

A Potato Chronology

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Introduction

A Potato Chronology is an attempt at a history of potatoes in what is perhaps a new way to do history. It is a simple listing of facts and factoids about potatoes arranged in the manner of an historical timeline limited to one line per entry. Information is constantly being gleaned from primary and secondary sources, including web-based sources. Citations are included for all entries so that those interested can conduct further research on their own.

In the beginning this work started with a narrow focus on the potato industry in New York State and, even more specifically, its northern Adirondack Mountain region where Green Mountain seed potatoes were once grown for distribution throughout the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic states. But it quickly became apparent that such a parochial view was limiting, and that to truly understand the potato industry and its history, a much broader perspective was needed. So, our focus was widened, and herein one will find facts, statistics, incidents, discoveries, and developments from far-flung places affecting the world of the potato. Each entry represents some small incremental change or fact pertinent to the potato industry. Hopefully, the summation of these entries will give one a cursory understanding of the interconnectedness of world, national, and local influences that have reverberated throughout the potato world over the years. At the same time, we admit our prejudice to promote the New York State potato industry above others, and so we ask forbearance if we seem to do so in an inordinate manner.

A truly complete chronology may not be possible due to time constraints and lack of sources of information. Still, one can make an attempt, especially if one is in it for the long-haul. This concept was prompted by the author's ongoing work with *The Adirondack Chronology* and a work-in-progress on the history of skiing in the Adirondacks. While not related to potatoes, those projects made clear the value of a chronology or timeline for keeping track of events over time. The former made it clear that if one could add enough entries, even those which at first seem to have only tenuous connections to the subject, 'cause and effect' will eventually appear. For that reason, an attempt has been made to include not only the history of potatoes and of farming in general, but also of agricultural chemicals, plant pathology, potato breeding, genetics and taxonomy; crop science, development of potato equipment, ecology, and governmental regulation, as well as the changes in society and living that influenced changes in the potato industry. Together, it is hoped that these varied entries at the least will provide a sense of context for events over time.

For example, in 1976, a severe drought struck Europe. The potato crop failed. Many countries imported potatoes to Europe to help stave off hunger and starvation. No one realized then that these importations, done for both humanitarian and business reasons, precipitated a side-effect that would not become clear until years later when a virulent late blight took hold in Europe and quickly spread throughout the potato world. Another example, perhaps more clearly exemplifying the concept, is the development of agricultural chemicals during mid-nineteenth century to combat insects, fungi and other pests. From the time of the initial discovery of the efficacy of certain chemicals to control insect and fungal pathogens, several years, even decades, passed before specialized production facilities were built and specialized tools and machinery were invented so that these chemicals could be produced and applied to crops economically. Even then, and perhaps more fundamentally, farmers had to recognize those benefits and then make adjustments in their cash flow situations to afford these new technologies. Only after justifying these added costs and buying the required equipment and chemicals could farmers reap the benefits of increased production (actually reduced losses). As time went on it became clear that despite the benefits, there were drawbacks. Noticeable changes in the local ecology and even human health appeared. These represented liabilities to farmers and consumers alike, prompting demands for improved chemicals, more efficient application methods, personal protective equipment, and ultimately, to non-chemical means to combat insects and fungus. Cause and effect are a never-ending force driving better farming methods.

Sometimes it is difficult to connect cause and effect. It is human nature to delude ourselves into thinking that progress in any industry is planned purposefully, but that perhaps, more often than not, it is a series of unrelated events upon which we react. As examples: The contemporaneous invention of the cast iron kitchen stove and the advent of inexpensive cooking oil in the mid-to-late nineteenth century led to widening popularity of potato chips and French fries. Before that time, deep-frying had been out of the question except in only the wealthiest of households. Certainly, at that time, no one ever set out purposefully to create a market for potato chips or fries—it was too expensive.

Even after that, potato chips and French fries remained a small batch operation where chips and fries were prepared and cooked entirely by hand and usually consumed on the premises. It wasn't until the automatic potato peeling machine was invented in 1925 and the potato chip bag invented in 1926 that the chip business could go into mass production and long-distance delivery could be accomplished with an acceptable quality. For mass produced French fries to enter the marketplace, another four decades would be required.

"Fast-food" frozen French fries initially appeared shortly after WWII. But how many know it took the sequential combination of the development of large-scale land irrigation systems in the potato growing regions of the American West, Ray Dunlap's discovery of a process for freezing potatoes (further developed by Ken Strong and Edwin Traisman at McDonald's and finally perfected at commercial scale by Ray Kueneman of JR Simplot (a 22-year process)), before the McDonald brothers' fast-food restaurant scheme could be fully exploited by the entrepreneurship and partnership of J.R. Simplot and Ray Kroc for frozen French fries to spread around the world? We all now know the result: frozen French fries dominate the U.S. potato industry world-wide.

Consumers old enough to remember will recall the sudden decline of the 'low-carbohydrate' diet fad (potato growers had little sympathy when Atkins Nutritionals filed bankruptcy in 2005), the on-going move to eliminate trans-fats (partially-hydrogenated fats) and saturated fats from the American diet (probably a good thing), and the national campaign to promote the benefits of potato nutrition. We will not mention the misguided application of glycemic index, originally developed as a guide for Type 2 diabetes sufferers to avoid spikes in their blood sugar levels, as an indicator of foods to avoid for weight control, on the potato world.

We might also mention grass-roots efforts to promote 'buy local' programs. It is not clear how much benefit this brings to the potato industry as a whole. For growers, it all depends on what one's market is. The reality is that most commercial potato growers have little to no incentive to engage their 'local markets'. Few commercial potato growers actually sell potatoes in their local markets. In NYS, most commercial growers are contracted to processors for chipping or french fries. Commercial tablestock can sell to packing companies who grade and package their potatoes as commodities for retail markets far from their farms, or they can package their own potato for retail markets distance from their farms. Tablestock growers who actually sell directly to what qualifies as a 'local market' are in a minority.

