



- Potatoes are an easy vegetable to grow in the spring garden
- Yukon Gold is a classic yellow potato that is ready for harvest by mid-summer
- Red Pontiac is the potato for you if you want the classic red skinned potato

Planting Guide

Choosing a site:

- Avoid sites recently planted with members of the solanaceae family: tomato, pepper, eggplant, and potato
- Amend the soil with compost before planting and plant in area with good drainage and full sun

Planting/Care:

- Plant in early to mid-March
- If the seed potato is small, it can be planted whole but if it is larger, you can cut it into pieces. Make sure that each cut piece has at least 2-3 "eyes" on it
- After cutting pieces, let them dry in a sunny window for a day
- Plant with the eyes pointing up:
 - Make 6" deep trough, with 12" between each trough
 - Plant 6" apart in the row for yukon gold and 12" apart for red pontiac
 - As they grow, the potatoes will start to pop up out of the ground. Anytime they are exposed, cover the with soil, compost, or straw

Harvesting/Storage:

- For new potatoes, harvest when the plant flowers
- For full-sized potatoes, wait to dig them up until the tops have turned brown and died
 - To store the potatoes long-term: don't wash them when harvested and let them lay out in a shaded, well-ventilated area for a few weeks to let their skins thicken up