify for bulk pricing on additional orders going forward. *Call or email us for OGS bulk price list.*
- Once you meet the bulk pricing threshold, **additional orders over \$50** qualify for bulk pricing if they are ordered from the same address.

5% Early Bird discount (OGS only) for orders placed before December 31, 2023, and shipped or picked up by January 13, 2024.

1% Member discount Learn about joining our co-op on page 6.

Group Ordering:

Team up with friends and neighbors to save on shipping and to reach the bulk pricing threshold.

We will pull, package and label each group member's order separately and ship all to one address.

We accept group orders online. Group coordinators can find details at our website. Go to "About Ordering" and click on "Group Ordering."

Or use the mail and bundle individual orders with a summary form for each division with address info and totals. Please keep copies.

To prepare a summary form for paper orders:

- Attach a separate summary page for each division (Seeds, Potatoes, OGS). Use an order form with no items on it, supply name and address for where we will ship the order, and totals information.
- A summary form without individual totals is acceptable.
- Please use one method of payment for each division order. You may combine totals for all divisions and send one check.
- We treat all add-ons as additional orders.

Group coordinators' responsibilities:

- Collect individual orders and payments from group members.
- Make sure each item of each individual order is on the proper form. Add up order subtotals for each division.
- Keep track of individual payments and settle with group members after the final shipment.
- Bundle orders for each division with a summary and one payment and send to us.
- Receive and distribute back-ordered items.
- Send us corrections for any errors.



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Clinton, ME 04927

This form is for **items 7000-7999, pages 116-122 only**.
Other items may not be combined on this order form.

POTATO ORDER FORM

(From mailing label) CC- _____
 Farm or Group Name _____
 Name _____
 US Mail Delivery Address _____
 Town _____ St _____ Zip _____
 FedEx Delivery Address
 (if different, no PO Boxes) _____
 Town _____ St _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____
 Email _____

We anticipate high order volume in 2024; **order early if you need your potatoes early.**

Orders placed before March 8 will be shipped according to growing zone as usual. Orders placed after March 8 will be shipped later, and in the order in which they are received.

Exotics (p. 117) deadline: February 23, 2024 Potato order deadline: Late spring, when we run out of stock!	Check up-to-date product availability, view photos and order online at fedcoseeds.com
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Delivery:

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To PICK UP potatoes and sets at our warehouse or at a depot, order online.

Check our website for your depot's order deadline.

Substitution Options:

(read our policy on p. 115 or fedcoseeds.com/moose/MTsubs.htm)

- Yes No
 Will you accept substitutions?
 Will you accept conventional seed of the same variety for organic seed?

Payment Options:

We accept payment by card, check, gift certificate and money order (payable to Fedco).

Bulk Pricing:
Subtotals \$1200 and over qualify for bulk pricing.
<i>Download or call for our bulk price list.</i>

Sales Tax:	
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AK, CT, GA, IN, KY, MN, NC, NJ, NY, OH, PA, RI, VT, WA, WI, WV	- Shipping is taxable. Pay your local tax rate on Adj Total + Shipping.

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Fedco Member? 1% Discount from Subtotal	-
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Optional \$2 to defray catalog mailing cost	+
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Order weight: → ZIP code begins with:	more than 0 up to 2 lb	up to 5 lb	up to 15 lb	up to 25 lb	up to 35 lb	up to 45 lb	up to 300 lb	orders over 300 lb
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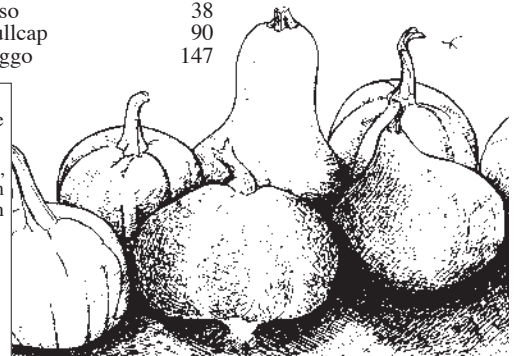
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