In fact, it is not just marketplace factors that influence the potato world. Sometimes it is Mother Nature. After all, she holds most of the strong cards, the strongest of which is the weather, but also pests:

Suburban sprawl is usually blamed for the loss of the once-famous potato farms on Long Island, but this is patently wrong, at least for its timing. One might wonder how long the suburban sprawl might have been delayed, if the Golden nematode had not found its way to Nassau County in the early 1930s. While its appearance there was caused by humans, most blamed Mother Nature for it. This long-lasting pest, once identified, subsequently rendered much prime potato land unfit for growing potatoes. State and federal quarantines legally prohibited potato growing there for what was going to be many decades. It is not surprising that land developers made unrefusable offers to those 'former' potato farmers who reluctantly sold out to them. Despite the quarantines implemented on Long Island, the Golden nematode subsequently spread from Long Island to New York's Steuben and Cayuga Counties, and more recently, to Quebec, Canada.

Almost immediately upon its discovery on Long Island, potato breeders at Cornell University began developing potato varieties resistant to Golden nematode. This remains one of the strongest facets of the potato breeding program at Cornell University.

To finish connecting the dots of cause and effect relative to Golden nematode when quarantines on growing potatoes in Nassau and Suffolk Counties of Long Island were lifted in 2014, by then, it was a moot issue. The entire area was well-established suburbia. Resuscitating farming there was impossible.

Other factors have had large effects on the potato world: The North American Free Trade Agreement of 1994 (renegotiated and re-issued as the US-Mexico-Canada Agreement in 2020), the amendment to the Plant Variety Protection Act in 1994, and the Central American Free Trade Agreement of 2005. It did not take long for these to begin affecting the US potato world.

Many potato breeding programs in the U.S., especially those at land grant colleges, ignored the idea of protecting their new cultivars as 'intellectual property' under PVPA. They had only known that their new potato varieties were 'public' property. But increasing competition from protected European varieties coupled with pressure from their own intellectual property departments forced them, however reluctantly, to adopt PVP into their programs. After several years when royalty payments began coming in, they began to understand the financial boost that PVP brought to their programs.

Since one thing leads to another, the adoption of the PVP forced seed potato growers to become familiar with intellectual property rights, with licensing agreements, and royalty payments. Then, not long after that, New York State seed potato growers were faced with the closure of the Cornell-Uihlein Seed Farm. They had to scramble to find new sources for their seedstock. Some Cornell niche varieties were not available anywhere else. Farmers once again had to re-think their operations to meet this new complication.

As can be seen from the above, some things never change: Potato growers are constantly dealing with a multiplicity of issues, most of which are beyond their control. Perhaps the one thing potato growers have control over is the quality of their potatoes.

Potato growers in Franklin County, New York were among the earliest in the U.S. (behind Wisconsin) to promote seed certification to enhance the quality of their seed potatoes, hence increase the sales of their seed stock. In 1913, their first year seeking certification, over three quarters of all of Franklin County, NY, seed potatoes were rejected due to infection by mosaic (PVY). These growers persisted despite this huge set-back knowing the goal was still ahead of them. With the help of Dr. E.V. Hardenburg (Cornell University) starting around 1919 who under the Cooperative Extension Program taught them what to look for, they rogued their fields assiduously ridding them of all mosaic (PVY) and all other recognized potato diseases. They even crossed their Green Mountains with their Green Mountains attempting to find an even more productive strain. Franklin County seed potato growers eventually became known as having the best seed potatoes in the state.

Users of this chronology may find it useful to use the 'find' mode to locate items of interest or to locate entries pertaining to a common thread. An attempt has been made to use consistent terms and phrases to facilitate this. This work is not a detailed history of the potato industry, but only a starting point. The author's intent is to provoke thought, to stimulate further research on the part of the reader, and to have a little fun. Additional information may be found in the source documents.

While the author has attempted to make this chronology as accurate and complete as possible, he is sure that errors and conflicts have crept in. Please email the author at rtuckerr@aol.com with all corrections and new entries. Of particular interest is information on the invention and development of potato equipment since the 1920s. It seems, at least to this author, that this is poorly documented. Any information on this will be gratefully received.

Lines highlighted in red are awaiting more research to confirm the facts or a citation of the source.

Abbreviations

a. = acre

AAA = The Agricultural Adjustment Act (of 1933 and subsequent enactments)

AG = Attorney General

APHIS = Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA)

APA = Adirondack Park Agency

APS = American Phytopathological Society

ARS = Agricultural Research Service (USDA)

AWG = Associated Wholesale Grocers (a co-op based in Kansas)

avg. = average, statistical mean

BRR = Bacterial ring rot

Bt = *Bacillus thuringiensis*

Btt = *Bacillus thuringiensis* var. *tenebrionis*

bu. = bushel

CAFTA = Central American Free Trade Agreement

CCE = Cornell Cooperative Extension

CDN = dollars, Canadian currency

CEEM = Cornell-Eastern Europe-Mexico International Collaborative Project

CFIA = Canadian Food Inspection Agency (Canada)

CICCA = Cornell's Institute of Climate Change and Agriculture

CIP = The International Potato Center (Centro Internacional de la Papa) Peru (South America)

