FRANCELINE





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- 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 20,9% / 15,1% UWW/Specific gravity 385 / 1,083 Internal bruising 4 Not sensitive Metribuzin sensitivity 50







Skin and flesh colour

Maturity Cooking type

Plant populations

Market: 35-55 mm.

	F	Row distance		
Seed size	Plant population/ha	75 cm	90 cm	
28/30	55.000	24	20	
30/40	44.000	30	25	
40/45	38.000	35	29	
45/50	35.000	38	32	

Plant depth: normal.

Always check the tuber count for an accurate calculation.

Resistances

Little Potato disorder

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



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

Wart disease

F1 F2 *1 F6 F18

90

Fertilizer

- Adapt fertilization to soil analysis.
- Do not apply any top dressing to avoid delay on crop maturing and to encourage a fast skin set.
- Nitrogen (N): Medium inputs (170-210Kg N/Ha inclusive of soil supply).
- Phosphate (P) and Potassium (K): according to standard advice.

^{*} HZPC own analysis/no official analysis









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Pre-treatment and planting

- FRANCELINE has a medium dormancy.
- Warm up correctly the seed and plant it with small white sprouts.
- Always treat FRANCELINE seeds against Rhizoctonia.
- FRANCELINE can be grown on all soil types.
- Plant into warm soils, don't plant too early.
- On heavy soils a good structure is needed to avoid misshapen tubers.
- FRANCELINE has a high tuber number, take care of a good volumed ridge.
- Preferably grow on irrigated land.



Growing attention points

- Emergence is uniform with a good foliage development.
- FRANCELINE is quite sensitive to metribuzin, only use it pre-emergence.
- Maintain adequate soil moisture for good yield and quality.
- Use a robust Phytophthora programme, to prevent foliage 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 %.
- Minimum 4 weeks between haulm killing and crop lifting for right skin set.
- Lift only when soil conditions are optimum.



Storage

- Because of the high tuber count in small sizes, storability needs extra attention to get enough drying capacity and avoid fast CO2 increase.
- With a proper store management, FRANCELINE is suitable for long term storage.
- Storage temperature: 4 °C.
- Reduce temperature 0,5 0,7 degrees a day, not lower than 4°C store temperature.
- 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.