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# Welcome to the 2023 Seed Buyer's Guide

Thank you for choosing to use our 2023 Seed Buyer's Guide.

The 2023 Seed Buyer's Guide has been designed to assist you with the process of choosing the right seed for your requirements and to offer you as much information as possible from purchase to planting.

Seed Potatoes Victoria Incorporated is a not-for-profit, grower funded organisation. Our primary objective is to represent certified seed growers. We also provide assistance and dissemination of information to certified seed growers on various aspects of production and marketing of certified seed potatoes. Certification is achieved through compliance of the Australian National Standard for Certification of Seed Potatoes. Certification for Victoria is provided by AuSPICA.

All certified seed potatoes produced by the growers in this guide have passed the strict protocol of the certification scheme. When purchasing certified seed from certified seed growers, you can be confident of a high quality product.

Please take the time to read the various sections of this guide.

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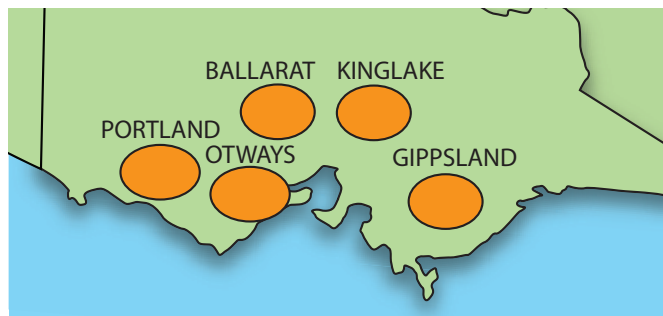
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We trust you will find this guide useful. Please do not hesitate to contact the Administration Manager via email at [admin@spv.org.au](mailto:admin@spv.org.au) should you have any further enquiries.

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## How to use the guide

1. Read pages 3 to 5.
2. Find a supplier of your chosen variety/growing district from pages 8 to 19.
3. Decide on your method of purchase:
  - a. Merchant, go to page 6.
  - b. Direct—Read the Terms and Conditions on page 22.



## Size Ranges

Victorian certified seed potatoes are usually sold by their dimension - measured in millimetres. Prior to sale, certified seed is graded according to size with the help of sizing templates.

There are two template styles available, flat sizing templates and field templates. Both are made from moulded industrial grade plastic and are completely portable. The flat sizing template seed producers usually clamp to their grader so that shed staff can easily maintain a consistent size during grading. The field templates are a set of 13 individual templates that are bolted together, ranging from 30 to 90 mm that cover both seed and commercial sizes.

Templates can be ordered via our website [www.spv.org.au](http://www.spv.org.au), or by calling the Administration Manager on 0487 072 426. The flat sizing templates are \$44 (inc GST) and the field templates are \$77 for the set (inc GST).

Most open market sales are for a conventional run of 35 - 75mm seed. A high proportion of contract sales are for 35 - 60mm and 35 - 65mm. However, seed potatoes can be supplied in any size. An agreement between the grower and the purchaser regarding size is usually required prior to grading.

Buyers are advised to discuss their requirements with their seed producer at the earliest opportunity, preferably prior to planting.

Grade	Size Range
Standard Grade	35 to 75mm
Round Seed Grade	35 to 55mm
	35 to 60mm
Other Ranges	35 to 65mm
	35 to 70mm
	55 to 65mm
	55 to 70mm
Other Sizes by prior arrangement	

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## PBR Varieties

Plant Breeder's Rights (PBR) are exclusive commercial rights to a registered variety. The rights are a form of intellectual property, like patents and copyrights, and are administered under the *Plant Breeder's Rights Act 1994*.

## Purchasing Options

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There are a number of ways in which to purchase seed. Whichever method you choose, consideration must be given to the following:

- The location of the seed as this will impact on delivery time and cost.
- Specify your requirements clearly and as early as possible. Make sure that your specific requirements are understood and accepted prior to committing to a purchase.
- If your order is to be supplied in your bins, you are required to complete a "Bin Cleanliness Declaration." These are available from the grower, SPV or AuSPICA.
- Within seven (7) days of delivery, inspect the seed and provide feedback to the grower/seller immediately. If you intend to cool store your seed, inspect it prior to refrigeration.

### Direct Purchase from the Grower

- Read the terms and conditions of sale. These are printed on page 22 of this guide.
- If possible, take the time to visit the farm from which the seed will be produced. It may be beneficial to see the crop growing or watch it being harvested and graded.
- Adhere to the payment terms as stipulated in the terms and conditions. This will encourage a healthy partnership between yourself and the seed grower.
- Consider the benefits of using transport companies experienced in the business of carrying seed.

