FRANCELINE





General production advice ware potatoes

- Firm cooking
- Good yield
- Bright, dark red skin
- Strong foliage
- Very good taste



Agronomic characters

Maturity 67 Medium early Dormancy 54 Moderate short Yield mature 97 Good Tuber size 72 Small Long oval / Long Tuber shape

Number of tubers 15-17 Skin colour Red Flesh after cooking Yellow Cooking type A - Firm Dry matter content/Starch UWW/Specific gravity 385 / 1,083 Internal bruising 4 Not sensitive

20,9% / 15,1% Metribuzin sensitivity 50 Little Potato disorder 90







Maturity

Plant populations

Skin and flesh colour

Market: 35-55 mm.

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Seed size	Plant population/ha	75 cm	90 cm
28/35	55.000	24	20
35/45	48.000	28	23
45/50	38.000	35	29

Plant depth: normal.

Always check the tuber count for an accurate calculation.

Resistances

Foliage Blight	51
Tuber Blight	49 🔸 🔷 💮 💮
Alternaria	90
Common scab	60
Powdery scab	63
Spraing	95
PVY	35 🔴 💮 💮
Yntn tuber tolerance	99

PCN Resistance

Ro1/4 *1 Ro2/3 *1 Ro5 *1 Pa2 *2 *2 Pa3

F6 F18

Wart disease

F2 *1

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Fertilizer

- Adapt fertilization to soil analysis.
- Apply 4/5 before planting and 1/5 as top dressing.
- Pay attention to the timing of fertilization to ensure a naturally matured crop.
- Nitrogen (N): Low inputs (120-170Kg N/Ha inclusive of soil supply).
- Phosphate (P): according to standard advice.
- Pay attention to the amount of organic fertilizer to avoid later mineralisation.

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^{*} HZPC own analysis/no official analysis









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Pre-treatment and planting

- FRANCELINE has a medium dormancy.
- Keep the seed in cold store to prevent apical dominance.
- Allow the seed to acclimatize to the local conditions before planting.
- If an apical sprout is present, remove it and plant with small white buds.
- Planting too early could induce a higher risk of misshapen tubers due to Rhizoctonia.
- Tuber and/or soil treatments are advised to control Rhizoctonia, Silver scurf and other soil borne skin diseases. Azoxystrobine as a soil application shows good results on many fungi.
- FRANCELINE can be grown on all soil types.
- On heavy soils a good structure is needed to avoid misshapen tubers.
- Planting with small white sprouts produces the best results.



Growing attention points

- Emergence is uniform with a good foliage development.
- The use of metribuzin is recommended before emergence. When applying post emergence, use the low dose system.
- Weather conditions have a strong influence on metribuzin effectivity, adapt dose to the circumstances.
- Irrigation results in a more uniform product with better cooking quality.
- Use a robust Phytophthora programme, to prevent foliage and tuber blight
- Use later in the season products with strong tuber protection against tuber blight.



Haulm killing and harvest

- Aim for a dry matter content of 18 %.
- Ensure enough time between haulm killing and harvest to have a better skin set.
- Prevent mechanical damage to improve storability.



Storage

- Because of the high tuber count in small sizes, storability needs extra attention to get enough drying capacity and avoid fast CO2 increase.
- Short ambient storage is possible. The tubers should be fully skin set before harvest.
- REFRIGERATED STORAGE
- Prevent dehydration, cool with a small difference between cooling air and product temperature.
- Reduce temperature 0,5 0,7 degrees a day to a stable value, not lower than 5°C.
- Storage temperature lower than recommended will result in increased sweetening.
- Ventilate regularly, but briefly, to prevent CO2 accumulation.
- Any fluctuation in temperature, combined with condensation, can result in early sprouting and a high risk of Silver scurf.