

Potatoes



The potatoes are sold to potato merchants who then sell the crop on to many of the 30,000 chip shops all over the UK and also the Irish Republic

The crop is sold to our customers from September through to July the following year

We start planting March-April.

We grow 2 varieties of potatoes: Maris Piper & Markies

We plant around 500 hectares

The potatoes are irrigated May/June for scab control

Up to 70 people are needed to help us harvest the potatoes around the clock to ensure the crop is safely in store before damaging frosts or wet soils stop us completing the harvest

We start harvesting in September (for 6-8 weeks)

The potatoes are harvested from the field and put into wooden boxes. They are stored inside insulated buildings where the environment can be controlled

Pre-pack potatoes are kept in Cold Stores
Potatoes suitable for frying as chips are kept in ambient stores

Fry tests are completed to assess the sugar levels, which determines the suitability for specific market outlets