### Contract Purchase

- Ensure that you have a clear understanding of the terms of the contract prior to commitment.
- Contracts are usually agreed and settled prior to November in the year preceding the year of harvest.

### Purchase via a Merchant

- Merchants are a 'one stop shop' for the supply and delivery of your seed requirements. Merchants have extensive knowledge of various growers and their produce. You will find merchants' details on page 6 of this guide.
- When using this method of purchase, the terms and conditions of sale as printed in this guide are applicable to the merchant. Your relationship is between the merchant and yourself. You are purchasing under the merchant's terms and conditions.

## Handle with Care

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**A good crop of potatoes begins with good handling of quality seed. Handle your seed carefully to avoid the disappointment of finding damage after bringing your seed out of storage.**

- Always check your seed potatoes yourself when delivered.
- Potato seed should be handled gently. Do not allow the tubers to fall more than 15cm during handling.
- Store your seed in new or washed, and preferably disinfected, bins.
- If storing your seed outside or in open sheds, regularly spray with an appropriate insecticide to protect against invasion of pests.
- Wait 7 – 14 days from delivery before transferring your seed to cool storage. This will allow fresh damage to heal. Additional wait time is required in colder climates. Allow fresh air for curing.
- If tipping from bags into bins, allow time for curing before transferring to cool storage.
- Additional protection against storage rot can be provided through the use of fungicides. Inform your seed grower of your requirements so that fungicides can be applied during grading.
- Your seed is more likely to develop problems if stored in direct sunlight, against shed walls, in the paddock, under trees or in areas prone to frost.
- Maintain storage temperature between 3°C and 4°C and ensure adequate air circulation. If you do not have automatic air exchange, this will need to be done manually.
- Regularly clean and disinfect seed cutters and planters during use and between lots.
- Potato plants are most susceptible to viruses when seedlings emerge. Protective spray programs should be considered if insects are present or disease presence is significant in the area.
- Certified Seed Potato Victorian Growers stand by the quality of their product. Any complaint or query should be directed to the supplier within the timeframe stipulated in the terms and conditions of sale.



# AuSPICA

## Australian Seed Potato Industry Certification Authority

The Australian Seed Potato Industry Certification Authority (AuSPICA) is an industry-based, not-for-profit authority formerly called ViCSPA that operates the certified seed potato scheme throughout Victoria, South Australia and Northern New South Wales (Guyra). The Authority is governed by a professional Board including certified seed growers and skill-based directors.

### ***From G0 to all generations of field grown certified seed potatoes***

In addition to field potato crop certification, AuSPICA administers the accreditation and auditing of all minituber and tissue culture production facilities throughout Australia, which ensures the production of high health foundation Generation Zero (G0) seed stocks.

### **Quality management systems and affiliations**

AuSPICA has a quality management system that is compliant to ISO9001:2015 which demonstrates the organisation's commitment to excellence and customer focus. AuSPICA is a campaign associate of the Australian Made Campaign. AuSPICA is a member of the Australian Seed Potato Council (ASPC) and a sustaining member of the Australasian Plant Pathology Society.

### **State of the art traceability and document management**

All AuSPICA Certified Seed is officially labelled to demonstrate compliance to the Standard of the AuSPICA Certification Scheme. For details of the Scheme go to <https://www.auspica.org.au/seed-potato-certification/>

All data relating to the seed potato certification is managed through a bespoke, cloud-based software program called CertMaster. This includes all inspection report, laboratory testing results.

### **Strong phytosanitary data to support trade**

All certified seed potato under the AuSPICA Scheme is produced in fields that have mandatory laboratory testing for Potato Cyst Nematode (PCN). This testing provides supporting evidence to confirm that PCN is known not to occur in fields used for certified seed production. In addition, all certified seed potato crops must be sampled, and laboratory tested for Potato Virus Y (PVY), in addition to meeting all other tolerances for certification.

AuSPICA conducts ongoing surveillance for the viroid PSTVd. This provides data to support evidence that PSTVd is known not to occur in all certified seed potatoes. This surveillance includes laboratory testing of leaves collected from selected seed crops.

### **High quality staff**

AuSPICA has a professional team of highly qualified experts and support staff which provide the services of seed certification.

### **For further information**

#### **AuSPICA**

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## Merchants

Merchants are a 'one stop shop' for purchasing seed. Call any one of these merchants if you prefer the convenience of not having to shop around and arrange transport of your seed potatoes.

