

## Potato Day 2020 Varieties

\* = Organic, # = Black Isle / locally grown, (year introduced, parent x parent)

### First Earlies

#### **Abbot**

Boil, salad and bake. A lovely salad potato or grow on for baking potatoes.

#### **Accord**

High yielding, disease resistant, good for salad or grown on for baking. Tasty.

#### **Arran Pilot** (1930, May Queen x Pepo)

Very good, tasty, new potato; widely grown and popular. Highly resistant to scab, susceptible to drought.

#### **Casablanca** \* (2009, 85G040-080 x Picasso)

The "new Maris Bard", white with shallow eyes, good for chipping, baking, boiling. Very early. Stores well.

#### **Colleen** \* (1993, Manna x Mizen)

Good multipurpose potato, high yielding; waxy, yet mealy, pale yellow. Boils and fries well. Reasonable blight resistance.

#### **Duke of York** (1891, Early Primrose x King Kidney)

#### **Red Duke of York** (1942, Duke of York variant)

Floury and excellent flavour, but a big disadvantage: very susceptible to blight on both leaves and tubers. Red skin / pink skin / yellow skin, pale yellow flesh, oval shape. Best fried, roasted, mashed or baked; boil carefully.

#### **Epicure** (1897?, Magnum Bonum x Early Regent)

Round, deep eyed, white, fairly floury, flesh. Reputed to withstand leaf frost damage better than most.

#### **Foremost** (1954, Katahdin x (Epicure x Pepo) )

A gardeners' favourite, round oval, easy scrubbing, tasty. More floury than most, good baker if allowed to grow.

#### **Lady Christl** (1996, WS 73-3-391 x Mansour)

A very good waxy salad potato, very early - a week or so later than Swift / Rocket. Susceptible to foliar blight, fairly good tuber blight resistance. Long oval shape, white skin, yellow flesh. Doesn't like exposed conditions.

#### **Maris Bard** \* (1972, Y15 139 x Ulster Prince)

Early, high yielding, oval, waxy, white. Traditional earthy taste, good new potato, more general purpose if left to mature.

#### **Orla** \* (1998, O.P. 657/3 x Spunta)

Currently the most blight resistant first early. Can be used as a decent early new potato or grown on as a maincrop when it becomes more general purpose. Stores well, long dormancy. Oval, white.

**Pentland Javelin** (1968, Craigs Royal x 2356(11) x USDA 41956 x Austr. Seedling) White, oval, good flavoured new potato. Tends to bulk up later than most first earlies.

#### **Premier #**

Fantastic first early variety producing big crops. Mash, bake, roast and chips.

#### **Rocket** (1987, F12/17 x D42/8)

Along with Swift the earliest cropping potato available in UK. Round and white, decent crop of smaller tubers. Very good eelworm resistance.

#### **Sharpe's Express** (1900)

Another tasty one that's on the floury side. Rated as poor blight resistance but some I've grown have had surprisingly good resistance. Somewhat irregular oval shape, white flesh. Does well locally.

#### **Swift** (1994, Stroma x 90-83)

Along with Rocket the earliest cropping potato available in the UK. Oval, cream flesh, bigger tubers than Rocket and can be used for baking, mashing and roasting if left to grow on a bit. Compact plants, good for growing under cloches or fleece.

#### **Winston** (1992, Kismet x DXMP70 (Desiree x Maris Piper) )

Pretty, cream, round oval. Good all round disease and pest resistance.

## Second Earlies

### **Apache** (2010, Stroma x S. phureja seedling)

Attractive piebald red / white skin, roundish tubers, yellow flesh. Just scrub and roast – yummy. Steam rather than boil.

### **Athlete #** (2013?, AR 99-263-5 x Miriam)

Produces lots of even sized smallish potatoes for salad use but also high dry matter so should be more versatile. Light yellow flesh, oval, 'earthy flavour'. Good blight resistance.

### **Bonnie** (2006, Estima x 83N28-47)

White with red eye splashes, short oval, cream flesh, moderately floury general purpose, bakes well.

### **British Queen** (1894, Patersons Victoria x Old Blue Don)

Excellent old fashioned floury, high dry matter potato but doesn't disintegrate when boiled gently. Recently awarded RHS Award of Garden Merit, good yields and flavour. Oval, white.

### **Carlingford**

Round to oval potatoes with smooth white skin and white flesh. These are waxy potatoes, good for boiling and salads. Good for containers and resistant to scab.

### **Charlotte** (1981, Hansa x Danae)

Good flavour, high yielding, waxy, salad type. Very popular. Oval, yellow fleshed.

### **Estima** (1973 from the Netherlands)

This yellow oval potato looks good. Big yield, boil, salad, mash and bake.

