 Potato information kit
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  • Chemical recommendations—check with an agronomist or Infopest www.infopest.qld.gov.au
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    industry body to assist with identifying more current figures.
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    contact the industry body.
  • Contacts—many of the contact details may have changed and there could be several new contacts available. The
    industry organisation may be able to assist you to find the information or services you require.
  • Organisation names—most government agencies referred to in this publication have had name changes. Contact
    the Business Information Centre on 13 25 23 or the industry organisation to find out the current name and
    contact details for these agencies.
  • Additional information—many other sources of information are now available for each crop. Contact an
    agronomist, Business Information Centre on 13 25 23 or the industry organisation for other suggested reading.

Even with these limitations we believe this information kit provides important and valuable information for intending
and existing growers.

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Want more information? This section helps to direct you to the other important providers and sources of potato information. The 'Contacts' directory contains the names and contact details of people and organisations serving the potato industry. The 'References' section contains a list of information that is useful reading for anyone involved in the industry.

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Grower associations, special product suppliers, consultants and technical information services.

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Contacts

Names are provided solely for assisting readers to make contact. Inclusion of a person or organisation does not constitute an endorsement by the Department of Primary Industries or the authors, nor does it endorse a particular person or organisation over others not mentioned.

The section is up to date at the time of printing. If you supply special services to the potato industry and would like to be included in an updated list, please supply your details to Agrilink, Department of Primary Industries, PO Box 5269 SCMC, Nambour Q 4560. Phone: (07) 5444 9690 Facsimile: (07) 5444 9694 Int Code: +61 7

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**Grower associations**

**Queensland associations**

The interests of the potato industry in Queensland are represented through the Heavy Vegetable Committee of the Queensland Fruit and Vegetable Growers (QFVG). This committee enables heavy produce growers to discuss and formulate industry policy for potatoes and other heavy vegetables.

Growers can have input to the committee by joining a local growers association affiliated with QFVG. The address and meeting times of local associations and district delegates to the Heavy Vegetable Committee are available through:
Queensland Fruit and Vegetable Growers,
PO Box 19
BRISBANE MARKET Q 4106
Ph: (07) 3213 2444; Fax: (07) 3213 2438
The Growers' Access Line numbers are:
Ph: 1800 65 4222; Fax: 1 800 650 196

Two other potato grower groups operate in Queensland:
The Atherton Tableland Potato Growers Cooperative Association Limited
19 Grove Street
ATHERTON Q 4883
Ph: (070) 911 066; Fax: (070) 913 104

Queensland Crisping Potato Growers Group Inc.
Secretary
PO Box 31
KILLARNEY Q 4373
Ph/Fax: (076) 664 141

National associations
Australian Potato Industry Council
PO Box 303
DEVONPORT TASMANIA 7310
Ph: (03) 6421 7637; Fax: (03) 6424 5142

AUSVEG
RMB 5307
STRATHBOGIE VIC 3666
Ph: (03) 5790 5247; Fax: (03) 5790 5259

Organic grower associations
Bio Dynamics Association of Australia
c/- R. S. & A. McIntosh
‘Cloverbank’
KENDENUP WA 6323
Ph: (098) 514 027; Fax: (098) 514 227

Biological Farmers of Australia Co-op Ltd
PO Box 3404
TOOWOOMBA VILLAGE FAIR QLD 4350
Ph: (076) 393 299; Fax: (076) 393 755

NASAA
PO Box 768
STIRLING SA 5152
Ph: (08) 370 8455; Fax: (08) 370 8381
Seed suppliers

Certified seed suppliers

Certified seed buyers guides are available from:

Seed Potatoes Australia Pty. Limited
PO Box 64
CROOKWELL NSW 2583
Ph: (048) 367 200; Fax: (048) 367 230

Victorian Seed Potato Growers Committee Incorporated
PO Box 571
WARRAGUL VIC 3820
Ph: (03) 5622 3025; Mobile: 018 514 581; Fax: (03) 5623 4596

TasSeed
PO Box 303
DEVONPORT TAS 7310
Ph: (03) 6421 7601; Mobile: 018 141 064; Fax: (03) 6424 5142

The brochures list all seed growers and the varieties they supply. Certified seed can be bought direct from the growers or through local produce agents.

Inspections for interstate produce shipments

Contact your nearest DPI horticulture office for the names of local contract inspectors.

