

## Nottingham Organic Gardeners: Potato Day 2024

Tubers are 20p each and 6 tubers for £1. You **can** mix and match, e.g. 2 x Picasso and 4 x Charlotte = £1.

**Recommended for salads and boiling:** Accord, Belle de Fontenay, Caledonian Pearl, Charlotte, Jazzy, Nicola, Pink Fir Apple

**Good all-rounders:** Acoustic, Alouette, Caledonian Rose, Desiree, Kingsman, Marfona, Marvel, Orla, Picasso, Sunset, Twinner

**Tasty bakers:** Desiree, Kingsman, Marfona, Marvel, Orla, Red Duke of York, Sunset, Twinner, Yukon Gold

**Delicious & floury for roasts, mash, & chips:** Alanis, Caledonian Rose, King Edwards, Maris Piper, Red Duke of York

**Growing for disease resistance?** Alanis, Alouette, Caledonian Rose, Cara, Charlotte, Java, Kingsman, Lady Christl, Sarpo Una, Sunset, Twinner

**Entering your local show?** Accord, Charlotte, Kestrel, Picasso

**Growing in a container?** Accord, Caledonian Pearl, Charlotte, Foremost, Jazzy, Picasso, Sarpo Una, Swift

Descriptions based on growers' and breeders' websites, UK Potato Council data, the European Cultivated Potato Database or Alan Romans, *Guide to Seed Potato Varieties*.

1<sup>st</sup> Early ready June to July; 2<sup>nd</sup> Early - ready June to August; Early Maincrop ready August; Late Maincrop ready September onwards.

\* denotes Soil Association organic standard)

PCN = eelworm

Variety	Cooking qualities	Notes	Resistance to	Susceptible to
Accord (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Lift early for salad or grow out for bakers. Good flavour, quite waxy.	Cream skin and flesh. Good yields, clean tubers. Versatile. Good container variety.	Scab, PCN	Blight (foliage) – but 1 <sup>st</sup> early, virus Y
Acoustic* (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Waxier if lifted early (boil) & floury if left to mature (roast, bake, mash).	Pale yellow flesh. High yields, uniform tubers. Good all-rounder, great flavour.	Blight, viruses X, Y, A	No information yet – new variety
Alanis* (main)	Fluffy and good for chips, roasts and wedges.	New variety. Long pale yellow tubers. Good yields and stores well.	Drought and heat, PCN, blight	No information yet
Alouette* (main)	Excellent flavour, good for roasts, chips, baking, boiling.	Red skin, yellow flesh. Developed for organic cultivation. Good all-rounder.	Blight (foliage & tubers), virus Yn	PCN g. pallida
Belle de Fontenay (early main)	Very good flavour, improves on storage. Good for salads. Waxy.	Classic French salad variety – c. 1885. Also great leek & potato soup!	Scab	PCN
Caledonian Pearl (1 <sup>st</sup> )	New variety with potential for salads. Quite waxy, good flavour.	Smooth skin, high tuber yields, even sized tubers. Yellow skin, cream flesh.	Drought, bruising, splitting, scab, virus	PCN
Caledonian Rose (main)	Boil, roast, mash, bake. Wonderful flavour and texture. Versatile.	High yields, good all-rounder. Red skin, yellow flesh. Grows well.	Drought, dry rot, viruses	Blight (tubers)
Cara* (late main)	Mild flavoured creamy flesh, good baked or roasted. Soft texture.	Attractive white tubers with red eyes. Stores well. Good general disease resistance.	Blight, PCN g. rostochiensis, drought, slugs	PCN globodera pallida
Charlotte* (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Waxy salad potato. Very good flavour.	Long yellow tubers. Reliable and stores well. High yields. Our most popular variety by a country mile! RHS AGM.	Blight, slugs	PCN
Colleen* (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Good boiled, also fries well.	White skin, light yellow flesh. Performed well on NOGs allotment. Good yields.	Blight (tubers), scab	Blight (foliage) – but 1 <sup>st</sup> early
Desiree (early main)	Popular 'nutty' flavour. Excellent roasted, boiled or baked. Delia recommends!	Pink skin, yellow flesh, great flavour. Between waxy and floury. 1962. Decent yields even in dry conditions.	Some resistance to most diseases & slugs.	PCN, can suffer from blight.
Foremost (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Good flavour. Firm & waxy if lifted early. Even mature, they still boil OK.	White skin, cream flesh. Round tubers. Reliable allotment favourite. RHS AGM	Scab	Blight – but 1 <sup>st</sup> early
Heidi Red* (Heiderot, main)	Waxy, slightly buttery taste, good for boiling and gratin dishes.	2017 red flesh variety from Germany bred by K. Ellenberg. Cook gently with skin on to retain colour.	Blight, PCN	
Java* (main)	On the waxy side/medium. Boil, chip, mash. Better taste than both parents!	Consistently high yields. Red skin, cream flesh. Sarpo Mira x Valor. New variety.	Fungal, bacterial, pest, viral	No information
Jazzy (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Versatile salad type – firm and good flavour. Boil, mash, roast.	Good yields of small tubers incl in containers. Yellow flesh. RHS AGM.	Spraing, scab	Late blight, PCN