CPB = Colorado potato beetle

CSA = Community Supported Agriculture Program

CSPI = Center for Science in the Public Interest

CSX = railroad company standing for “Chessie, Seaboard and many times more”
 Ct. = Court
 cwt. = hundredweight
 DAM = Department of Agriculture and Markets (New York State)
 D&RG = Denver & Rio Grande Railway (Colorado)
 DDT = Dichloro-diphenyl-trichloroethane; also 1,1,1-trichloro-2,2-bis(p-chlorophenyl)ethane
 DNA = Deoxyribonucleic acid
 EC = European Commission
 EPA = Environmental Protection Agency (USA)
 ERS = Economic Research Service (USDA)
 ESNY = Eat Smart New York
 FCSPGA = Franklin County (NY) Seed Potato Growers’ Association
 FMNP = Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program
 GILB = Global Initiative on Late Blight
 GM = genetically modified
 HS = high school
 ICBN = International Code of Botanical Nomenclature
 ICNCP = International Code of Nomenclature of Cultivated Plants
 IFVAC = Idaho Fruit and Vegetable Advertising Commission
 IGA = Independent Grocers Alliance
 IPM = Integrated Pest Management
 IR-1 = Inter-Regional Potato Introduction Project
 LIHRL = Long Island Horticultural Research Laboratory, Riverhead, NY
 LIHREC = Long Island Horticultural Research and Extension Center, Riverhead, NY
 LIVRF = Long Island Vegetable Research Farm, Riverhead, NY
 MM = million
 MPVd = Mexican papita viroid
 MSU = Michigan State University
 NAFTA = North American Free Trade Agreement
 NASA = National Aeronautical and Space Administration
 NASS = National Agriculture Statistics Service (USDA)
 NCCC = North Country Community College (Saranac Lake, NY)
 NIAB = National Institute of Agricultural Botany (UK)
 NGI = Netherlands Genomics Initiative
 NPC = National Potato Council
 NPPB = National Potato Promotion Board
 NPRM = Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (USDOL Wage and Hour Division)
 NRCS = National Resources Conservation Service
 NRSP-6 = National Research Support Program-6
 NSF = National Science Foundation
 NYS = New York State
 NYSIC = New York Seed Improvement Cooperative, Inc.
 NYSIP = New York Seed Improvement Project (Cornell’s College of Ag. & Life Sciences)
 OPEC = Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries
 OEHHA = Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment
 PAA = Potato Association of America
 PACA = Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act
 P&G = Proctor & Gamble
 PCII = Potato Chip Institute International
 PCN = Pale cyst nematode (*Globodera pallida*)
 PEI = Prince Edward Island, Canada
 PGSC = Potato Genome Sequencing Consortium
 PLA = Poly(lactic acid), or Polylactide

PLRV = Potato leaf roll virus
 PMANA = Potato Marketing Association of North America
 PMTV = Potato mop top virus
 POW = prisoner of war
 PSTVd = Potato spindle tuber viroid
 PTIS = Potato Introduction Station Herbarium
 PTW = Potato tuberworm
 pub. = publishes
 PVMI = Potato Variety Management Institute (Tri-State Potato Breeding Program)
 PVPA = Plant Variety Protection Act of 1970 (amended 1994)
 PVX = Potato virus X
 PVY = Potato virus Y
 QSR = quick service restaurant
 REDCA = Regional Economic Development Council Award (New York State)
 SAR = Systemic Acquired Resistance
 SC&DAA = The Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act
 SFA = Snack Food Association
 SNHP = State National Harmonization Program
 sp. = (in biology) the singular form of the abbreviation for species
 spp. = (in biology) the plural form of the abbreviation for species
 SPAAM = Society for the Promotion of Agriculture, Arts, and Manufactures
 syn. = synonym
 TIGR = The Institute for Genomic Research
 TILB = Toluca International Late Blight Project U.S. United States
 TMV = Tobacco mosaic virus
 TOSCA = Toxic Substances Control Act
 UK = United Kingdom
 UNITED = United Potato Growers of America
 UPGA = United Potato Growers of America
 UPGI = United Potato Growers of Idaho (separate from UPGA)
 U.S. = United States
 US = United States
 USDA = United States Department of Agriculture
 USMCA = United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (2020)
 USPB = United States Potato Board, informal name of NPPB until March 2016
 USSC = United States Supreme Court
 VAT = value-added tax
 VIR = N.I. Vavilov Research Institute of Plant Industry, Russia
 WIC = Women, Infants and Children
 WSPC = Washington State Potato Commission
 WPVGA = Wisconsin Potato & Vegetable Growers Association
 WUR = Wageningen University and Research Centre, Netherlands
 yro = age, years old

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Cultivation of crops begins in Nanchoc Valley of northern Peru ¹	8000 BP
Aymará Indians of Peru and Bolivia harvest early forms of potato tubers ²	8000 BP
Aymará Indians of the Titicaca Plateau, Peru and Bolivia, cultivate 200 varieties of potato ³	2500 BC
Sumerians use sulfur compounds to control insects and mites ⁴	2500 BC
Botanical insecticides used for seed treatments and fungicides in China ⁵	1200 BC
Iroquois of southern Ontario and northern/central New York begin growing maize (corn) ⁶	1000 BC
The Roman, Cato the Censor, advocates the use of oil sprays for pest control ⁷	200 BC

Ko Hung, an alchemist, advocates root application of white arsenic for transplanting rice ⁸	400 AD
<i>Phytophthora infestans</i> and <i>P. mirabilis</i> diverge from unknown common ancestor in Toluca Valley, Mexico ⁹	c. 694 AD
Arabian farmers practice weed control with removal by hoe, crop rotation, and cultivation ¹⁰	1300
Iroquois devise systems for growing maize (corn), beans, squash (incl. pumpkins) i.e. ‘the three sisters’ ¹¹	c. 1300
The word spudde, later spudd and spud, refers to a small, inexpensive knife or dagger ¹²	c. 1440
Berne, Switz., cutworms are taken to court, declared guilty, excommunicated, then banished ¹³	1476
High Vicar of Valence gives caterpillars defense council, then condemns them to leave the area ¹⁴	1485
Types I & II mtDNA haplotypes of <i>P. infestans</i> diverge, coincident with contact of Spanish with Mexicans ¹⁵	early 1500s
Spaniard Francisco Pizarro and his men may have seen potatoes at Cajamarca in northern Peru ¹⁶	1533
Juan de Castellanos records sighting of potatoes while looting a village in Valle de la Grita, Columbia ¹⁷	1537

The houses (of the Indians) were all stocked with maize, beans and truffles (= potatoes), spherical roots which are sown and produce a stem with its branches and leaves, and some flowers, although few, of a soft purple colour; and to the roots of this same plant, which is about 3 palms high (= 60 cm), they are attached under the earth, and are the size of an egg more or less, some round and some elongated; they are white and purple and yellow, floury roots of good flavour, a delicacy to the Indians and a dainty dish even for the Spaniards.