Manufacturers of harvesting and/or grading machinery

AgMac Manufacturing Co.
Industrial Estate
GATTON Q 4343
Ph: (07) 5462 3433; Fax: (07) 5462 2336

Aratula Engineering
Cunningham Highway
ARATULA Q 4309
Ph/Fax: (07) 5463 8151

Glenore Grove Engineering and Hardware
FOREST HILL Q 4342
Ph: (07) 5466 5304

Stark Engineering and Hardware
FOREST HILL Q 4342
Ph: (07) 5465 4195
Postharvest handling and packaging

Cool rooms
Cardiff’s Refrigeration
LAKE CLARENDON Q 4343
Ph: (07) 5466 5155

Bins
Hoods Sawmill Pty. Ltd.
GATTON Q 4343
Ph: (07) 5462 1011

Bags
Available from rural supply stores.

Market price information

Flemington Market Information Services
Northern End, ‘B’ Warehouse
PO Box 1,
FLEMINGTON MARKETS, NSW 2129
Ph: (02) 9764 3516, A/H (02) 9449 7267; Fax: (02) 9763 1773

Market Information Services
D Block Brisbane market
PO Box 229
BRISBANE MARKETS QLD 4106
Ph: (07) 3379 4576; Mobile: 018 068 142; Fax: (07) 3379 4103

Horticultural consultants

Agritec Pty Ltd
1 Ridge Road
WOODSIDE SA 5244
Ph: (08) 389 7116; (08) 389 7379

Agritech Laboratory Services
PO Box 549
TOOWOOMBA Q 4350
Ph: (076) 384 322; (076) 384 271

Crop Tech Laboratories
MS 305 Langbeckers Road
BUNDABERG Q 4670
Ph: (071) 556 344; (071) 556 656
J. Kilpatrick
PO Box 264
TOLGA  Q 4882
Ph: (070) 954 398; Fax: (070) 954 964

Plant Pro
Julian Winch
20 Smith Street
GATTON  Q 4343
Ph: (07) 5462 2096; Mobile: 015 640 450

Michael Whereat
William St
GATTON  Q 4343
Ph: (07) 5462 3190

G. Thomas
Keys Road
HAMPTON  Q 4352
Ph: (076) 979 170

Export associations

Australian Horticultural Exporters Association
12 Bank Street
MOLONG  NSW 2866
Ph: (063) 669 144; Mobile: 018 639 370; Fax: (063) 669 145

Queensland Horticultural Exporters Association
Box 400
BRISBANE MARKET  QLD 4106
Ph: (07) 3278 0544; Fax: (07) 3278 0610

The Atherton Tableland Potato Growers Co-operative Association Limited
19 Grove Street
ATHERTON  Q 4883
Ph: (070) 911 066; Fax: (070) 913 104

Queensland Government services

Potato enquiries
Gatton Research Station
PO Box 241
GATTON  Q 4343
Ph: (07) 5462 1122; Fax: (07) 5462 3223
Forestry extension officers

Forestry extension officers are available for expert assistance with tree use on farms including windbreak design and species selection, clearing, timber production and forest enrichment. Your local office of Department of Natural Resources can put you in contact with your nearest forestry extension officer.

Land conservation extension officers

Land conservation extension officers are available to provide expert assistance in planning farm layouts and providing advice on land management. Your local office of Department of Natural Resources can put you in contact with your nearest land conservation officer.

Farm financial counselling service

DPI provides business advisory services to producers who are in difficulty from continuing environmental and economic pressures. Trained counsellors can help in the analysis of financial situations and the development of business plans. Your local office of DPI can put you in touch with your nearest financial counsellor.

Water resources extension officers

Water resources advisory officers are available for expert assistance on all aspects of water use on farms including dam construction and maintenance, stream licensing, bore development, irrigation selection and design and water quality. They also provide advice on farm drainage problems. Your local office of Department of Natural Resources can put you in contact with your nearest water officer.

Library and literature search services

DPI Central Library in Brisbane provides a number of special information services that may be of interest to growers. These include:

- access to the library’s extensive book and journal collection
- on-line public access catalogue terminals provide access to the DPI library catalogue and to material held in the State Library of Queensland
- literature searches from CD-ROM databases (fee charged).

General enquiries can be directed to:
Ph: (07) 3239 3126; Fax: (07) 3239 3128
or to Robin Galagher Ph: (07) 3239 3124
or Pat Abbott: Ph: (07) 3239 3131

Other information sources

Farmfax is a new DPI information service designed to allow quick access to new and frequently changing information on a range of topics. It provides information 24 hours a day, seven days a week for the cost of a phone call. Information can be either faxed back within minutes or mailed out the next day. You can ring the Farmfax number to receive an index, from which you can select the items you require. The Farmfax number is (07) 3322 2966.

