

Tips for Home Gardeners

Sweet Potatoes

Bed seed potatoes during April and into May. Transplants should be ready in four to five weeks. Sweet potato slips (transplants) can be set out in late April if soil is warm enough (70 degrees F or above). Cut plants from plant bed about an inch above soil line, and transplant.

Cutting rather than pulling helps to reduce sweet potato weevils and many disease problems. Cuttings will develop feeder roots within a day or two if the soil is warm and moist. Holding the cut slips in the shade for two to three days before transplanting will help to increase survival. Use a low nitrogen fertilizer such as 6-24-24 or 8-24-24 at the rate of 2 to 3 pounds per 100 feet of row.



Beauregard, is the recommended variety. It is high yielding, very attractive and tastes good.