* **FIRST EARLIES Plant March in sheltered position, 12” apart, 5” deep, rows 30” apart, earth up to protect from frost. Dig up as soon as of usable size, lifting a few roots as required. Use quickly when dug up. Growing period 3 months.**

 **VARIETIES: Accent (Sc) Belle de Fontenay (Fr) Foremost (Sc)**

 **Lady Christl (Sc) Red Duke of York (Sc)**

* **SECOND EARLIES Plant March in sheltered position, 12” apart, 5”deep, rows 30” apart, earth up to protect from frost. Dig up when skins do not rub off easily. Lift only as required. Growing period 4 months.**

 **VARIETIES: Charlotte (Sc), International Kidney (Sc),**

 **Linzer Delikatess (Fr)**

* **MAIN CROP Plant April, 15’ apart, 5”deep, rows 36” apart, earth up to protect from frost. Leave in ground longer than earlies. Spray against blight from mid-summer, three times three weeks apart. Ready early Autumn. Growing period 5 months.**

 **VARIETIES: Cara (Sc), Désirée (Sc), King Edward (Sc), Nicola (Sc),**

 **Picasso (Sc), Pink Fir Apple (Sc), Ratte (Fr)**

**HINTS**

* **Chit: eyes uppermost, shallow trays, in light, frost-proof (about 7C) area, until shoots are 1” and sturdy**
* **Plant with shoots uppermost(cut big potatoes so each section has two shoots) in different soil from previous year.**
* **Fertilise with manure, phosphates, potash(use Growmore, potato fertiliser).**
* **Earth up when shoots appear through soil.**
* **Water if dry spell when tubers are of marble size.**
* **Dig up carefully, let dry for an hour, do not wash at once, use damaged potatoes first.**
* **Store in dark in sacks, not plastic.**
* **Try using earlies harvested in summer as protected crops for new potatoes at Christmas.**