Juan de Castellanos
Elegias de varones ilustres de Indias Part 4 in
Historia del Nuevo Reino de Granada, Madrid,
Antonio Paz y Melia, 1886 (from manuscript completed 1 May
1601). Translated by J.G. Hawkes, 1967

Spanish explorers returning from S. America introduce the potato to sub-Saharan Africa ¹⁸	1538
Francisco Lopez de Gomara publishes an account of the potato in <i>Historia General de las Indias</i> ¹⁹	1553
Notary’s register at Tenerife, Canary Isl., lists shipment of locally produced potatoes to Antwerp, Belgium ²⁰	1565
The presence of potatoes are recorded on the Canary Islands Archipelago (Spanish Canary Islands) ²¹	1567
Spanish ships are provisioned with potatoes for the long voyage home, some make it to Spain ²²	c. 1570
Spanish sailors who ate potatoes on long voyages did not suffer from scurvy, officers initially refused them ²³	c. 1570
Potatoes are bought for consumption at La Sangre Hospital, Seville, Spain ²⁴	1573
Cultivation of potatoes begins in China with varieties imported from abroad ²⁵	1573
Prospero Alpini, Italian physician/botanist, notes plants come in two sexes (farmers already knew this) ²⁶	c. 1580
Potatoes from Spain are grown in Europe, but still a short-day plant of the tropics, they perform poorly ²⁷	1570s-80s
The potato is brought into Germany from Italy ²⁸	1585
Potatoes are already known in Italy ²⁹	1587
Philippe de Sivry, Prefect of Mons, Belgium, makes a colored illustration of a potato plant ³⁰	1588
Philippe de Sivry gives 2 tubers to Charles d’Ecluse (Clusius) who multiplies them and distributes to friends ³¹	1588
The potato is introduced into England ³²	1590
John Gerard, herbalist and gardener, mentions the potato in the <i>Catalogue</i> ³³	1596
Gaspard (Kaspar) Bauhin gives the potato its botanical name <i>Solanum tuberosum</i> in his book <i>Phytopinax</i> ³⁴	1596
John Gerard, herbalist and gardener, publ. an entire chapter w/ illustrations on potato in <i>The Herball</i> (Dec) ³⁵	1597

They are sometimes boiled and sopped in wine, by others boiled with prunes, and likewise others dress them (after roasting them in the ashes) in oil, vinegar and salt, every man according to his own taste. However they be dressed, they comfort, nourish and strengthen the body.

Gerard’s description of potato salad in *The Herball* (as described by Arnold Shircliffe in his *Edgewater Beach Hotel Salad Book* (Hotel Monthly Press: Evanston, IL), 1928, p. 231

By 1600, the potato had entered Spain, Italy, Austria, Belgium, Holland, France, Switzerland, England, Germany, Portugal and Ireland. But it did not receive a warm welcome. Throughout Europe, potatoes were regarded with suspicion, distaste and fear. Generally considered to be unfit for human consumption, they were used only as animal fodder and sustenance for the starving. In northern Europe, potatoes were primarily grown in botanical gardens as an exotic novelty. Even peasants refused to eat from a plant that produced ugly, misshapen tubers and that had come from a

heathen civilization. Some felt that the potato plant's resemblance to plants in the nightshade family hinted that it was the creation of witches or devils.

Jeff Chapman,
 “The impact of the potato,”
History Magazine, Issue 2.

Only two varieties of potato are cultivated in Europe³⁶

1600s

It seems fairly clear that there was a first introduction into Spain in about 1570 and a second one into England in about 1590. From these, the potato spread gradually throughout Europe as a botanical curiosity rather than a crop plant. This was due to its derivation from the short-day adapted Andean *S. tuberosum* subspecies *andigena*, rather than the long-day adapted subspecies *tuberosum* from Chile. Since short-day adapted potatoes can only begin to tuberize from late September when the natural day-length is reduced to 12 hours, and need until November or December to mature a crop, the potato could at first only be grown in the southerly and western regions of Europe where the winters were mild and frost free.

J.G. Hawkes,
 “Genetic poverty of the potato in Europe,” in *Proceedings of the Conference Broadening the Genetic Base of Crops*, Wageningen, Netherlands, 3-7 July 1978, A.C. Zeven and A.M. van Harten (editors), Wageningen Centre for Agri. Pub. and Doc., 1979, p. 20.

The British send potatoes to colonists in Bermuda³⁷

1613

Potatoes are banned in Burgandy because they are thought to cause leprosy³⁸

1619

Potatoes are planted in Germany³⁹

1621

Nathaniel Butler, Governor of Bermuda, ships potatoes to colonists in Virginia⁴⁰

1622

Potatoes are taken from Peru to the Cnaary Islands⁴¹

1622

Potatoes are planted in Port Royal, Nova Scotia⁴²

1623

Decades of selection and breeding in botanists' gardens begin yielding large tubers for luxury use⁴³

mid-1600s

It is now generally agreed that *S. tuberosum* originated in the Andes of Peru and Bolivia. These potatoes are short-day types and constitute the subspecies *andigenum*. Man subsequently introduced them to Chile and after many generations of selection, long day types evolved which are now classified as subspecies *tuberosum*. The early introductions to Europe were most likely subspecies *andigenum* and as in Chile, seedlings more adapted to the long day conditions of Europe were selected.

