

Ballerina

“Potato of the year” prize in Thüringen, Germany



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Variety description

Ballerina is an early ripening, firm cooking and very tasty consumption potato. The oval shaped and yellow tubers have a very smooth and nice skin, suitable for washing. Ballerina is not susceptible to bruising and can be stored very well because of its long dormancy, which is why it can still be used in the spring sales in the retail business.

Characteristics

- Usage: Consumption, packing & salad
- Maturity: Medium early
- Yield: High
- Foliage: Covering but rather low
- Tuber size: Medium – Best product under 60 mm.
- Tuber shape: Oval
- Number of tubers: 12-15
- Skin: Yellow, very smooth
- Flesh colour: Yellow
- Cooking type: A-AB
- Dry matter content: Medium
- Dormancy period: Long
- Nematodes: Susceptible
- Wart disease: Resistance; Type 1
- Foliage blight: Medium resistance
- Tuber blight: High resistance
- Common scab: High resistance
- Virus Y: Medium resistance



Growing advice

Ballerina should not be preheated before planting. It should be taken out from storage, and heated up slowly to settle with the outside temperature.

Ballerina is quick in emergence and sets tubers early, which is why early irrigation can be necessary to keep the soil moist during the tuber setting.

Always plant in good weather and in good soil conditions. The soil temperature must be at least 8-10°C. Depending on the seed potato size, they should be planted in 12-18 cm's depth - the biggest tubers should go deepest.

Only apply fertilizer one time, and preferably at planting. Furthermore ensure that the potassium level in the soil is high enough to avoid discoloration after cooking, but also to improve the storability.

Due to the early tuber setting and high resistance to tuber blight, Ballerina can be used for organic growing.

To keep the tubers suitable for consumption during the season, they should be kept in the dark to avoid greening.

Storage of seed potatoes: ≈ 4-6 °C

Storage of ware potatoes: ≈ 6-8 °C