# Rudolph.



(CHIEFTAIN x STIRLING)

Market Outlet: Table, Baking & Organic

#### General

Visually striking with a vibrant red skin, Rudolph has a snowy white flesh colour once cooked and a naturally sweet flavour with a smooth creamy texture. It is an extremely versatile potato and is a popular choice for baking, mashing and roasting. It produces large oval round, shallow eyed tubers of uniform size. The cooking texture is quite firm with a good dry matter. Rudolph is happy in most soil types but can be susceptible to Common Scab.

### Maturity

Maincrop

#### Cultivation

Warm the seed to initiate sprouting, but avoid apical dominance or planting directly from the cold store. Do not leave the seed sitting around in bags for extended periods following delivery. Standard planting distance for 35/55mm seed is 32cm (40,000 plants per Ha). Larger seed sizes have been proven to produce more stem numbers, consequently delivering higher yields. Metribuzin (eg. Sencorex) application can cause foliar discolouration which may result in yield reduction. Foliage development starts slowly but is strong, delivering good soil coverage. Be aware that Rudolph is slightly susceptible to bruising.

## **Fertiliser Treatment Suggestions**

Do not over fertilise with Nitrogen - use slightly less than standard application. Subject to base fertility levels, additional Potassium (K<sub>2</sub>0) helps reduce susceptibility to bruising.

# **Storage**

Rudolph has a good dormancy and is suitable for long term storage. Ensure the crop is lifted in good conditions and dried thoroughly.

#### Resistance

Rudolph is susceptible to Common Scab and Foliage Blight, so maintaining the blight spray regime is essential. Resistance to Virus Yntn, Powdery Scab and Tuber Blight is good. It is also resistant to Wart Disease fysio 1 and field resistance to fysio 2.

# **Agronomic Information**

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

Average Yield	8	Disease Resistance	
Quality		Foliage Blight	6
		Tuber Blight	7
Tuber Shape	Oval Round	Alternaria (Early Blight)	7
Uniformity of shape	7	Common Scab	4
Eye Depth	7	Powdery Scab	7
Skin Colour	Red		
Flesh Colour	White	Virus Y	5
Dry Matter (%)	20	Virus Yntn	7
		Virus A	
Agronomy		Virus X	6
		Spraing	7
Dormancy	8	Silver Scurf	
Foliage Maturity	5	Fusarium (Dry Rot)	7
Tuber Number (score)	5	PCN—Ro1 & 4	Susceptible
Resistance to damage	5	PCN—Pallida	Susceptible
Resistance to bruising	7	Wart Disease (1)	Resistant
Secondary Growth	8		
Flower Colour	Light Violet	Leaf Roll Virus	
		Blackleg	6

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