Harris, Graham and Niha, Poai Pakeha, August 1999. “Nga - Riwai Maori — Maori Potatoes,” The Open Polytechnic of New Zealand, Working Paper. Retrieved 18 May '03, from:
http://www.topnz.ac.nz/research/wp/res_wp299harrisg.pdf

Slave-trader John Hawkins introduces the potato into Ireland, but its culture is soon abandoned⁴⁴

1635

Potatoes contribute to the spread of the agrarian revolution in Europe⁴⁵

c. 1648

Potatoes are established as a field crop in Ireland⁴⁶

c. 1663

Up to this time, in Spain, potatoes are eaten mostly by the poor and soldiers⁴⁷

1650

Frederick William introduces the potato to Prussia⁴⁸

1651

Historian Bernabé Cobo describes how Spanish women grind chuno into potato flour for baking⁴⁹

1653

In England, the Royal Society recommends cultivation of potatoes, but no one does⁵⁰

1662

John Forster publishes *England's Happiness Increased*. . . devoted entirely to potatoes⁵¹

1664

The word spudd, also spud, evolves to mean a digging tool⁵²

1667

Francesco Redi disproves the spontaneous generation of maggots⁵³

1668

Belgian ‘frites’ originate when the Meuse freezes; potatoes are frozen, fried, and eaten in lieu of fish⁵⁴

1680

Anton van Leeuwenhoek observes bacteria, but does not understand their significance⁵⁵

1683

Jethro Tull invents the seed drill to cut furrows, sow, and cover seeds greatly increasing productivity⁵⁶

1701

William Salmon calls *Solanum tuberosum* the ‘Irish Potato’ in his *Herbal*⁵⁷

1710

Tithe on potato crop at Isle of Mann is set, but clergy does not enforce as potatoes were poor people's food⁵⁸

1712

As a food crop in Europe the potato is considered less important than the radish ⁵⁹	1716
Huge influx of Scots-Irish in Derry, NH establish potato as staple crop in N. America ⁶⁰	1719
Philip Miller, in his <i>Gardener's Dictionary</i> , mentions but two varieties, a red and a white ⁶¹	1724
Potatoes are cultivated in Switzerland ⁶²	1729
A blue-skinned potato variety called The Block is widely grown in Ireland ⁶³	1730
George Rye describes 3 popular potato varieties, a white early, a yellow-fleshed keeper, and the Black ⁶⁴	1730
Farmers begin to grow crops in rows to facilitate weed removal ⁶⁵	1732

The potato: "heretofore reckon'd a food fit only for Irishmen, and clowns."

Stephen Switzer

Writer and garden designer at Castle Howard and Blenheim, England

1733

Ireland is stuck by a major famine, the 'first potato crisis'; 500,000 people die ⁶⁶	1740
Charles Bonnet recognizes that aphids reproduce parthenogenetically ⁶⁷	1740
Frederick II compels peasants to grow potatoes in Prussia; local officials are responsible for enforcement ⁶⁸	1744
Frederick II of Prussia introduces potatoes into his army's diet ⁶⁹	1744
T.B. Hoppe describes potatoes afflicted with the 'Curl' in Germany ⁷⁰	1747
John Needham promotes the idea of spontaneous generation of microorganisms ⁷¹	1748
Peter Kalm, while visiting Albany, NY, observed that potatoes were planted there "by almost everyone" ⁷²	1748
Linnaeus recognizes cultivated potatoes as single species: <i>Solanum tuberosum</i> ; how prescient he was ⁷³	1753
A.A. Parmentier is POW 5 times during Seven Years War; each time is fed potatoes three times per day ⁷⁴	1756-63
Spanish plant breeders begin improving the potato ⁷⁵	1760
English potato growers compete to develop new varieties to get marketable tubers earlier in season ⁷⁶	1760s
Two potato varieties are introduced in Great Britain: The Howard (from the U.S.) and White Kidney ⁷⁷	1765
The Free Economic Society is founded in St. Petersburg, Russia, to promote cultivation of potatoes ⁷⁸	1765
A dry, mealy potato good for boiling, called The Apple, syn. The Irish Apple, is introduced in Ireland ⁷⁹	1768
Lazzaro Spallanzani disproves the idea of spontaneous generation of microorganisms ⁸⁰	1768
Named potato varieties are common, but local names (synonyms) lead to marketplace confusion ⁸¹	1770
Captain Cook introduces potatoes to Australia ⁸²	1770
Between real battles, Prussian and Austrian soldiers fight over potatoes for rations, a.k.a 'potato war' ⁸³	1770
The Yam variety with red skin and a reddish streak in the flesh is introduced in Great Britain ⁸⁴	c. 1771
Joseph Priestly shows the life-supporting ability of plants ⁸⁵	1771
During famine, King Frederick II offers free potatoes to peasants and orders national cultivation program ⁸⁶	1774
The Red Nosed Kidney variety, syn. Wicklow Bangers (in Dublin), is introduced in Great Britain ⁸⁷	c. 1775
The 'Curl' begins to seriously diminish potato yields in Gr. Britain; search begins for new varieties ⁸⁸	c. 1775
British continue act expanding Irish & American imports to include potatoes and 'all kinds of pulse' ⁸⁹	1775
The Manly variety is introduced in Great Britain ⁹⁰	c. 1776
American agriculture experiences the Revolutionary War boom ⁹¹	1776-83
American agriculture experiences post-war depression and deflation; maritime commerce prospers	1784-88
Soldiers forage Bavarian potato fields, War of the Bavarian Succession, a.k.a. 'potato war' (Kartoffelkrieg) ⁹²	1778-79
Jan Ingenhousz discovers that plants absorb oxygen at night and carbon dioxide during day ⁹³	1779
Peter Pond grows potatoes near Lake Athabaska, Saskatchewan, Canada ⁹⁴	1779
After 200 years in Europe, potato is long-day adapted and is now grown on a large scale as a food crop ⁹⁵	1780
Antoine-Augustin Parmentier plants two hectares potatoes in France and posts guards around the fields ⁹⁶	1785
A.A. Parmentier and Louis XVI create feast of only potato dishes; B. Franklin reputedly is in attendance ⁹⁷	1785

"By some accounts, Marie Antoinette liked the blossoms so much that she put them in her hair. Her husband, Louis XVI, put one in his buttonhole, inspiring a brief vogue in which the French aristocracy swanned around with potato plants on their clothes. The flowers were part of an attempt to persuade French farmers to plant and French diners to eat this strange new species."

Mann, Charles C., "How the potato changed the world,"
Smithsonian Magazine, November 2011.

