

# IDAHO® POTATO BEST PRACTICES



## STORAGE

- Store in a cool, dry, and dark space
- Storage temperatures should be between 45°F and 55°F, do NOT refrigerate potatoes
- Ensure there is air circulation around shipping bales or cartons to allow the potatoes to breathe
- Store potatoes away from other vegetables because they can absorb those flavors
- Carefully place cartons or boxes into your storage area, as dropping may cause bruises
- Refrain from washing potatoes until ready to prepare
- Place newer stock in the back and older stock in the front for proper rotation

## PREPARATION

- Simply wash the potatoes with water, no soap needed
- Peel potato, dice or cut into desired sizes and immediately place cut potatoes into ice-cold water
- To prevent browning, use a mixture of concentrated lemon juice or vinegar (Ratio is one tablespoon for each one gallon of water)
- Cut potatoes can be stored in the water solution at 45°F for up to 24 hours

### When Potatoes Turn Green:

This is caused by too much exposure to natural or fluorescent lighting. Good news, the potatoes are still usable. Peel and discard the green skins and continue preparing potatoes as desired.



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