AgrilInfonet is a DPI marketing information access service aimed at assisting small to medium agricultural enterprises in searching for new business opportunities in export markets. Information on the range of services can be obtained from:

The AgrilInfonet Project manager
GPO Box 46
BRISBANE QLD 4001
Ph: (07) 3239 3312; Fax: (07) 3239 6292

Agricultural booksellers

Booksellers who specialise in agricultural books are:

Agmedia
PO Box 258
EAST MELBOURNE VIC 3002
Ph: 1800 800 755; Fax: (03) 9651 7009

D & A Books and Journals
648 Whitehorse Road
MITCHAM VIC 3132
Ph: (03) 3921 7777; Fax: (03) 3921 7788

Johima Books
PO Box 4048
PARRAMATTA NSW 2124
Ph: (02) 9687 1922; Fax: (02) 9687 1027

Morescope Publishing
638A Burwood Road
HAWTHORN EAST VIC 3123
Ph: (03) 9882 9922; Fax: (03) 9882 9239

Contacts through the yellow pages

The following headings cover the main topics for which contacts may be needed. Check the listings in the yellow pages under the appropriate
heading. If you are looking for other providers of products and services, the following Yellow Pages headings may be useful:

**Chemicals/fertilisers**
- Chemicals, Agricultural
- Fertilisers
- Insecticides, Herbicides & Fungicides
- Lime

**Chemical Suppliers**
- Soil Conditioners & Treatments

**Consultants**
- Farm and Agricultural Advisory Services
- Horticultural Consultants

**Economics and marketing**
- Fruit & Vegetable Wholesalers
- Grain and Produce
- Transport Services

**Equipment, irrigation, machinery**
- Farm Equipment and Supplies
- Agricultural Machinery
- Engineers
- Irrigation
- Instruments—Scientific

**Manufacturers of harvesting and/or grading machinery**
- Agricultural Machinery
- Engineers, General
- Engineers, Manufacturing
- Farm Equipment and Supplies
- Carriers

**Pesticides and spraying**
- Aerial Spraying
- Protective Clothing
- Fertiliser and/or Insecticide Spreading
- Spray Equipment and/or Supplies

**Post harvest handling and packaging**
- Fruit & Vegetable Packing
- Cool Room Builders/Designers
- Cool Stores
- Refrigerated Transport Trucks and Equipment
- Food Processing and/or Packing Machinery
- Grain and Produce Packaging Materials
References

Note: This is not an exhaustive list of references for potatoes. It consists of references which the authors recommend as important sources of information and reading for the potato grower. If you require more detailed information on a subject, use the literature search facilities available from most libraries.

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DPI information products

Books


Plants of central Queensland, their identification and uses, Anderson, E. (1993), Department of Primary Industries, Brisbane.

Sustainable vegetable production in south east Queensland, Dwyer, G. (1994), Department of Primary Industries, Brisbane.


Other products

Prime notes on CD-ROM
Available from:
DPI Notes Coordinator
Department of Primary Industries
GPO Box 46
BRISBANE  Q 4001
Ph: (07) 3239 6478

A trial version of the Agrilink Kit, Looking after Horticultural Land, is available for public use in some DPI offices, libraries and rural supply stores.

Other books

Available from:
Irrigation Research and Extension Committee,
c/- CSIRO Private Mail Bag,
GRiffith NSW 2680

High quality seed: it costs so it pays to handle it correctly. From Proceedings of the improved potato seed handling technology workshop.
Available from:
SARDI
Lenswood Horticultural Centre
Swamp Road
LENSWOOD SA 5240
Ph: (08) 389 8800; Fax: (08) 389 8899

Potato diseases in South Australia, Williams, C. M. J. and Wicks, T. J. (eds) (1985), South Australian Department of Agriculture, South Australia.
Available from:
SARDI
Lenswood Horticultural Centre
Swamp Road
LENSWOOD SA 5240
Ph: (08) 389 8800; Fax: (08) 389 8899


Contacts and references


Integrated pest management for potatoes in the Western United States, Flint, M. L. (ed) (1992), California, USA.


Potato health management, Rowe, R. C. (ed) (1993), APS Press, USA.


The potato crop, the scientific basis for improvement, Harris, P. M. (ed) (1978), Halstead Press, UK.

