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Arran pilot F H	1930. Arran Pilot is popular due to its excellent taste and early boiling ability. High yields of white skinned tubers with shallow eyes. The flesh is pure white and is one of the best boiling potatoes available. Great resistance to all forms of scab and scores very highly for spraing resistance.	waxy	good	good	Low	Boil	
Casablanca F H contRHS	2009. Casablanca is a white skinned first early with the potential to beat Winston on the show bench. Clean, smooth white skin with shallow eyes. Robust, compact plants with good general disease resistance. Good flavour and good all round culinary use; the ability to chip, bake, roast or boil really nicely. Quick maturing.	Floury but firm	Good	No info on internet	Mod	Boil Mash Bake Chip Roast	Good resistance to blackleg Good for School growing
Duke of York	1891. Duke of York potatoes are oval shaped with yellow flesh and great flavour. Early in the season these potatoes are waxy, but they quickly become floury if left which makes them versatile, but also a bit prone to breaking up on boiling. Short stocky plants but not particularly disease resistant. Favourite in East of Scotland & Aberdeen	Waxy (Dry & mealy)	Low	No info on internet	Low	Boil Salad (Bake) (Chip)	
Epicure F H	1897. Commonly grown as 'Ayrshires'. Round, white, deep eyed tubers with white flesh. The plants have a reputation of being able to recover well from a nip of frost. They make a tasty and floury all-rounder (except for salads)	Floury	Good	Mod	Mod	Boil / Steam Mash Bake	
Foremost F RHS	1954. Although Foremost was an instant hit with gardeners who liked its excellent flavour and resistance to disintegration when boiling, its average sized yields and disease resistance meant it never really took off commercially. That said, it does have good common scab resistance. Foremost potatoes are short to oval in shape with white skin and waxy white flesh.	Floury but firm	Low	Mod	Low	Boil Mash Bake Salad	
Int. Kidney F H	1879. International Kidney seed potatoes, when grown in Jersey are known as 'Jersey Royals' Officially classed as an early maincrop, many prefer to harvest it early for tasty waxy new potatoes. Tubers are kidney shaped with shallow eyes and white flesh and skin.	Floury waxy		No info on internet	Low	Boil salad	
Lady Christl F RHS	1996. Lady Christl seed potatoes produce good yields of very early, medium (or much larger if left to grow on) tubers which are yellow skinned, with great tasting, creamy-to-waxy flesh. Good all-round disease resistance, in particular to common scab and potato cyst nematode	Waxy	Mod - good	No info on internet	Low	Boil Chip Salad	
Maris Bard contRHS	1972. An early maturing high yielding variety with good general disease resistance. Even sized oval tubers with white skin, flesh and shallow eyes. Waxy if lifted early – floury if not – and can therefore make good early season chips.	Waxy to floury	Mod - good	No info on internet	Mod-good	Boil Mash Roast Chip	

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Pentland Javelin F	1968 Pentland Javelin produces heavy crops of short oval white skinned tubers with pure white, tasty flesh. A great potato to simply throw into the pan and boil for salads. Good all-round disease resistance especially to common scab and blackleg.	Waxy	Good	Good	Low	Boil Chip Salad	
Red Duke of York F H RHS	1942. V early, red skins creamy flesh great flavour. Short stocky plants but not very disease resistant	Floury waxy	Low	No info on internet	Low	Boil Mash Chip Roast Mash	
Rocket	1987. One of the quickest bulking of all early potatoes. Rocket's ability to grow large crops of uniform, exhibition quality round tubers made it very popular. The tubers are white fleshed and skinned with shallow eyes and a mild taste. Best harvested early and not left as they are prone to hollow heat and splitting.	Waxy	Good	Good	Low	Boil Salad	Good resistance to blackleg Good for School growing
Sharpe's Express F H contRHS	1900. A floury first early with good flavour, but low disease resistance. White skin with pale cream flesh & shallow eyes. Tendency to disintegrate on boiling.	Floury but firm	Low	No info on internet	low	Steam Mash Roast Chip	Good for containers
Swift	1994. Swift seed potatoes are the earliest of earlies, with crops being harvested in as little as 60 days. A high yielding variety that produces a round-to-oval shaped white tuber with creamy flesh and shallow eyes. A real all-rounder in the kitchen, Swift has been bred for early use in the north of Scotland so you can be assured this is a hardy variety. Great disease resistance to blackleg, common scab, powdery scab and eelworm resistance, Swift is an ideal variety to grow in containers for early use.	Waxy	good	good		Boil Bake Chip Roast Salad	Good for School growing
Winston RHS	1992. Good yields of smooth, regular, shallow-eyed tubers – a good show bench variety. Quite waxy' firm texture. Quite good all round disease resistance.	Waxy	good	No info on internet	good	Boil Bake Roast Salad	

