



## **Potatoes**

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## **General Information**

- Solanum tuberosum, Potato
- Solanaceae family
- Sunlight: full sun.
- Soil conditions: prefers well-drained, light, deep, loose soil, high in organic matter.

## Successful Cultivators

- Yukon Gold (Early Midseason) Large round tubers, smooth, thin skin, yellow flesh.
- Kennebec (Midseason) Excellent all-purpose potato, buff skin, white flesh.
- Red Gold (Early) Early variety red skin, yellow flesh.

## Common Pests and **Diseases**

- Colorado potato beetle
- **Aphids**
- Flea beetle
- Leafhopper
- Blight
- Scab

Potato photos courtesy of Gail Hermenau.







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