

# Desiree

Reliable fresh market variety



## Variety description

Red, strong, maincrop variety with a sure yield under difficult conditions. Desiree is a variety for the fresh market in Southern Europe, the Middle East and North Africa. The variety is reliable and easy to grow and very suitable for storing. Desiree has a good heat and drought resistance, but is responsive to regular water supply in order to achieve nice skin and good tuber quality. The variety gives a very high net yield of beautiful, well-shaped potatoes with a high percentage in the grading size 45/70 mm.

### Characteristics

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| • Usage:              | Consumption        |
| • Maturity:           | Medium-late        |
| • Yield:              | Medium to high     |
| • Foliage:            | Medium to high     |
| • Tuber size:         | Medium             |
| • Tuber shape:        | Oval to long       |
| • Number of tubers:   | 12-14              |
| • Skin:               | Red, smooth        |
| • Flesh colour:       | Light yellow       |
| • Cooking type:       | B                  |
| • Dry matter content: | Medium to high     |
| • Dormancy period:    | Medium to long     |
| • Nematodes:          | Susceptible        |
| • Wart disease:       | Resistance; Type 1 |
| • Foliage blight:     | Medium resistance  |
| • Tuber blight:       | High resistance    |
| • Common scab:        | Susceptible        |



## Growing advice

Desiree needs time to adapt to the outside temperature, so it should not be planted directly from mechanical cooling storage, but after it has acclimatized to the local conditions.

Always plant in good weather and in good soil conditions. The soil temperature needs to be at least 10°C, and Desiree should be planted in soil with low pH to prevent common scab. Depending on the seed potato size, they should be planted at 10-16 cm's depth - bigger tubers should go deepest.

Only apply fertilizer one time, 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.

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