

Gala

Popular round-oval variety for washing and packing



Variety description

Gala is one of the biggest ware potato varieties in especially Germany, but it is also popular in Scandinavia. Gala produces yellow round-oval tubers in a regular size, with a light yellow flesh colour. The variety has good resistance against internal defects, which is why it is suitable for growing on more sandy soils. Though Gala is a quite early variety it still has average storability, but we recommend to use it before Christmas as ware, due to the risk of silver scab later on. Due to Gala's earliness and blight resistance it can work in organic production too.

Characteristics

- Usage: Consumption, washing & packing
- Maturity: Early to medium early
- Yield: Medium
- Foliage: Quick development and covering
- Tuber size: Medium
- Tuber shape: Round-oval
- Number of tubers: 12-16
- Skin: Yellow, smooth
- Flesh colour: Light yellow
- Cooking type: AB
- Dry matter content: Medium
- Dormancy period: Medium
- Nematodes: Resistance; Ro1, 4
- Wart disease: Resistance; Type 1
- Foliage blight: Medium resistance
- Tuber blight: High resistance
- Common scab: High resistance



Growing advices

Please make sure to take Gala out of the storage in due time before planting, so the tubers have a chance to get used to the temperature outside. Preheating can be used to get the variety started up, and secure a quick emergence.

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: ≈ 6 °C

Storage of ware potatoes: ≈ 6-8 °C