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Experience the vigour of the north. With colder winters and long summer days, **Alberta Seed Potatoes** are the best choice for a higher yielding potato crop.

Ideal climate, profitable results.

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GROWING HEALTHY POTATOES TOGETHER

What is a Northern Vigor seed potato?



LONG WINTERS

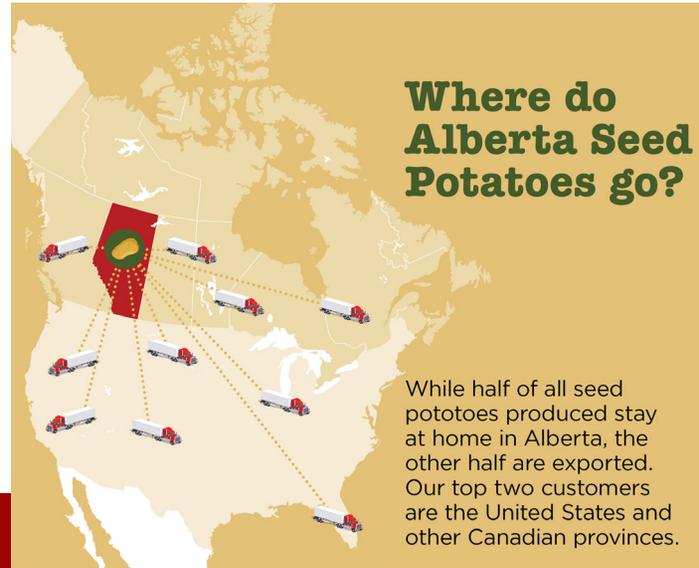


COOL SUMMER NIGHTS



LOW VIRUS LEVELS

These are the ideal conditions that Northern Vigor seed potatoes thrive in, giving them the “vigor” name.



Where do Alberta Seed Potatoes go?

While half of all seed potatoes produced stay at home in Alberta, the other half are exported. Our top two customers are the United States and other Canadian provinces.

In addition to our national biosecurity program, growers employ strict sanitation, post-harvest testing and crop rotation practices.

Alberta is the largest exporter of seed potatoes in Canada and is internationally renowned for its high quality seed potatoes.

To secure new markets and grow existing ones, Alberta seed growers use the latest innovations and techniques to stay on the cutting edge of seed potato production.

Between the PGA, government and industry, there is a demonstrated commitment to improving the genetics of potato varieties grown in Alberta. Our province is one of the few in Canada with privatized high generation lab and greenhouse production. All laboratories operate under the guidelines of the Canadian Seed Act and are CFIA approved and inspected. On-farm greenhouses receive potato plantlets from the tissue culture bank operated by the provincial government. The provincial seed potato repository houses more than 300 public and private potato varieties.

Alberta Seed Potatoes



Did you know?

There are 6 licensed labs and greenhouse producers in Alberta that produce plantlets and nuclear potatoes.



Alberta seed producers are regulated under the Canadian Seeds Act and are inspected and certified by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency. Canada's strict national program ensures only seed potatoes meeting the requirements receive certification and are marketed domestically and internationally. Each growing season includes two field inspections, as well as shipping inspections on each seed lot. Established seed growers also submit samples for the post-harvest test grow-out, inspected by CFIA inspectors, as well as additional testing to ensure Alberta seed meets the high standards it has become known for.

There are on average 50 seed potato growers in Alberta, growing 218 varieties of seed potatoes. The most popular variety is Russet Burbank, which are mainly used for French Fries.

50	218	RUSSET BURBANK
SEED POTATO GROWERS	SEED POTATO VARIETIES	MOST POPULAR VARIETY

For a full listing of seed varieties and where you can purchase them, see the current Seed Directory on our website... albertapotatoes.ca