





Production advice ware potatoes United Kingdom MAINCROP BAKER

- Dark yellow flesh
- Uniform tuber size and shape
- Early maturity and tuberisation
- Good bruising tolerance
- Very good taste



Agronomic characters

Maturity 81 Early
Dormancy 60 Medium
Yield mature 95 Good
Tuber size 81 Large

Tuber shape Round oval / Oval

Number of tubers 9-11
Skin colour Yellow
Flesh after cooking Yellow

Cooking type
Dry matter content/Starch
UWW/Specific gravity
Internal bruising
Metribuzin sensitivity
Little Potato disorder

B - Slightly mealy
18,4% / 12,6%
333 / 1,071
3 Not sensitive
57



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Skin and flesh colour

Cooking type Maturity

Plant populations

Row distance
Seed size Plant population/ha 75 cm 90 cm

Resistances

32 Foliage Blight 68 Tuber Blight Alternaria 40 Common scab 63 58 Powdery scab 95 Spraing 46 PVY Yntn tuber tolerance 99

PCN Resistance
Ro1/4 9 • • • • •
Ro2/3 *5
Ro5 *3
Pa2
Pa3

F1 *1 • F2 *1 • F6 *1 • F18 *1 • F18 *1

Wart disease

Fertilizer

- Adapt fertilization to soil analysis.
- Determinacy Group 2 for RB209
- Apply 2/3 before planting and 1/3 as top dressing.
- Phosphate (P) and Potassium (K): according to standard advice.
- Organic manure will help to maintain crop vitality.
- Manganese and magnesium will encourage a strong foliage and prevent premature senescence.
- Liquid fertilizer with trace elements can be combined with late blight fungicides.

^{*} HZPC own analysis/no official analysis









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Pre-treatment and planting

- SUNITA has a good dormancy.
- Do not store the seed potatoes lower than 5°C. Warm them up sufficiently before planting.
- 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.
- The best quality will be reached on fertile and light soil types.



Growing attention points

- SUNITA 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.
- Irrigation can substantially increase the tuber number.
- Too much irrigation late in the season increases the dominance of lenticels.
- Excessive nitrogen will increase the risk of late blight.
- Use a robust Phytophthora programme, to prevent foliage blight.



Haulm killing and harvest

- Tuber growth can be very fast at the end of the cycle, check regularly.
- SUNITA 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
- SUNITA is quite resistant against bruising, unless extreme conditions occur.



Storage

- SUNITA has a good dormancy, therefore ambient storage can be used for the first months after harvest.
- Storage temperature: 4 °C.
- REFRIGERATED STORAGE
- When harvested under normal circumstances, mechanical cooling can start very soon (3 days) after curing. A cool and dry product prevents increase of silver scurf.
- 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.

- High resistance to TRV
- Good storability