





Production advice ware potatoes The Netherlands

- Very attractive bright skin
- Uniform tuber size and shape
- High yield
- Early maturing
- Good resistance to Rhizoctonia



Agronomic characters

Maturity	83	Very early
Yield early		Good
Dormancy	46	Moderate shor
Yield mature	98	Moderate high
Tuber size	81	Large
Tuber shape		Oval
Number of tubers		12-14
Skin colour		Yellow
Flesh after cooking		Yellow
Cooking type		A - Firm
Dry matter content/Starch	l	16,7% / 10,9%
UWW/Specific gravity		298 / 1,063
Internal bruising	3	Not sensitive
Metribuzin sensitivity	60	00000
Little Potato disorder	50	00000



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Skin and flesh colour

Cooking type

Maturity

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Plant populations

Market: 40-65 mm.

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Seed size	Plant population/ha	75 cm	90 cm
28/35	60.000	22	19
35/50	44.000	30	25
50/60	36.000	37	31

Plant depth: normal.

Always check the tuber count for an accurate calculation.

Resistances

Foliage Blight	24
Tuber Blight	53 • • • • •
Alternaria	43 • • • •
Common scab	62
Powdery scab	59
Spraing	95
PVY	22 • • • • •
Yntn tuber tolerance	99



^{*} HZPC own analysis/no official analysis

Fertilizer

- Adapt fertilization to soil analysis.
- Nitrogen (N): Medium inputs (170-210Kg N/Ha inclusive of soil supply).
- Do not apply potassium chloride (KCI) less than 6 weeks before planting, as late applications could induce lower dry matter.
- Phosphate (P): according to standard advice.
- Organic manure will help to maintain crop vitality.
- PRIMABELLE is susceptible to mineral deficiencies, therefore fertilize with trace elements.
- Apply magnesium fertilization preferably just before flowering.







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Pre-treatment and planting

- PRIMABELLE has a short dormancy.
- Keep the seed in cold store to prevent physiological ageing and dehydration.
- Allow the seed to acclimatize to the local conditions before planting.
- When desprouting, avoid condensation on the tubers.
- 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.
- For long term storage tuber treatments are advised to control silver scurf. Azoxystrobine can be used.



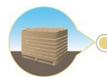
Growing attention points

- PRIMABELLE has a moderate field cover crop.
- 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.
- Limit irrigation in second part of the season, to stimulate accumulation of dry matter.
- Irrigation results in a more uniform product with better cooking 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 17,5 %.
- PRIMABELLE can be harvested after 90-100 days.
- To keep a bright and smooth skin, the tubers should not be left too long in the soil after haulm killing.
- PRIMABELLE is quite resistant against bruising, unless extreme conditions occur.



Storage

- PRIMABELLE is an early variety and therefore sales are normally within 5 months after harvest.
- A crop harvested under good conditions can be cooled rapidly after first curing.
- When product is stored temporarily, recommended temperature is 10°C.
- REFRIGERATED STORAGE
- Prevent dehydration, cool with a small difference between cooling air and product temperature.
- Reduce temperature 0,5 0,7 degrees a day, not lower than 4°C store temperature.
- 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.