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Anya F	1995. Cross between Desiree and Pink Fir Apple. A 'fingerling'. Great 'nutty' taste, but the tubers are less knobbly than PFA; matures earlier. Yellow skin, pink tinged with white flesh. Good salad & boiling potato though it can become more floury with storage.	Waxy	Mod	Mod	Low	Boil/ steam Salad Mini-roasties Crushed	
Athlete	2012 – for the UK Olympics. Makes many small, but smooth, pale skinned, pale yellow fleshed, tasty tubers. Excellent new potato also makes nice dauphinoise potatoes as it matures. Short dormancy; not the best for storing.	Waxy	Mod	No info on internet	Good	Boil Salad Roast Bake	resistant to blackleg
Bambino F	2005. Good yields, pretty good all round disease resistance. White skin, cream coloured flesh and moderately waxy texture; very tasty. Good for boiling or steaming, eaten hot or cold, it works in many simple recipes.	Mod Waxy	Mod	No info on internet	Low-mod	Boil/ steam Salad	resistant to blackleg
Bonnie	White skinned with Red splashes around the eyes. Salad type & bakes well. Good yields. Long dormancy.						
Carlingford	1982. Similar to Maris Peer. White skin, creamy flesh, waxy taste	Waxy	Good	Mod	Low	Boil, Salad	Christmas
Charlotte F RHS	1981. Charlottes are the most popular salad potato variety in the UK. The tubers are long, with yellow skins and firm, yellow waxy flesh – making them superb for salads and boiling and are always full of flavour. They roast, bake and sauté well too. Good levels of foliage and tuber blight resistance. Charlotte can be planted in August and harvested before Christmas.	Waxy	Mod	good	Mod	Boil Mash Salad	Christmas
Divaa	2012. Good yields of uniform long oval tubers with almost white skin and very pale flesh make these a popular show bench variety. Pentland Javelin and Innovator parentage. In the kitchen it is versatile making early harvest chips & roasts	Floury fluffy	Good		Low	Boil Bake Roast Chip	
Elfe	Albert Bartlett variety. Smooth oval shape, creamy skin, bright yellow flesh with creamy texture and sweet, buttery taste boil, bake, mash	Waxy/ floury creamy				Boil Bake Mash	

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Kestrel / Blue Kestrel F	1992. Kestrel seed potatoes have to be one of the best overall varieties in living memory. A good exhibition variety because of its consistent size and colour; white skinned with blue splashes. High yields, often large (and really tasty) baking-size tubers, with excellent all round cooking uses. The plants are quite disease resistant and the tubers store well. Blue Kestrel is similar in every way except the purple/ blue skin colour.	Floury Waxy	V Good	V good	Mod	Boil Mash Bake Chip Roast	
Milva F	1980. A nice high yielding organic variety. Oval yellow skinned tubers with shallow eyes. The flesh is deep yellow, tasty, firm and waxy. Good all round disease resistance, especially scab and late blight. Very good flavour.	Waxy	good		good	Boil Steam Salad	Organic
Nadine RHS	1987 Tubers are round in shape with a clean white skin and cream coloured flesh. A high yielding and a popular show bench variety. Nadine potatoes tend to be very popular at the supermarkets, but may also grow better in drier climates than Scotland.	Waxy	Good	Good		Boil Mash Bake Roast	
Nicola F	1973. Nicola seed potatoes produce a long, oval shaped tuber with yellow skins and waxy, light yellow flesh – perfect for boiling and salads- very good flavour. High yields. Poor resistance to blight, but otherwise good. They can be planted for harvesting at Christmas time.	Waxy	Good	good	Low	Boil Mash Salad Roast	Christmas
Sarpo Una	2009. From the Sarvari Trust. Pink skinned oval tubers with very white flesh. The only one of that family with a more waxy texture if harvested early; giving good yields of great bakers if left to grow on. Stores well	Waxy>>> >creamy / floury	Good	Good	Very good	Boil Steam Salad Bake	
Sunrise F	2010. This variety produces tubers that are Parti-coloured yellow and pink. The flesh is light yellow and the tubers are an even round size. Not especially disease resistant, but high yielding It is good for all round kitchen use with a superb flavour.	Waxy, creamy	low	low	low	Boil Mash Roast Bake	
Vivaldi F	2008. Vivaldi seed potatoes produce what are widely rated as one of the finest tasting potatoes available today. Cream coloured, uniform, oval tubers; light yellow flesh. They are a firm multi purpose variety with what is said to be an excellent creamy flavour. Supposedly low carb. Generally good disease resistance.	Waxy >>> Creamy	Mod		Mod	Boil Mash Bake Salad	
Wilja	1967. Quite a 'late' second early, Wilja produces high yields of large tubers, with yellow skins and light yellow flesh. A good boiling and general purpose potato. Stays firm when cooked, no discolouration	Floury Waxy	Good	Good	Good	Boil Salad Bake	