Two potato varieties are introduced in Great Britain: Early Champion and Ox Noble ⁹⁸	c. 1787
William Marshall describes breeding and selection methods used for raising new varieties ⁹⁹	1788
Thomas Jefferson introduces <i>pommes-frites</i> , ‘French-fries’ to America ¹⁰⁰ (see 1840s)	1789
Antoine L. de Jussieu publishes method for the classification of plants ¹⁰¹	1789
Society for the Promotion of Agriculture, Arts, and Manufactures (SPAAM) is formed at Albany, NY ¹⁰²	1791
A discussion on “a method of distilling ardent spirits from potatoes” is held at a SPAAM meeting ¹⁰³	1792
U.S. experiences national recession, “Panic of 1792”; Wall Street securities lose 25% of value in 2 weeks ¹⁰⁴	1792
Christian Konrad Sprengel explains the role of insects and wind in plant fertilization ¹⁰⁵	1793
A Mr. Yeald develops a plough-type potato lift in Herefordshire, England ¹⁰⁶	c. 1795

“Of all the improving and ameliorating crops, none, in my opinion, is equal to potatoes.”

George Washington

In letter to Thomas Jefferson, 1795¹⁰⁷

Frenchman Nicholas Appert invents canning for the indefinite preservation of perishable foods ¹⁰⁸	1795
Russian gov’t issues decree ordering peasants to grow potatoes; they refuse, being afraid to eat them ¹⁰⁹	1797
Potato scoop for removing the eyes for planting comes into common usage ¹¹⁰	early 1800s
Hand-powered, rotary, wooden cage spun in a water trough is used for washing potatoes ¹¹¹	early 1800s
Unknown metapopulation of <i>P. infestans</i> disperses outside of Mexico, probably in North America ¹¹²	early 1800s
The potato, in New York state, is a garden vegetable, viewed as ‘garden sauce’ ¹¹³	1800
John Gilkey, Mercer Co, PA, plants potato seedballs from garden, selects the best over next three yrs ¹¹⁴	c. 1800-1805

In the fall of the year 1800 or 1801, John Gilkey collected the balls or apples from his potatoes, which were of the varieties of red, blue and white. In the spring he planted the balls or apples in a bed in his garden. The seeds produced small potatoes, some of them not larger than peas, and of different colours. On being cultivated the second and third year, the potato (sic) arrived at its full size. How John Gilkey selected from the first production, Mr. James Gilkey does not know. Mr. Bevan Pearson first cultivated this potato in the vicinity of Philadelphia, from seed obtained in Mercer county, and thence named it after the county, where it was first produced. Mr. John Gilkey named it Neshanoc, after a creek from which the settlement was named.

E. Whittlesey

“History of the Neshanoc, or Mercer Potatoe (sic),” *The Farmers’ Cabinet and American Herd-Book*, Vol. VIII, 1843-44, p. 240.

Local crop failures in Ireland cause general famine; typhus epidemic strikes ¹¹⁵	1800-01
Baron Von Humboldt finds Indians of Peru using dried bird dung (guano) as fertilizer on their crops ¹¹⁶	1801-03
John Biddes is granted U.S. patent for making starch from potatoes ¹¹⁷	1802
Thomas Moore insulates a ‘box-within-a box’ for preserving food and calls it a ‘refrigerator’ ¹¹⁸	1803
Nicholas Theodore de Saussure shows that plants need carbon dioxide from air and nitrogen from soil ¹¹⁹	1804
Albrecht D. Thaer begins studies of crop rotation and building of soil fertility at Möglin, Prussia ¹²⁰	1804
John and James Gilkey begin giving their Neshanoc (future Mercer) potatoes to neighboring farmers to try ¹²¹	1805
Horticulturist, Dr. Andrew Knight begins ‘modern’ artificial cross-breeding (hybridization) of potato ¹²²	1807
A red-skinned potato variety called The Cup is developed and becomes widely grown in Ireland ¹²³	1808
A watery, bland-tasting, but heavy yielding potato variety, the Lumper, is introduced to Ireland ¹²⁴	1808
Polish pamphlet <i>The Perfect Distiller and Brewer</i> says distilling of vodka from potato yields poorest result ¹²⁵	1809
Englishman Peter Durand invents the tin can greatly improving the canning process ¹²⁶	1810
Thomas Nuttall discovers the Colorado potato beetle on the high plains east of Rocky Mtns ¹²⁷	1811
Chilean potato varieties are already grown in Europe and begin to supplant extant Andean varieties ¹²⁸	1811
Three consecutive bad crops lead to ‘Luddite’ potato riots at Bristol, Stockport, Nottingham, England ¹²⁹	1812
Street vendors, “the baked ‘tato men’” sell hot baked potatoes in London; some are used as handwarmers ¹³⁰	1813
John Jethro Woods of Poplar Ridge, NY, creates a plough with a replaceable cast-iron tip ¹³¹	1814
M.F. Dunal begin collecting potato specimens in Bolivia and describes wild species <i>S. bulbocastanum</i> ¹³²	1814

G. Britain passes Corn Laws to protect corn growers by restricting imports and keeping prices high ¹³³	1815
Mt. Tambora, Sumbawa I., erupts killing 92,000 (incl. starvation), impacting global weather (5 Apr)	1815
William Kirby writes chapter “Diseases on Insects” in <i>An Introduction to Entomology</i> ¹³⁴	1815
Elkanah Watson organizes an agricultural society at Albany, NY ¹³⁵	1816
Irish potato crop fails; typhus epidemic strikes ¹³⁶	1816-17
Dr. Kitchiner pub. <i>Apicius Redivivus; or, The Cook’s Oracle: Wherein . . . w/ ‘potato chip’ recipe</i> ¹³⁷	1817

Potatoes fried in slices (Recipe No. 104): Peel large potatoes, slice them the thickness of a two-penny piece; dry them well in a clean cloth, flour them, and fry them in lard. Take care that your fat and frying-pan are quite clean; put it on a quick fire, watch it, and as soon as it boils, and the lard is still, put in the slices of potatoe (sic), and keep moving them till they are crisp; take them up and lay them to drain on a sieve, send them up with a very little salt sprinkled over them.