### J C Cutbush & Co

60 Murphy's Rd Bungaree Vic 3352

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### Durkin Produce Australia Pty Ltd

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## Kinglake Growers

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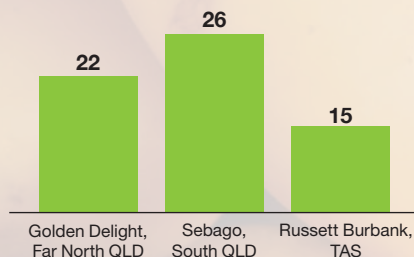
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Golden Delight, Far North QLD

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## Otways Growers

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Peak Farms	Seth Lyons	93 Cockatoo Valley Road Portland 3305			0409 208 871
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# Farm biosecurity and hygiene

## What is biosecurity?

Biosecurity is the protection of the economy, the environment, public amenity or human health from the entry or spread of pests and diseases. It can apply at a national, state, district or farm level.

Agriculture Victoria, together with the Victorian potato industry, has developed biosecurity protocols to prevent the entry or spread of potato cyst nematode (PCN) in Victorian potato production areas, whilst minimising restrictions to market access. The protocols include regulating the movement of potato plant materials and associated equipment and packaging. Enquiries about potato movement regulations should be directed to Agriculture Victoria on 1800 878 962.

## Hygiene on the farm

Pests and diseases, including PCN can easily be moved onto and around properties in soil carried by vehicles, people, machinery and other equipment. Potato growers can reduce the risk of an outbreak of pests and diseases such as PCN or potato spindle tuber viroid (PSTVd) on their property by ensuring that they, their employees and visitors to their property follow some basic hygiene practices, for example:

- avoid driving on paddocks
- wash vehicles or equipment contaminated with soil before entering the property
- disinfect clothing and footwear contaminated with soil before entering the property
- accept only clean bins or bags onto the property
- install signs requesting visitors to stay on roads or

- paths or to ring ahead before entering the property
- have a designated area for visitors' vehicles
- use your own vehicles, machinery and equipment on your property - avoid sharing across properties
- do not use contract machinery if it has not been properly cleaned
- manage weeds and self-sown potatoes
- plant seed from known PSTVd and PCN-free sources only
- plant PCN-resistant varieties if possible
- use paddock rotation in your production system
- dispose of waste materials in a safe and hygienic manner.

For more information on biosecurity, market access and farm hygiene, visit [www.agriculture.vic.gov.au](http://www.agriculture.vic.gov.au). To report a suspect detection of PCN or PSTVd email: [market.access@agriculture.vic.gov.au](mailto:market.access@agriculture.vic.gov.au) or call 1800 878 962.