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Yukon Gold	1980. Some Solanum Phureja heritage giving this potato excellent buttery flavour and deep yellow flesh. Moderate disease resistance	Mod floury	Mod	Mod	Low	Boil Mash Mini- roasts Chips	

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Arran Victory F	1918. Oval tubers with purple skins and bright white flesh. Very tasty and floury; makes great mash & Roasts. Falls apart if boiled. Vigorous, tall plants with moderate disease resistance	Floury	Mod		Mod	Steam Mash Bake Chip	
Blue Danube	2009. Part of the Sarpo/ Sarvari family producing good yields of short oval, purple skinned tubers. Tall plants with good disease resistance. The white flesh is floury when cooked. They make excellent mash and roasts	Floury	Mod	Good	Good	Mash Roast Chip	
Cara	1976. Cara seed potatoes are still one of the most popular maincrop varieties due to their good resistance to blight. Cara tubers are round with white skin and pink eyes. They are a very robust variety and have excellent drought resistance as well as good all round disease resistance.	Floury	Good	Good	Good	Boil Mash Bake Chip Roast	Don't discolour on cooking
Desiree F RHS	1962. Desiree potatoes produce oval, red skinned tubers with pale yellow flesh. Great flavour, medium dry matter & firm cooked texture make them good for boiling, mashing & chipping. They make fantastic roast potatoes. Desiree is a heavy cropper. Good resistance to powdery scab, but susceptible to potato cyst nematode and mis-shapes on heavy soils. Moderately susceptible to spraing.	Floury	Good	Good		Boil Mash Bake Chip Roast	
Foxton	Bred from Maris Piper. Short oval to long oval red skinned tubers with lemon coloured flesh. Not dissimilar to Roster.	Floury	Med		Med	Mash Roast Chip Bake	
Golden Wonder F H	1906. Now classed as a heritage variety. Not a prolific cropper and only moderately disease resistant (good scab resistance). Grows very tall. Russet skinned, golden yellow flesh which is very dry and floury, so makes just about the best chips. Very good flavour, which improves with storage.	Floury	good	mod	Low-mod	Mash Chip Roast	
Highland Burgundy Red	Pre 1936! Bred apparently to give colour to the Duke of Burgundy's meals at the Savoy! Highland Burgundy Red seed potatoes produce a real novelty potato to produce at a dinner party. The centre flesh of the potato is a light red colour, surrounded by a white outline of flesh. This uniquely coloured flesh can be retained if the potatoes are boiled gently or better steamed. Highland Burgundy Red potatoes combine a slightly sweet taste with a floury texture.	Floury	Mod	Mod	Mod	Boil Mash Chip	

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Kerrs Pink	1917. Kerrs Pink seed potatoes are a very popular variety both here in Scotland and over in Ireland, due to their very dry and floury nature. Kerrs Pink tubers are normally short and oval with slightly deep eyes and should be at their best eaten when simply boiled in their beautiful, pink skins. They make robust plants with good blight resistance. The tubers store well	Floury	mod	mod	mod	Mash Chip Roast	Much loved by Highlanders who usually boil them in their skins and peel them at the table
Kifli	2009. Part of the Sarpo (Sarvari Trust) family, with very good all-round disease resistance. Long white skinned tubers with firm pale cream flesh. Good flavour	Floury/ waxy	good	good	good	Boil Mash Roast	
King Edward	1902 A traditional English (Northumberland) potato white skinned with pink splashes. Grows tall. Good all round disease resistance and good all round culinary uses, however best known for great bakers, chips and roast potatoes. Red King Edward	Floury	V good	good	mod	Boil Mash Chip Bake Roast	
Linda F	1974. Yellow skin and flesh, waxy, firm, flavoursome, not especially disease resistant	Waxy			Low	Boil Bake roast	
Maris Piper F RHS	1964. Makes excellent, tasty chips and roast potatoes However it isn't the most robust of plants being susceptible to scab & slugs and needs lots of room to make big tubers, rather than lots of tiddlers. A bit scab prone	Floury	poor	poor	Mod	Mash Bake Chip Roast	
Mayan Gold F	2005. Solanum Phureja parentage. Plants tend to grow very tall with a lax habit, with moderate to good disease resistance and produce moderate yields Tubers are long, white with pink splashes and golden yellow flesh. The flavour is excellent; nutty with high dry matter. Best not boiled as they'll go horribly sloppy; steam, pan braise or roast (from raw). Short dormancy and don't store well.					Steam Pan fried/ raised Mini- roast Chip	
Maxine	1993. Red skinned, oval tubers with firm, waxy, cream flesh. Great for exhibiting. Moderate-good disease resistance	Waxy	Mod		Mod		
Orla RHS	Orla seed potatoes are a very popular variety for the organic grower due to their high blight resistance. They can be grown as a first early or instead left to mature as an early maincrop. Orla are one of the better tasting potato varieties available, and produces large crops of bold white tubers which also store well	Floury	Good			Boil Mash Bake Chip Roast	