Annual publications

Certified seed buyers guides

Available from:
Seed Potatoes Australia Pty. Limited
PO Box 64
CROOKWELL NSW 2583
Ph: (048) 367 200; Fax: (048) 367 230

Victorian Seed Potato Growers Committee Incorporated
PO Box 571
WARRAGUL VIC 3820
Ph: (03) 5622 3025; Mobile: 018 514 581; Fax: (03) 5623 4596

TasSeed
PO Box 303
DEVONPORT TAS 7310
Ph: (03) 6421 7601; Mobile: 018 141 064; Fax: (03) 6424 5142

Other annuals

Potato cultivar trials in Australia, Agdex 262/34
Available from:
Gatton Research Station
PO Box 241
GATTON Q 4343
Ph: (07) 5462 1122; Fax: (07) 5462 3223
Fruit and vegetable prices and receivals for the Flemington market
Available from:
The Manager
FMRS
PO Box 139
FLEMINGTON MARKETS NSW 2129
Ph: (02) 9764 3516; Fax: (02) 9763 1773

Prices and throughput for the Brisbane market
Available from:
Market Information Services
PO Box 229
BRISBANE MARKET Q 4106
Ph: (07) 3379 4576; Mobile: 018 068 142; Fax: (07) 3379 4103

Horticultural Research & Development Corporation research report
Available from:
Horticultural Research & Development Corporation
Level 6
7 Merriwa Street
GORDON NSW 2072
Ph: (02) 9418 2200; Fax: (02) 9418 1352

QFVG Annual Research Report
Available from:
Queensland Fruit and Vegetable Growers,
PO Box 19
BRISBANE MARKET Q 4106
Phone: (07) 3213 2444; Fax: (07) 3213 2438

Articles, brochures & other items

Countering the potato moth
Available from:
Institute of Horticultural Development,
Private Bag 15
SOUTH EASTERN MAIL CENTRE VIC 3176
Ph: (03) 9210 9222; Fax: (03) 9800 3521

Heavy produce marketing plan, (1996), Queensland Fruit and Vegetable Growers.
Available from:
Chris Simpson
Secretary, Heavy Produce Committee
PO Box 19
BRISBANE MARKET Q 4106
Ph: (07) 3213 2472; Fax: (07) 3213 2480
Make more money by correct handling of potato seed tubers
Available from:
SARDI,
Lenswood Horticultural Centre
Swamp Road
LENSWOOD SA 5240
Ph: (08) 389 8800; Fax: (08) 389 8899

Making potatoes resistant to disease
Available from:
CSIRO
Division of Plant Industry
GPO Box 1600 15
CANBERRA ACT 2601
Ph: (06) 246 5365; Fax: (06) 246 5000

Increasing potato producing in Queensland by cultivar development and improved management, Jackson, K.J., Duff, A.A., and Johnson, I. (1996), (final report), HRDC Project No. PT011, HRDC, DPI.
Available from:
HRDC
7 Merriwa St
Gordon, NSW, 2072
Ph: (02) 418 2200 Fax: (02) 418 1342

Potato breeding and cultivar trials in Australia—Queensland component, Jackson, K.J., Duff, A.A., and Johnson, I. (1996), (final report), HRDC Project No. PT 233, HRDC, DPI.
Available from:
HRDC
7 Merriwa St
Gordon, NSW, 2072
Ph: (02) 418 2200 Fax: (02) 418 1342


Available from:
Institute of Horticultural Development,
Private Bag 15
SOUTH EASTERN MAIL CENTRE VIC 3176
Ph: (03) 9210 9222; Fax: (03) 9800 3521


Fresh potatoes—an identification of the salient market oriented attributes (1996), prepared for Agriculture Victoria, HMS Research, RMB E657, Ballarat, 3352.
Fresh potato marketing research, Lewis, I. (1994), (final report), HRDC Project PT 201. Available from:
HRDC
7 Merriwa St
Gordon, NSW, 2072
Ph: (02) 418 2200  Fax: (02) 418 1342

Distribution channels in the Queensland potato industry, Marketshare Pty Ltd (1994), Research report commission for Queensland Fruit and Vegetable Growers.


Insects of potato crops—southern Victoria (Field aid for identification of insect & beneficials), HRDC and Agriculture Victoria.

Agnote series on potatoes, various authors. Agriculture Victoria.

Journals & magazines

Potato Australia
PO Box 303
DEVONPORT TAS 7310
Ph: (004) 217 637;  Fax: (004) 245 142

Queensland Fruit and Vegetable News, (incorporating Heavy Produce News).
QFVG
PO Box 19
BRISBANE MARKETS Q 4106
Ph: 1800 654 222

Good Fruit & Vegetables
PO Box 160,
PORT MELBOURNE VIC 3207
Ph: 1800 035 351

Newsletters

Peelings Newsletter
C/- Tony Meyers
Victorian Potato Crisping Research Group
PO Box 1091
WARRAGUL VIC 3820
Ph/Fax: (056) 222 227;  Mobile: 0418 515 710
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