

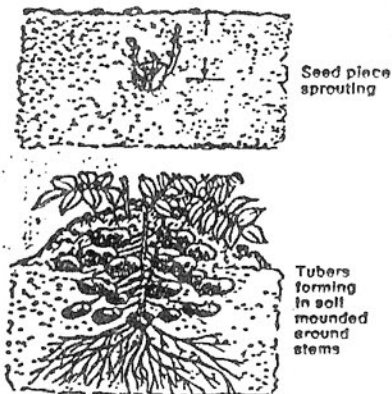


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NURSERIES & FLOWER SHOPS

GUIDE FOR PLANTING POTATOES & SWEET POTATOES

POTATO



POTATOES: Planting — use prepared eye pieces or cut tubers into pieces containing at least one good eye. Plant pieces 4" deep and 12" apart in rows 24" apart — soil should be a 'loose mix' 50% soil prep to 50% soil. When plants reach 5"-6" tall, hill to the plant with a light mix of soil prep and soil, straw or vermiculite. Do not use leaves or grass clippings. As plant continues to grow, mound higher and higher on plant as potatoes will form in this media above ground. Feed regularly with low nitrogen high phosphate fertilizer. Potatoes like moisture on a regular basis. Dry periods will cause hollow hearts in the potato. For small new potatoes, start harvesting after flowering period is over. For mature potatoes wait until tops dry out and turn brown. Approx. 110 days to maturity.

SWEET POTATO



SWEET POTATOES: This member of the morning glory family is grown from cuttings — not from the tubers or parts of the tuber — plant slips or cuttings 9"-12" apart in rows 3' apart as in potatoes. Use a loose soil mix 50% soil prep to 50% soil. Prepare bed and premix in 2 lbs. of Gardners Special Fertilizer or comparable product to 100 sq. feet of bed. Feed on a regular basis; water slow and deep — only as needed — too much water will cause stringy long tubers of poor quality. Ready to harvest in approx. 120 days.