

Important Wisconsin Seed Potato Varieties

Atlantic: Round white. Midseason maturity. Plants large, upright. Tubers smooth, round, uniform with light to heavy scaly net. Good dual purpose chipping and table variety. Somewhat susceptible to scab and hollow heart.

Freedom Russet: Oblong russet. Late maturity. Plants vigorous, spreading. Good yield capacity and tuber size. Resistant to common scab and Verticillium wilt. Slightly lower specific gravity than Russet Burbank. Fresh market russet. (New release by UW Potato Breeding Program).

Goldrush (U.S. Patent No. 5,434,343): Oblong russet. Medium maturity. Plants medium in size, upright. Tubers smooth with attractive russet skin. Good baking and boiling qualities. Medium yielding ability. Less susceptible to scab and early dying complex than Russet Norkotah. A royalty of 3% of gross seed sales is collected by North Dakota State University Research Foundation.

MegaChip: Medium short storage chipper, late maturity. Good yielding capacity, good tuber size (40% in the range of 6-10 oz). Very good specific gravity (1.083-1.090). Fairly resistant to early blight and early dying. Less sensitive to blackspot bruise than Snowden. (New release by UW Potato Breeding Program).

Norland: Round red. Early maturity. Plants medium size, spreading. Tubers round to oblong with smooth skin and shallow eyes. Good yielding ability. Moderate scab resistance.

Note: Red Norland and Dark Red Norland possess similar characteristics as Norland except for darker red color. Excellent early market varieties.

Russet Norkotah: Long russet. Medium early maturity. Plants medium in size. Tubers long and smooth with attractive russet skin. Good baking and boiling qualities. Medium yielding ability but yields high percentages of carton size potatoes. Susceptible to early dying complex and pinkeye. Much less susceptible to hollow heart than Norgold Russet.

Snowden: Round white. Medium late to late maturity. Plants large. Tubers smooth, round, uniform with light to heavy scaly net. Irrigation, wide spacing and heavy fertilization required for optimum productivity. Excellent chipping quality out of field or out of cold storage. Reconditions well. Moderately resistant to early blight.

Villetta Rose: Round red. Late maturity. Plants large with vigorous vines. Tubers round to oblong, very uniform, with smooth skin and shallow eyes. Very uniform size and dark red color. Excellent for fresh market, canning or gourmet. More resistant to early blight and bruising than D.R. Norland. (New release by UW Potato Breeding Program).