

Sweet Potatoes

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General Information

- Ipomoea batatas, Sweet Potato
- Convolvulaceae family
- Sunlight: full sun.
- Soil conditions: well-drained, loose soil.
- Grown from slips.

Successful Cultivators

- Georgia Jet: Good for Northeast. Red skin, orange flesh.
- Beauregard: Long tubers, sweet, dark red skin, high yielding.
- Centennial: Good for short season areas. Orange skin and flesh.

Common Pests and Diseases

- Flea beetles
- Stem rot
- White rust
- Sweet potato scurf (pictured here)

Sweet Potato photos courtesy of Gail Hermenaus.



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