

APPROVED PRACTICES FOR POTATO PRODUCTION

Select the approved practices from the list below which will be of benefit to your enterprise and record them on pages 3 and 4 in your Supervised Agriculture Experience Record Book. (This is only a general suggested list. Detail should be added to match your specific situation.)

1. Plant certified seed potatoes
2. Use whole seed (size B) if available
3. Be sure seed pieces contain at least one eye
4. Treat seed pieces with a fungicide
5. Store seed pieces in proper environment
6. Obtain a current soil test
7. Fertilize according to soil test
8. Select a well-drained soil with high organic matter content
9. Prepare a proper seedbed
10. Match plant population to the variety soil yield potential and desired tuber size
11. Plant seed at proper depth
12. Hill plants for best results
13. Cultivate to control weeds
14. Calibrate sprayer for proper application of materials
15. Use selected herbicides for controlling problem weeds
16. Use insecticides necessary for proper control
17. Apply fungicides when needed
18. Irrigate during dry periods
19. Apply sprout inhibitors during growing season, in storage or before shipment
20. Make a yield check
21. Harvest crop after all vines are dead
22. Use vine killers according to directions
23. Harvest carefully to eliminate skinning and bruising
24. Track market trends and habits
25. Market crop at optimum time
26. Develop direct markets
27. Contract a market prior to planting
28. Store crop in well ventilated and humidity controlled area
29. Check the quality of your stored crop
30. Clean, grade, and package properly
31. Keep accurate enterprise records
32. Summarize and analyze records