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GROWING POTATOES

Plant your seed potatoes at the end of August when the threat of severe frosts should have finished.

You can grow potatoes in a garden bed, pot or other container very successfully.

Preparing your garden bed

Improve your soil by digging the area over with *Zoo Gro* or *Cow Manure*.

Soil should be well worked up preferably to 25cm deep.

Do not plant where potatoes, tomatoes, eggplants or capsicums have grown last year, to reduce the spread of disease.

Seed potatoes larger than 100gm may be cut providing there are at least 2 eyes on each part. If potatoes are cut they should be planted straight away.

To plant seed potatoes, sow them in furrows 10cm deep, 25cm between tubers and 75cm between rows. Sprinkle *Plants Plus All Purpose Fertiliser* or *Plants Plus Organic Pellets* on each side of the potato, using approximately 30gm per plant. Fill in the trench.

As the potato plants grow and the foliage is around 20cm tall, cover the plants with *Zoo Gro* or compost and straw.

Do not cover the whole plant but have the top leaves showing so it continues to grow.

Repeat covering the plants during the growing season to increase your crop and keep the plants fed while they grow.

During the growing season you can harvest potatoes by lightly digging around the base of the plant.

Water regularly, but do not over water or allow to dry out.

Potatoes are ready to lift when the tops begin to die off.



Growing potatoes in a pot or container

Place a layer of *Plants Plus Terracotta & Tub Potting Mix*, *Zoo Gro* or *Cow Manure* on the base of your container.

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As the potato plants grow, cover the plants with potting mix, compost or manure to increase your crop and keep the plants fed while they grow.

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