



# Sweet Potato



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**Common Name:** Sweet Potato

**Scientific Name:** Ipomoea Batatas

**Family:** Convolvulaceae

## **Requirements**

**Season:** Spring

**Sun:** Enough to keep soil warm.

**Water:** Regular watering especially first week. Can tolerate low watering.

**Climate:** Tropical. Sensitive to cold.

**Soil Notes:** Can grow in poor soil. Sandy-Loamy, well drained. Layer with compost and dampen bed. Well aerated. Can mulch soil 3 weeks before planting. Not well fertilised soil or else will overstimulate top growth.

**Harvest Time :** 4-6 months

## **DEFICIENCY NOTES:**

Roots can become bound in pots. Cut the plants off above the soil level and replant this into the garden bed. New roots will grow from this slip in 2-3 days which will form well-sized potatoes.

Usually outgrow pest problems.

Tuber pests are worst pest for the potatoes.

Disease: Scurf- a type of soil disease. Hard to remedy.