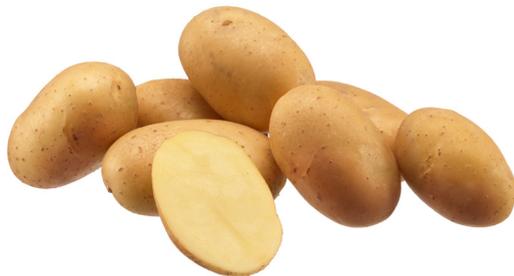


# Athlete.



(AR 99-263-5 x MIRIAM)

**Market Outlet:**  
Salad & Organic

## General

Athlete is a variety ideally suited for the fresh and punnet market. Firm to cook with a fresh earthy taste and even size, it produces a lot of small pale yellow skinned tubers with pale yellow flesh colour. The tubers are oval, with shallow eyes. Athlete is slightly susceptible to Common Scab if grown on sandy soils and needs irrigation. Boasting both Foliage and Tuber Blight resistance, Athlete is very suitable for organic production, requiring low inputs. The dry matter content is quite high giving good cooking and frying quality.

## Maturity

Early / Second Early

## Cultivation

Planting out of the cold store after warming up is recommended. Planting distance of tuber size 35/55mm is approximately 25cm (53,000 plants per Ha). Use of Metribuzin (eg. Sencorex) can give some foliar discolouration and yield reduction and is therefore not recommended. Athlete has a good primary leaf development. Foliage is of medium strength, and soil coverage is good. Athlete is not prone to bruising.

## Fertiliser Treatment Suggestions

Nitrogen recommended as standard.

## Storage

Athlete has a short dormancy and is therefore not suitable for long term storage.

## Resistance

Athlete is susceptible to Common Scab. Resistance to Blackleg is very good, and to Foliage & Tuber Blight is excellent. Athlete is resistant to PCN Ro1 and Ro4 and to Wart Disease fysio 1.

# Agronomic Information

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

**Average Yield** 7

**Disease Resistance**

## Quality

|                     |             |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Tuber Shape         | Oval        |
| Uniformity of shape | 7           |
| Eye Depth           | 7           |
| Skin Colour         | Pale Yellow |
| Flesh Colour        | Pale Yellow |
| Dry Matter (%)      | 22.8        |

|                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| Foliage Blight            | 9 |
| Tuber Blight              | 9 |
| Alternaria (Early Blight) |   |
| Common Scab               | 4 |
| Powdery Scab              |   |

## Agronomy

|                        |        |
|------------------------|--------|
| Dormancy               | 5      |
| Foliage Maturity       |        |
| Tuber Number (score)   | 8.5    |
| Resistance to damage   | 6.5    |
| Resistance to bruising | 8      |
| Secondary Growth       | 8      |
| Flower Colour          | Violet |

|                    |             |
|--------------------|-------------|
| Virus Y            | 6           |
| Virus Yntn         | 5           |
| Virus A            |             |
| Virus X            | 6           |
| Spraing            |             |
| Silver Scurf       |             |
| Fusarium (Dry Rot) | 7           |
| PCN—Ro1 & 4        | Resistant   |
| PCN—Pallida        | Susceptible |
| Wart Disease       | Resistant   |
| Leaf Roll Virus    |             |
| Blackleg           | 8           |

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