Tattie Top Tips 2022 from Trish McKeggie

(who oversees and puts in our annual seed potatoes order, and is one of our local 'tattie experts')

1. New to tattie growing? - 5 easy potatoes to grow and they are also all ORGANIC

1st Early - Casablanca SMOOTH, 2nd Early - Bambino WAXY, Charlotte WAXY, Sarpo Una SMOOTH Main - Ambo FLOURY

WAXY = Hold shape and have firm bite when cooked

SMOOTH = Great all rounder when cooked

FLOURY = Fluff up when cooked good for chips roast and baking

2. The quickest growing tattie = SWIFT (1st E)

Unfortunately this one is not Organic, but has a lot of good properties:

- * Good for growing under cover poly tunnel, glass, fleece etc
- * Good for growing in tattie bag, bucket etc.
- * Good disease resistance.
- **3**. **All round** and best choice for gardening and cooking is SARPO MIRA (late Main)
- **4**. **No Rooster this year, but** for something like it try SETANTA (Main) Rooster is one of the parents.
- 5. New varieties to try....
- * Twinner produces a large tuber, floury taste and good blight resistance
- * Heidi Red red skin and flesh, tasty boiled or salad

Trish says 'I shall be trying the Twinner, a new variety to me, and a few faithfuls that I grow every year...

Have fun growing your tatties this year, we will be using hosts to distribute the 28 varieties . You can buy straight from them in various places on the Black Isle and at Culbokie and North Kessock markets... Hope to see you somewhere.'

And don't forget:

- * Chit your tatties in a light place .
- * Store them when harvested in a dark cool place.

Any more information required about growing tatties do go to POTATO HOUSE https://www.potatohouse.co.uk/. (this is the Farm where we buy the seed tatties) they have a brilliant web site, well worth looking at.