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King Edward (late main)	Iconic for roasts & mash. Excellent flavour. Floury, so boil/steam with care.	Introduced in UK in 1902. Good cooking quality, flavour and frying colour. Lovely trad. taste.	Scab, spraing, slugs, bruising.	Blight, PCN
Kingsman (early main)	Creamy, floury flesh. Good chips, all-rounder	New variety to UK lists in 2017 with excellent yields. White skin & yellow flesh.	PCN g. rostochiensis, blackleg	PCN g. pallida
Lady Christl (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Excellent cooking qualities. Waxy and boil nicely with very good flavour.	High yielding variety of numerous uniform attractive tubers. Good general disease resistance. RHS AGM.	Scab, leaf roll, PCN globodera rostochiensis	Blight on foliage, PCN g. pallida
Marfona (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Popular early baker with 'buttery' flavour. Can also be boiled.	Can also be grown as a maincrop. Good yields. From Netherlands (1975).	Dry rot, blight, drought	PCN, slugs
Maris Piper (early main)	One of Heston Blumenthal's favourites for chips! Pleasant floury texture, good flavour.	Maincrop maturity with high yields and many tubers per plant. Stores well.	PCN, gangrene, bruising	Slugs, scab, virus Y
Marvel (early main)	Good bakers, roasts and chips. Superb flavour. Waxy early on and becomes flourier. Stores well.	Popular with farmers, now available for home growers. High yields, large tubers. Smooth skin. Robust and easy to grow.	Splitting, dry rot	Bruising, virus Yn
Nicola* (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Not quite as waxy as Charlotte, but still waxy. Popular taste – sweet & nutty.	Good sub for Charlotte. High yield, uniform tubers, stores quite well. Popular at Whitemoor.	Scab, leaf roll, drought, PCN g. rostochiensis	PCN globodera pallida, spraing
Orla* (main)	Good taste, kitchen all-rounder - bake, mash, boil, chips, roast.	High yields. Yellow skin, white flesh. Grow as 1 <sup>st</sup> early or leave as early main	Blight, virus Y	PCN
Picasso (early main)	Good all-rounder – great mash, roasts, bakers. Good flavour, can be boiled too.	Pretty oval white tubers, pink eyes and cream to light yellow flesh. Cara is a parent. Popular on allotments. RHS AGM.	Scab, medium blight r., general virus resistance	Slugs
Pink Fir Apple (late main)	Very waxy, will not disintegrate. Delicious nutty flavour. Salads! Curries!	Knobbly pink long tubers, yellow flesh. Good yield if given long enough. Waxy firm texture. Storage v good. RHS AGM.	Scab	PCN, blight, viruses leaf roll, A, B, C, X
Red Duke of York (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Lovely roasts. Fairly floury. Tasty mash and bakers.	Beautiful ruby skins, yellow flesh. 1942 heritage variety.	Dry rot	Leaf roll, blight (but 1 <sup>st</sup> early)
Rocket (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Waxy-ish. Boils well, mild flavour	Produces very early yield of firm, waxy tubers. Big if left. Reliable & good yields.	Slugs, PCN (esp. g. rostochiensis)	Blight, but 1 <sup>st</sup> early.
Sarpo Una* (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Lift early for waxy salads, or leave longer for bakers. Delicate flavour.	Unusual as 2 <sup>nd</sup> early sarpo. Can be grown in container. Good yields if left to grow.	Blight, scab, virus Y	PCN
Sunset* (main)	Deep red skin, cream/yellow flesh. Good all-rounder – boil, mash, roast. Lovely flavour.	Bred from Desiree to cope with drought. High yields. Decent all-round disease resistance, medium blight resistance.	Bruising, dry rot, scab, PCN g. rostochiensis	PCN, g. pallida, virus Y
Swift (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Delicate early potato flavour. Good all-rounder.	Very early, large tubers if left. Short foliage; good container type. Good disease resistance.	Virus Y, slugs, blackleg, scab, PCN	Blight, but 1 <sup>st</sup> early
Twinner* (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Bake, roast, mash or chips. Can be lifted earlier for waxier tubers. Useful general purpose, good flavour	Large oval tubers, yellow skin & flesh. Bred conventionally for blight resistance, an Agrico 'New Generation' variety.	Blight, spraing, PCN rostochiensis	PCN pallida, scab
Yukon Gold (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Bake or mash, said to have buttery taste. Can also be boiled, fried.	Golden flesh, v popular in US & Canada. Stores well. X yellow Peruvian var. & Norgleam.	Dry rot, blackleg, virus Y	Slug damage, PCN, spraing