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Picasso RHS	1992. Cara parentage. Tall plants producing high yields of round-oval tubers, with smooth white skins and bright pink eye splashes (can grow quite large). Picasso is now a popular variety for allotment growers due to its high disease resistance. Good storing variety.	Waxy	V Good	Low	Good	Boil Bake Chip Roast	
Pink Fir Apple F H RHS	1850. Pink Fir Apple seed potatoes are a long and knobbly shaped heritage potato variety Due to their unique shape, Pink Fir Apple tubers are best eaten either with their skins on, or served as delicious individual chunky chips. Even when they have been stored, Pink Fir Apple potatoes retain a new potato taste well into the new year. They are classified as a late maincrop. Not usually big yields or great disease resistance, but they make up for it in great flavour and good storage	Waxy	Mod	(low)	Low	Boil Bake Chip Salad Mini-roast Crushed	
Pink Gypsy F	Piebald pink & cream skins, oval shape. Shallow eyes and smooth skin.. Creamy flesh, fluffy when cooked. Good flavour Best mashed, baked or roasted. Compact plants		good		Low		
Ratte F H RHS	1872. Classic French salad potato, slightly more productive and not knobbly compared to Pink Fir Apple. White skins, yellow flesh. Not particularly disease resistant	Waxy					
Red Emmalie H	2012. Quite similar to Highland Burgundy Red slightly more pink than deep red, the flesh is red all through; no white ring	floury	good		Mod	Boil/ steam Roast Bake	
Robinta	1992. red skinned, good – very good disease resistance, quite waxy & creamy if not left too long, good boiler	Floury	good		Very good	Boil Mash Roast Bake	
Rooster RHS	1991. Rooster seed potatoes produce what is probably one of the best known potato varieties in the UK for roasting & chipping. They have a great taste and produce a good crop. Tall plants with good disease resistance.	Floury	good	good	good	Boil Mash Bake Chip Roast	
Salad Blue H	Definitely not for salads! Moderate yields of dark blue/ purple tubers with blue/ purple flesh. Beautiful vigorous plant	floury	Mod		Mod	Purple Mash Roasts Chips	

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Sarpo Mira RHS	2002. Bred by the Sarvari Trust, Sarpo Mira seed potatoes are the most blight resistant potato variety available in the UK. The haulms might show signs of a little blight but it doesn't affect the plant or tubers. They can carry on growing until killed off by hard frost, but don't leave too long else the tubers can go brick hard! The plants can grow very tall. Pink skinned, large oval tubers with cream coloured, dry & floury texture which is best suited to roasting & chipping. Very slug resistant.	Dry and Mealy Floury	Good	Good	Very good	Mash Bake Chip Roast	
Shetland Black H	Pre 1923. Very dark purple/ blue skins. Long oval tubers? The flesh is white? Yellow? In the centre when cut, with a distinctive purple ring beneath the skin. Best not peeled, good flavour*; dry & mealy. Generally found to not be a great cropper, nor have great disease resistance. There seems to be a little controversy about the genuine article* http://daughterofthesoil.blogspot.co.uk/2010/08/shetland-tattie-dreams.html	Floury	Mod		Low-mod	Boil mash Roast bake	
Violetta F H	Emma x Highland Burgundy Red cross. Early MC. Long oval tubers with smooth blue skin, blue flesh. Delicate sweet flavour, fluffy flesh. Store quite well	Floury/ creamy	mod		poor		