

Belmira

High yielding ware potato with high blight resistance



Variety description

Belmira is a medium early ware potato with high blight resistance. We recommend Belmira to markets asking for yellow flesh, high yields and nice skin finish. The variety is suitable for conventional production as well as organic production due to the strong blight resistance. We consider this variety to be well suited for both packing and peeling. The variety has a very nice presentation, with good uniformity in size and quality. In addition, the variety also excels in having good resistance to virus and internal defects.

Characteristics

- Usage: Consumption, washing & packing
- Maturity: Medium
- Yield: High
- Foliage: Covering and powerful
- Tuber size: Medium
- Tuber shape: Round-oval
- Number of tubers: 12-16
- Skin: Yellow
- Flesh colour: Yellow
- Cooking type: AB
- Dry matter content: Medium (18-19)
- Dormancy period: Good
- Nematodes: Resistance; Ro1, Ro4
- Wart disease: Susceptible
- Foliage blight: High resistance
- Tuber blight: High resistance
- Common scab: High resistance
- Virus Y: High resistance
- Internal defects: High resistance



Growing advices

Belmira should either be preheated before planting or should be taken out from storage, and heated up slowly to settle with the outside temperature.

Planting should not be done at soil temperatures below 10°C, and the soil needs to be well prepared to give the tubers the best growing conditions. Depending on the seed potato size, the tubers must be planted in a depth of 12-16 cm from the top of the ridge - the biggest tubers must go deepest.

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

Keep the potatoes in the dark to avoid greening.

Storage of seed potatoes: ≈ 4-6 °C

Storage of ware potatoes: ≈ 6-8 °C