Dr. Wm. Kitchiner
 “Potatoes fried in slices (No. 104)”
Apicius Redivivus; or, The Cook’s Oracle, 1817

Financial panic begins end of ‘Era of Good Feeling’; economic depression lasts two more years ¹³⁸	1819
New York State legislature establishes the New York State Board of Agriculture ¹³⁹	1819
Potatoes are planted in Hawaii ¹⁴⁰	1820
Street vendors, “the baked ‘tato men,’” are still selling hot baked potatoes in London ¹⁴¹	1820
Irish potato crop fails ¹⁴²	1821-22
Elias Fries, Swedish mycologist, writes standard references on fungi ¹⁴³	1821-32
Dr. Kitchiner pub. 4 th ed., <i>The Cook’s Oracle; Containing Receipts for Plain Cookery</i> . . . 1 st American edition ¹⁴⁴	1822

Potatoes fried in slices or shavings (Recipe No. 104): Peel large potatoes, slice them about a quarter of an inch thick, or cut them in shavings round and round as you would peel a lemon; dry them well in a clean cloth, and fry them in lard or dripping. Take care that your fat and frying-pan are quite clean; put it on a quick fire, watch it, and as soon as the lard boils, and is still, put in the slices of potatoe (sic), and keep moving them till they are crisp; take them up and lay them to drain on a sieve; send them up with a very little salt sprinkled over them.

Dr. Wm. Kitchiner
 “Potatoes fried in slices or shavings (No. 104)”
The Cook’s Oracle, 1822, p. 208

Champlain Canal opens from Lake Champlain to Waterford, NY ¹⁴⁵	1822
Thomas Say describes the Colorado potato beetle from specimens collected from the Rocky Mountains ¹⁴⁶	1824
Anglican bishop at Isle of Mann raises potato crop tithe to 2 times English (4 times Irish) rates ¹⁴⁷	1825
Isle of Mann potato crop fails; church seizes potatoes; angry mobs riot setting church’s potatoes afire ¹⁴⁸	1825
William Prout, English physician/chemist, classifies foodstuffs into carbohydrates, proteins, and fats ¹⁴⁹	1827
Dr. Wm. Kitchiner pub. 7 th ed. of <i>The Cook’s Oracle; Containing Receipts . . . with ‘potato chip’ recipe</i> ¹⁵⁰	1829
Potato crops are increasingly affected by dry rot (<i>Fusarium</i>) ¹⁵¹	1830s
Household iceboxes using harvested ice appear and gradually come into common usage ¹⁵²	1830s
Deep fried potatoes become increasingly popular in France and Belgium ¹⁵³	1830s
Genotypes HERB-1 and US-1 of <i>Phytophthora infestans</i> diverge from an unknown metapopulation ¹⁵⁴	1830s
Titus Bronson, near Kalamazoo, brings Mercer, a.k.a. Neshanoc, Neshannock, to Michigan potato growers ¹⁵⁵	1830s
English entrepreneurs ship Chilean nitrate of soda to England for fertilizer, but farmers refuse to use it ¹⁵⁶	1830
The variety Daber, an andigena clone, is said to have been introduced to Europe from South America ¹⁵⁷	1830
John Carter, Savoy, Berkshire Co., MA, plants potato seedballs & selects best results for next several years ¹⁵⁸ c. 1830	

About thirty years ago, more or less, John Carter, a resident of Savoy, in the county of Berkshire, experimented for the purpose of the improvement of potatoes by planting potato balls, and at harvesting the first year he found that he had advanced one step towards bringing out a new potato. He, therefore, the next year planted the seed raised the first (year), and so on for several years, till he produced the potato now distinguished as the Carter. Mr. Carther died soon after, and therefore did not enjoy the full glory of his discovery.