### **Inca Bella** (from the Mayan Gold family)

White skin, speckled with red eyes. Floury with nutty taste. Wedge, bake or roast for half an hour.

### **International Kidney** (1879? 1966?)

AKA "Jersey Royal" but dig it early to be like that, becomes more floury and general purpose if grown on.

### **Jazzy** (2009, Franceline x Cupido)

A tattie with its own website, apparently good boiled, steamed, crushed or roasted! Long oval, waxy, pale yellow flesh.

### **Kestrel** (1992, Solanum vernei x Cara)

Pretty, tasty, high yielding, general purpose but slightly on the waxy side. Good for most uses, even roasts OK, and very good baked. White with purple eyes, light yellow flesh.

### **Marfona** (1975, Primura x KO 51-123)

Fairly waxy, short oval, pale yellow flesh, boils well. Buttery flavour and good size make it a good baker.

### **Maris Peer #** (1966, 120/13 x Ulster Knight)

A good salad / boiling potato - especially if eaten soon after digging; popular, waxy. Oval, cream flesh.

### **Nadine**

High yielding producing many smallish oval smooth skinned potatoes. Good for boiling, good eel worm resistance.

### **Nicola** (1973, Clivia x 6430 / 1011)

Produces large number of uniform, smooth oval potatoes good for boiling. Good eelworm resistance.

### **Piccolo Star #** (2007, Ausonia x VE 74-120)

Produces a large number of tubers for salad / new potato use. Smooth oval, yellow flesh, has impressed some locals.

### **Sagitta #** (1961, Schwalbe x (adg 54 3 14 34 x Oberarnbacher Fruhe))

Oval, yellow fleshed and often fairly large potatoes, high yields. Highish dry matter, good roast & chipper.

### **Sunrise** (Caithness Potatoes)

White, high yielding good flavour and a good all round cooker.

### **Vivaldi #** (originated in the Netherlands)

Pale yellow potato with a velvety texture, great for mashing, good as a boiled potato, holding its shape. Very versatile.

### **Wilja** (1967, Climax x Konst 51-123)

Good general purpose, high yield of biggish oval yellow fleshed potatoes. Good flavour.

## **Maincrop**

### **Allouette / Aloutie #**

Red skin, yellow flesh, oval long tubers. Blight resistant, excellent flavour. Roast, bake, slow boil and chip.

### **Ambo \* (1993, Desiree x Cara)**

Part red skin, large-ish potatoes. Quite floury general purpose, cooks well in all ways. High yield and decent blight resistance.

### **Bambino \* (2005, Navan x Boxer)**

Produces a large number of medium sized round oval, cream fleshed potatoes, good for new potato use. Good flavour, yield and general pest / disease resistance.

### **Cabaret # (2001 UK)**

Attractive Maris Piper like potato.

### **Carolus \* (2014, Agria x AR 00-9417)**

Pink / white skins, oval, light yellow flesh, high-ish dry matter general purpose, excellent roast and good flavour. Very good blight resistance but susceptible to scab, high yields.

### **Daisy #**

Oval white potato with yellow flesh. Large tubers, boil, bake or mash.

### **Desiree (1962, Urgenta x Depesche)**

Bright red skin, high yields of big potatoes, good all round cooking qualities and Delia has made this a favourite.

### **Heraclea #**

Good yield, good as crisps, chips etc

### **Highland Burgundy Red (old, unknown)**

Red inside! High dry matter, floury, possibly slightly sweet. Makes tasty, fluffy pink mash, fries well, roasts OK. Yields surprisingly well. A good potato. Long oval, red skin and flesh.

### **Innovator # (2004-ish, Shepody x RZ-84-2580)**

A russet skinned, high dry matter, floury, cream coloured flesh, often large round to oval potato. Good flavour, yields, good roast and mash, very good blight resistance. Recommended.

### **King Edward (1902, Magnum Bonam x Beauty of Hebron )**

The reference roasting potato. Good eating and cooking qualities.

### **Kingsman \***

Boil, mash, bake, roast and chips. Delicious. Very good yield.

### **Lady Amarilla # (2008, Agria x Hermes)**

Recent crisping / chips introduction. Oval, yellow fleshed, high dry matter, stores very well.

### **Lady Balfour # (2001, 8204 A4 x 15119 AC5 )**

Vigorous, tall plants that do well in low fertility conditions, bred for organic growing, high yields. Good disease resistance, including partial double eelworm. Large oval white tubers with pink eye splashes.

### **Liberty**

White oval, bright skinned with lots of uniform tubers. Good eating qualities. Good for boiling, mashing and baking.

### **Maris Piper (1963, (Sol Andigena x Ulster Knight) x (Arran Cairn x Herald) )**

The chippies favourite but slugs like it, too. Good yields and flavour, excellent for frying and mashing. Oval, cream flesh, large tubers.

