

Darling

Firm cooking delicacy variety from Danespo



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Variety description

New Danespo ware potato, suitable as delicacy, salad or ordinary ware potato. Darling gives a high number of tubers with excellent cooking qualities and a nice skin finish. The good taste, the firm cooking and yellow flesh colour, makes Darling a very attractive variety for the middle and northern parts of Europe. The variety can be grown on all soil types, but seems to make more tubers per plant on sandier soil types. The storability is very good and stable, furthermore Darling is observed to get green slower than other varieties. Due to its high tuber blight resistance, Darling can work in organic production too.

Characteristics

- Usage: Salad & consumption
- Maturity: Medium early
- Yield: High
- Foliage: Covering
- Tuber size: Medium
- Tuber shape: Long-oval
- Number of tubers: 12-17
- Skin: Yellow, very smooth
- Flesh colour: Yellow
- Cooking type: AB
- Dry matter content: Medium
- Dormancy period: Long
- Nematodes: Resistance; Ro1, 4, 5*
- Wart disease: Resistance; Type 1, 2*, 6*, 18*
- Foliage blight: Medium resistance
- Tuber blight: High resistance
- Common scab: High resistance
- Virus Y: High resistance

* = Own unofficial breeding results



Growing advices

Darling should not be planted directly from mechanical cooling storage - it needs to adjust to the outside temperature before planting, which will result in faster and better germination.

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 need to be planted in a depth of 12-16 cm from the top of the ridge - 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.

Generally we recommend keeping the soil moist during the whole growing period, as this improves the skin finish. In the end of the season please make sure that the tubers don't get too big which can lead to misshaped tubers.

Keep the potatoes in the dark to avoid greening.

Storage of seed potatoes: ≈ 4-6 °C

Storage of ware potatoes: ≈ 6-8 °C