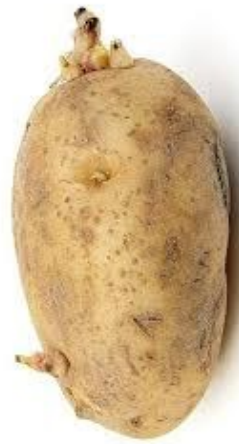


Potatoes from field to plate



Potato tuber

Potato tubers are planted in April/May time.



Potato planter

The tractor plants the tubers onto ridges, which are prepared before the planter comes along.



Potato plants

The original tuber rots away and the new leaves make food for the plant, so that more potatoes can be produced.



Spraying

The potato crop is sprayed to limit problems with weeds, insects and blight.



Storage or sale

The harvested potatoes either go for

- a) cleaning and sale or
- b) To cold storage where the cool temperature keeps them fresh and they released on market demand.



Harvesting

The potato crop is harvested. The potatoes and soil come up the conveyor belt where the soil is sieved out and returned to the field.



Desiccation

The potato crop is sprayed to desiccate the green plant leaves. This is done to aid harvesting.