# Terms and Conditions of Sale and Acceptance of Orders

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1. All certified seed supplied to the seed buyer by the seed grower listed in the Seed Buyer's Directory is supplied strictly pursuant to these terms and conditions and in addition to the terms and conditions of the individual Horticulture Produce Agreement (HPA) between the seed grower and the seed buyer.
2. The seed grower has taken all reasonable precautions to ensure that:
  - a. These seed potatoes comply with all specifications of the AuSPICA Seed Potato Certification Scheme (the certification scheme) and are fit to be used as seed.
  - b. The materials supplied have been grown from seed supplied through the certification scheme and the seed crop has performed in a manner consistent with the attributes of each variety. The seed grower has not performed any test as to the purity of each variety other than the visual observations and the taking of all reasonable care to maintain variety purity.
  - c. The soil in which the crop has been grown has been subject to DEDJTR approved testing protocols and implemented by AuSPICA for the prevention of potato cyst nematode.
  - d. The seed has been graded to within the standard as set by the certification scheme but no claim is made or to be implied on behalf of the seed grower that the seed is free from all pests and/or disease and the seed grower shall not be liable for any defect or defects in the seed which exist notwithstanding such reasonable precautions.
3. The seed grower makes no warranty nor representation directly or otherwise that the seed supplied will grow a crop that is fit for any particular end use or purpose and the seed buyer has made his own enquiry and assessment of the quality and suitability of the seed for the intended purpose.
4. Unless stated to the contrary in these conditions, all previous conditions, warranties, undertaking, inducements or representations whether expressed or implied relating in anyway to the seed are excluded with the exception of the terms and conditions of the HPA.
5. Where any Act implies terms and conditions and prohibits provisions modifying any such implied terms and conditions then those terms and conditions are deemed included in these terms.
6. The seed buyer shall inspect the delivered seed promptly upon arrival and must report any visual defects, problems or concerns to the seed grower in writing within 14 days of dispatch of the seed from the seed grower's property or within a timeframe as agreed in the HPA.
7. The seed grower shall not be liable for or responsible to the seed buyer in respect of any loss or damage including consequential loss or loss of profits howsoever caused or arising, legal costs or administrative charges in respect of the sale of the seed or the failure or omission on the part of the seed grower to comply with his obligations under these conditions.
8. Any liability of the seed grower pursuant to these terms and conditions shall be limited entirely at the option of the seed grower to either the replacement of the seed or a refund of any money paid pursuant to the sale.
9. Prices stated are exclusive of GST and in the event of this sale being subject to goods and services tax pursuant to the *Goods and Services Tax Act 1999* then the seed buyer shall, upon receipt of a valid Tax Invoice, also pay the amount of any GST payable in respect of such taxable supply at the same time and in the same manner as the agreed price or value of the taxable supply is otherwise payable.
10. The seed buyer shall carry the risk for loss or damage to the seed as and from the point of its departure from the seed grower's premises.
11. The seed buyer agrees to indemnify and keep indemnified, the seed grower against all claims made against it by or on behalf of a Third Party for loss or damage of whatsoever kind as a consequence of having consumed, used, been affected by or come into contact with the seed or any product produced from it.
12. These terms shall be governed by the laws of the State of Victoria and the parties hereto irrevocably submit to the jurisdiction of the Victorian Courts and these terms may be pleaded as a bar to an action brought in Courts outside this jurisdiction.
13. These terms may not be modified or amended unless by instrument in writing signed by all parties hereto. If any provision of these terms is void or voidable it shall be read down so as to give affect to the clause and if it cannot be read down the provision shall be severed and the remaining provisions will continue in full force and effect.
14. In these terms where the context permits reference to the singular shall include the plural and reference to one gender shall include the other gender and the neuter.
15. Any party consisting of more than one person shall be bound to these terms jointly and severally and the term seed grower and seed buyer where the context permits shall be deemed to include transferees, executor, administrators and other deriving title under those respective parties and shall include successors and assigns.
16. Any notices to be served will be sent in writing to the address of the parties given or as notified in writing from time to time. If served by prepaid post any notice of demand will be deemed to have been received on the day following the day of posting unless the contrary is established.
17. No time or other indulgence granted to the seed buyer shall operate as a waiver of the seed grower's rights in respect of any continuing or recurring breach.
18. Nothing contained in these terms shall in any way constitute a relationship or partnership of employer and employee between the parties hereto and it is the expressed intention of the parties that any such relationships are denied.

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*FRONT COVER PHOTO:  
Potato field at Thorpdale*

## Seed Potatoes Victoria Inc

Seed Potatoes Victoria (SPV) represents the technical and commercial interests of 30 professional certified seed potato producers.

The need for technical liaison between the certification authority and industry led in 1974 to an advisory committee to interact with the Victorian government on the management of the Victorian certified seed potato scheme. It brought seed grower delegates together from different production districts to discuss areas of mutual concern, product quality, and terms of trade. The committee was originally incorporated as the Victorian Certified Seed Potato Growers Committee in 1986, and the amended name of Seed Potatoes Victoria was adopted in 1999. Seed Potatoes Victoria continues to work alongside AuSPICA, the certification authority, to ensure that the highest quality seed is produced for export around Australia and internationally as well.

Seed Potatoes Victoria produces the annual Seed Buyers Directory for certified seed. This is distributed by direct mail to potato growers around Australia. SPV also facilitates the production of forward contract forms, consignment notebooks, farm access protocols, seed sizing templates, and trade displays. The voice of certified seed potato growers to industry and government is represented through SPV. Newsletters, field days, workshops, study tours and seed buyer liaison are all co-ordinated through this progressive and active industry body.

There are eight seed grower delegates representing the production districts of Ballarat, Gippsland, Otways, Kinglake and Portland who hold meetings at least 3 times a year to manage Seed Potatoes Victoria. The delegates are elected from district meetings and these district meetings provide further interaction and mechanisms by which new ideas and technology are adapted to the best farm practice in seed production. Seed Potatoes Victoria Inc is a dynamic organisation with an important leadership role for the modern professional potato grower.

SPV is in the process of having their website totally overhauled and the new website should be up and running by the time this 2022 Seed Buyers Guide has been produced. The new website will offer easily accessed information on growers and their varieties of potatoes grown. Payment to SPV for advertising in the guide, ordering potato sizing screens, grower levies and memberships payments will also be able to be paid via the website. Please go to our website address below and familiarise yourself with the new layout and options.

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