

# Learn the New Potato seed variety for French Fries from Kirinyaga Seed Company

## Advantages

One of the advantages of the java variety is that it has a long shelf life of up to 3 months in aerated conditions. Java has a smooth skin finish making it suitable for French fries making.

Java also has a high resistance to late and early blight- one of the most common problems farmers face when it comes to spraying potatoes with chemicals. The Maverick variety also has a smooth skin finish and a high shelf life of approximately 2 – 2 1/2 months in a well aerated area.

Another variety is the Buffalo that matures in 90 days and also has a shelf life of 2 -2 1/2 months. Another potato variety is the Shangi which is a high yielder with a high demand from many farmers but does not have a long shelf life. This variety has 'deep eyes' on its skin which draws complaints from the French fry industry as it incurs them a lot of losses.

## Potato Varieties

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