### **Mayan Gold**

High dry matter texture, bright yellow flesh, nutty flavour, cooks well.

### **Mayan Rose**

It produces long oval red parti coloured tubers with yellow flesh. Good for boiling, mashing and roasting.

### **Performer # (2014?, Nika x Innovator)**

Recent chipper / general purpose, long oval, russet skin, pale yellow flesh, high dry matter, floury, fluffy. Very good eelworm resistance, good general disease resistance, tall plants.

### **Pink Gypsy \* (2009, Symfonia x Spey)**

Piebald pink / white, long oval, white flesh, medium dry matter. Boil, bake, general purpose. Stores well, decent disease resistance except blight, excellent flavour.

**Ratte (1872)**

Similar to Pink Fur Apple but earlier, possibly more productive. Nutty flavour, smooth buttery texture.

**Rooster (1991, OP 2532 64 x Pentland Ivory)**

High yielding, floury, tasty potato. Excellent for frying & roasting, very good for mashing. OK for boiling. Oval, red skinned, yellowish flesh.

**Royal # (2008, Midas x 92-BUY-1)**

Crisping / chipping variety. Biggish tubers and yield, good roast and mashed. Danish bred, McCain using for chips.

**Salad Blue (old, parents unknown)**

This one is blue inside, too and has beautiful flowers. Floury, good for mashing and frying, decent for roasting. Good cropper if blight doesn't get it. Roundish, blue skin and flesh.

**Sarpo Kifli (2009 Hungary/Wales)**

Firm and waxy with new potato flavour. High yielding, blight resistant.

**Sarpo Shona**

Has Sarpo characteristics. Is a very productive variety which matures early and has a good skin finish and easy to use well rounded tubers.

**Sassy #**

Small round potato with yellow skin and yellow flesh. Good flavour, good for chips.

**Setanta \* (2004, Rooster x Brodick)**

A very good, floury, general purpose / roaster. Good blight and disease resistance, inherited its cooking qualities from Rooster, high yielding and pretty. Oval, red skin, light yellow flesh. Highly recommended.

**Sunset \***

Red skinned, creamy tubers. Good in extreme conditions, lovely flavour can be used for boiling, roasting and mashing

**Shetland Black (late 1800?)**

Dark blue skinned, small to medium size tubers with a purple ring under the skin. Moderate yield. Flowery and tasty, good for baking, chips and roasting. Try frying and good for crisps.

**Yukon Gold (1980 from Canada)**

Bold yellow baker, buttery flavour, high dry matter, fries and boils well.

**Late Maincrop****Arran Victory \* (1912, seedling of Suttons Abundance)**

A striking purple skinned, white floury fleshed potato. Excellent for mashing and frying, very good for roasting and baking. Very large plants and high yields.

**Cara \* (1973, A 25 19 x Ulster Glade)**

Tall plants, high yields of often big potatoes, short oval with pink eyes and cream flesh. Good all round disease resistance including eelworm and moderate blight. Slightly waxy, good general purpose.

**Golden Wonder \* (1906, seedling of Early Rose)**

Oval, russet skin, dense white flesh. Floury, good flavour, roasts well, excellent fryer that absorbs little fat. Best stored until after Xmas.

**Kerr's Pink (1917, Fortyfold x Smiths Early)**

Perhaps the best roaster. Floury, great for mashing and good for frying, too. Yields can be very good, big plant. Roundish, often deep eyes, pink flashes on white skin, white flesh.

**Pink Fir Apple (1850)**

The legendary salad potato for winter use from store. Knobbly, irregular tubers that should be cooked whole in their skins. Yellowish flesh, excellent flavour. Plants often untidy and prone to wind damage.

**Suggestions**

**Blight resistant:** Sarpo Kifli, Sarpo Shona, Innovator; Athlete, Orla,

**Eelworm resistant:** Rocket, Pentland Javelin, Maris Piper, Casablanca, Colleen, Lady Balfour, Bambino, Nicola, Cara, Performer

**Roast:** Kerrs Pink, King Edward, Innovator, Dukes of York, Setanta, Sagitta

**Mash:** Highland Burgundy Red (pink), Salad Blue (lavender), Arran Victory, Dukes of York, British Queen, Sharpes Express, Maris Piper, most high dry matter maincrops

**Fry:** Maris Piper, Golden Wonder, Colleen, Performer, Lady Amarilla,

**Bake:** Orla, Bonnie, Pink Gypsy, Ambo, Lady Balfour

**Scrub and boil...First Earlies:** Arran Pilot, Casablanca, Maris Bard, Pentland Javelin, Foremost, Duke of Yorks, Colleen **Second Earlies:** Athlete, Charlotte, Maris Peer, Nicola, Piccolo Star **Maincrop:** Bambino, Pink Fir Apple