

[Cultivation of Potatoes]

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Description

Instructions for planting potatoes from shoots rather seed potatoes. Vol. 6, No. 299. Microfilm Reel 8165. See also "[On the Culture of Potatoes from the Shoots](#)" published in the *Halifax Journal* on 14 May 1795 but first published in Dublin in 1794.

Transcription

Cultivation of Potatoes.

The Bath Agriculture, &c. Society, have published an account of a new mode of cultivating potatoes from the shoots only, which they received, authenticated in the fullest manner and on the most respectable authorities, from Ireland, and which goes to prove, that the crops raised from shoots, have been greater and better in quality than the crops raised the same season from whole potatoes and cuttings in similar soils, and on equal quantities of land; and from the calculations made in Ireland in favour of this practice, a national saving in that kingdom is apparent of 1 875, 000 barrels of

seed potatoes for feeding different kind of stock.

In general the mode is, on opening the potatoe stores in the spring, to strip off the shoots or runners which are found on them, and if longer than five or six inches, to reduce them to about that length, by cutting or division. The quantity is accumulated at pleasure, by laying them in small heaps, lightly covered with mould to preserve them fresh, till the planter chuses to plant them. They have been usefully planted in small drills, opened by different implements, about six inches deep, in ground properly prepared. Some have set them perpendicular others have laid them horizontally in the drills, at the distance of about 12 inches from each other, lightly covered with some suitable manure; and then by hoe or plough, returned the earth over them in a ridge; some have completely covered the shoots, others have suffered them to rise a little above ground. The time of planting have varied, for the purpose of experiment, and accidentally from February to June; but from all these times of planting, the crops seem to have exceeded all expectation, and in some instances extremely flattering, the common practice has been to earth up the drills, as the shoots advanced, to about the average height of 15 and 18 inches; the distances of the drills have varied from two to three feet. The intelligent Farmer will need only general hints of practice, and it is presumed the above will be sufficient.

Cultivation of Potatoes recipe from Early Modern Maritime Recipes: <https://emmr.lib.unb.ca/recipes/229>