

Some Interesting Facts about Potatoes

- The potato is a vegetable.
- Potato flowers are beautiful!
- Potatoes can be blue, pink, red, brown, or yellow.
- Potatoes originated in Peru thousands of years ago.
- There are over 4,000 varieties of potatoes.
- The potato is a stem, not a root.
- There are four main parts of a potato plant: root, tuber, leaf, and stem.
- Potatoes were the first food ever to be grown in space.
- Potatoes are grown in all 50 states.
- The world's biggest potato weighed about as much as a small dog.
- In the 1800's, people traded potatoes for gold.
- Potatoes first came from a mountain range in South America.
- Potatoes are sometimes called "spuds".
- Potatoes are pollinated by insects like bumblebees.
- The potato belongs to the nightshade family whose other members include tomatoes, eggplants, and peppers.
- Potatoes have many vitamins that are good for your body.
- The Founding Fathers of the United States were some of the first people to enjoy French fries, which are made from potatoes.
- Most Americans eat about one potato a day.
- The "potato bug" is an insect that eats potatoes and is a potato crop pest. They also eat other nightshade family plants, like tomatoes and eggplants.
- Potatoes usually grow during the spring and are harvested in the late summer and fall.

