

# Spunta

Consumption variety for the Mediterranean



## Variety description

Strong, standard maincrop variety with a sure yield even under difficult conditions. Spunta is a variety for the fresh market in Southern Europe, the Middle East and North Africa. It has very good drought and heat resistance. Spunta is easy and reliable to grow. The variety gives a very high net yield of potatoes with a high percentage in the grading size 45/70 mm.

### Characteristics

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| • Usage:              | Consumption        |
| • Maturity:           | Medium early       |
| • Yield:              | High               |
| • Foliage:            | Covering           |
| • Tuber size:         | Large              |
| • Tuber shape:        | Long-oval          |
| • Number of tubers:   | 12-15              |
| • Skin:               | Yellow             |
| • Flesh colour:       | Yellow             |
| • Cooking type:       | AB-B               |
| • Dry matter content: | Medium             |
| • Dormancy period:    | Medium             |
| • Nematodes:          | Susceptible        |
| • Wart disease:       | Resistance; Type 1 |
| • Foliage blight:     | Low resistance     |
| • Tuber blight:       | Low resistance     |
| • Common scab:        | Medium resistance  |



## Growing advice

Spunta needs time to adjust to the outside temperature before planting, so it should not be planted directly from mechanical cooling storage.

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

Only apply fertilizer one time, and preferably at planting time. Furthermore ensure that the potassium level in the soil is high enough to avoid discoloration after cooking, but also to improve the storability. Pay attention to the wound healing after harvest to avoid fusarium and bacterial diseases.

To keep the tubers suitable for consumption during the storage 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