

# Premiere.



(CIVA x PROVITA)

**Market Outlet:**  
Chipping, Processing & Organic

## General

Premiere is widely used for early french fries and chip production. With oval tubers, yellow skin and pale yellow flesh, it has established itself within the processing and chipping markets for its ease of preparation (shallow eyes allowing for easy peeling). It's regular tuber shape also makes it straight forward for grading, washing and packing. Premiere delivers excellent pack out yields, overcoming years when poorer tuber numbers prevail. As an early variety one of Premiere's greatest strengths is its ability to develop good dry matters sufficiently early, to meet demand from processors for new season crop. Premiere has a proven record for early cultivation and harvest.

## Maturity

Early Maincrop

## Cultivation

Pre-sprouting (chitting) is recommended in order to get a rapid and regular initial development, however over developed sprouts knocked off during planting can lead to irregular development. The recommended planting distance for tuber size 35/55mm is approximately 33cm (40,000 plants per Ha). The recommendation for Nitrogen and Phosphate is standard and for Potassium is 10% more than standard. Use of Metribuzin (eg. Sencorex) for weed control is not recommended as it gives a severe foliage reaction and some yield reduction. Premiere is not sensitive to Basagran broad leaf weed herbicide. As with other early varieties, the foliage can appear weak but soil coverage is generally good. Care at harvest is advised to minimise bruising.

## Fertiliser Treatment Suggestions

Recommended Nitrogen application is slightly less than standard, preferably given in one application.

## Storage

The dormancy is poor and Premiere is not suitable for long term storage. Ideally this variety should be supplied directly from the field into the early chipping and processing markets.

## Resistance

Premiere is moderately susceptible to Blackleg, Common Scab, Powdery Scab, Fusarium (Dry Rot) and Foliage Blight. It has good resistance to Spraing and viruses. Premiere is also resistant to PCN Ro1 & 4, and Wart Disease fysiso 1.

# Agronomic Information

Scoring (1= low / poor, 9= high / excellent)

**Average Yield** 7

**Disease Resistance**

## Quality

Tuber Shape	Oval
Uniformity of shape	6
Eye Depth	7
Skin Colour	Yellow
Flesh Colour	Pale Yellow
Dry Matter (%)	21.7

Foliage Blight	5
Tuber Blight	6
Alternaria (Early Blight)	7
Common Scab	5
Powdery Scab	5

## Agronomy

Dormancy	4
Foliage Maturity	8
Tuber Number (score)	7
Resistance to damage	6.5
Resistance to bruising	7
Secondary Growth	7
Flower Colour	White

Virus Y	6
Virus Yntn	8
Virus A	9
Virus X	8
Spraing	8
Silver Scurf	4
Fusarium (Dry Rot)	5
PCN—Ro1 & 4	Resistant
PCN—Pallida	Susceptible
Wart Disease (1)	Resistant
Leaf Roll Virus	6
Blackleg	5

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