

# NEW POTATOES AT-A-GLANCE

## ABOUT

- Any variety of potato that is harvested before maturity
- Also called baby potatoes
- Member of nightshade family
- Harvested at peak of flavor
- High in potassium, magnesium, vitamins, antioxidants & fiber
- Grown from seed potatoes

## STATS

- Space new potatoes 8" apart
- Send a stem and leaves above soil line and a stem and tubers below soil line
- Over 100 varieties with either high, medium, or low starch content



## REQUIREMENTS

- Any growing zone but depends on variety
- At least 6-8 hours sunlight
- Prefer slightly acidic soil
- Soil must be loose & well draining
- Plant when soil temp 45-55° F or around two weeks before last spring frost date
- Avoid planting by other nightshades, onions, turnips, asparagus, and carrots

## PLANTING

- Cut seed potatoes into 2" pieces with at least 2 eyes
- Allow to dry for few days prior to planting
- Dig trench 6-8" deep; Add inch compost in bottom
- Add seed potatoes and cover just with 3-4" soil
- Water well after planting

## MAINTENANCE

- Will sprout after about two weeks
- Add 3-4" more soil to cover (called hilling)
- Do hilling early in morning 3-4 more times during growing season
- Plants need 1-2" water each week
- Early morning water base of plant

## HARVESTING

- Ready for harvest two weeks after foliage stops growing; Don't wait until foliage starts to die
- Use pitch fork or garden trowel to dig up potatoes
- Only harvest what you need; Baby potatoes don't store well

## ISSUES

- Potato blight, potato scab, potato beetles, flea beetles, aphids, whiteflies, leafhoppers



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