Guano, in small amounts, is imported to the U.S. from South America as crop fertilizer ¹⁵⁹	1832
Boston housekeeper (N.K.M. Lee) pub. <i>The Cook's Own Book</i> . . . with Dr. Kitchiner's potato chip recipe ¹⁶⁰	1832
Charles Darwin finds Indians of Peru, Bolivia, and Chile using nitrate of soda as fertilizer on crops ¹⁶¹	1831-38
Potato processing in the U.S. is initiated with the erection of a potato starch plant ¹⁶²	1831
NYS Agricultural Society is organized at Albany, NY (Feb) ¹⁶³	1832
Blackleg is identified as a disease of potato ¹⁶⁴	1833
Russian gov't provokes potato riots by forcing peasants to grow potatoes on land taken from them ¹⁶⁵	1834
Charles Darwin describes a variety of potato he saw on the archipelago of Chiloé off S. coast of Chile ¹⁶⁶	1835
Selling of baked potatoes by the “baked ‘tato men’” on the streets of London takes off ¹⁶⁷	1835
Henry Harmon Spalding plants 7-bu. of potatoes near Lapwai in northern Idaho; the crop fails (May) ¹⁶⁸	1837
Financial panic plunges U.S. into economic depression lasting six years (May) ¹⁶⁹	1837
John Deere, blacksmith, Grand Detour, IL, fashions novel self-scouring steel plow for prairie soil ¹⁷⁰	1837
Henry Harmon Spalding plants potatoes again near Lapwai, Idaho; he harvests 800 bushels ¹⁷¹	1838
Poor Law Commissioners (UK) report over 3 million Irish are living exclusively on Lumper potatoes ¹⁷²	1838
John Deere begins manufacturing self-scouring, highly-polished steel plows ¹⁷³	1838
Isle of Mann parliament reduces potato tithe which had been unenforced since 1825 ¹⁷⁴	1839
Russian gov't orders state peasants to grow potatoes on common lands; potato riots ensue in 12 districts ¹⁷⁵	1840-43
Friedrich Gustav Jakob Henle suggests that disease is caused by microorganisms ¹⁷⁶	1840
New York farmers produce 30,000,000 bu. of potatoes, more than half the U.S. production ¹⁷⁷	1840
Initial U.S. Census of Agriculture is conducted under the U.S. Dept. of Commerce ¹⁷⁸	1840
Guano is given experimental field trials as fertilizer in England and Germany ¹⁷⁹	1840
D.C. Delavan, Patterson, NY, plants two varieties of potatoes from the Cape of Good Hope; one fails ¹⁸⁰	1840
‘French fried’ potatoes (<i>pomme frites</i>) appear in Paris, France and begin to achieve popularity ¹⁸¹	1840s
Shipload of potatoes from Mexican central highlands rots mysteriously while in transport to New York ¹⁸²	c. 1840
Justus Liebig pub. monumental work: <i>Organic Chemistry in its Applications to Agriculture and Physiology</i> ¹⁸³	1841
‘Potato rot’ (late blight) affects potato crops in Tioga County, NY ¹⁸⁴	1841
The Rev. C.E. Goodrich's services as a Presbyterian pastor in Oneida County are terminated ¹⁸⁵	1841
Powdery scab (<i>Spongospora subterranea</i>) is identified in Germany as a disease of potatoes ¹⁸⁶	1841
Late blight pathogen migrates from the central highlands of Mexico to northeast U.S. by unknown vector ¹⁸⁷	1842
Justus von Liebig promulgates mineral theory of fertilization of plants ¹⁸⁸	1843
The Rev. C.E. Goodrich moves to Utica, NY and begins a market garden ¹⁸⁹	1843
<i>The Cultivator</i> describes Mercer as one of the most valuable of table potatoes: white, mealy and of good flavor ¹⁹⁰	1843
John Lawes and Henry Gilbert begin developing principles of crop nutrition at Rothamsted, England ¹⁹¹	1843
Manufacture of superphosphates from geologic deposits for crop fertilizer begins in England ¹⁹²	1843
‘Potato rot’ (late blight) affects potato crops near Utica, Sandlake and Darien, NY ¹⁹³	1844
James Teschemacher, Boston, proposes that a fungus is responsible for ‘potato rot’ (late blight) (Oct) ¹⁹⁴	1844
Edward Hitchcock, Amherst College, suggests ‘potato rot’ (late blight) is caused by atmospheric influences ¹⁹⁵	1844
William King builds a mill for making starch from potatoes at Malone in Franklin County, NY ¹⁹⁶	1844
Hiram Pierce builds a mill for making starch from potatoes at Colton in St. Lawrence Co., NY ¹⁹⁷	1844
A shipload of seed potatoes from New York arrives at Ostende, Belgium, afflicted with mysterious rot ¹⁹⁸	1844
J.C. Morrison imports 100 t. of Peruvian and African guano for sale to Essex Co., NY farmers (31 May) ¹⁹⁹	1845
The word spud evolves from a digging tool to mean a potato tuber ²⁰⁰	c. 1845
Late blight appears in Belgium (Jun) ²⁰¹	1845
Late blight spreads to northwestern Europe and southern England (Aug) ²⁰²	1845

A fatal malady has broken out amongst the potato crop. On all sides we hear of the destruction. In Belgium the fields are said to have been totally desolated.

John Lindley
Gardener's Chronicle and Agricultural Gazette
 23 August 1845

David Moore reports potato blight at Dublin Botanic Gardens (20 Aug) ²⁰³	1845
Late blight destroys 40% of the potato crop in Ireland (Sep) ²⁰⁴	1845
Late blight affects potato crops in Vermont, but not in New York ²⁰⁵	1845
Charles Montagne, Paris, France, describes <i>Botrytis infestans</i> as causal agent of late blight (30 Aug) ²⁰⁶	1845
Dr. Wm. Kitchiner pub. 13 th ed. of <i>The Cook's Oracle; Containing Receipts . . .</i> with 'potato chip' recipe ²⁰⁷	1845
NYS Agri. Soc. gives \$20 prize to Andrew Bush for paper on atmospheric influences and 'potato rot' ²⁰⁸	1845
'Potato rot' (late blight), <i>Botrytis infestans</i> , destroys entire potato crop in Ireland (1.2 million a.) ²⁰⁹	1846
Dr. John Lindley, Prof. of Botany at Univ. College, London, suggests that weather causes late blight ²¹⁰	1846
Dr. Lindley brings potatoes from Peru and Columbia to London to help 'strengthen' and 'renew' seedstocks ²¹¹	1846
Dr. Lindley imports wild hexaploid <i>S. demissum</i> from Mexico, but it does not survive the 'potato rot' ²¹²	1846
The Reverend Dr. Miles J. Berkeley suggests that a fungus causes 'potato rot' (late blight) in potatoes ²¹³	1846
With no potatoes & rising food prices, a normal Irish working wage will pay for only 1 meal in a family of 6 ²¹⁴	1846
Late blight affects potato crops near Utica, NY; The Rev. C.E. Goodrich records results in his garden ²¹⁵	1846
<i>The Cultivator</i> features potato washer used in England to wash potatoes and roots intended as fodder (Mar) ²¹⁶	1846
William Watts modifies a double-mould plough for 'lifting' potatoes in Canada ²¹⁷	1846
Potatoes are planted in Aroostook County, Maine ²¹⁸	1846
'Potato rot' (late blight) appears in Oswego County and nearly destroys the crop ²¹⁹	1847

We hear of the progress of the 'potato rot' (late blight) in Canada, new Jersey, Vermont, and western New York, in addition to portions of the country which have before been mentioned. The *Rochester American* states that the effluvia arising from so many fields is absolutely sickening.

Scientific American
 6 Nov '47, 3(7): 46

Potato production in Seneca County is 100 bushels/acre, down 60% from 1845, due to late blight ²²⁰	1847
Two thirds of the potato crop in Yates County, NY is destroyed by late blight ²²¹	1847
Late blight infects potatoes in Rockland, Otsego and northern Clinton Counties, NY ²²²	1847

All varieties have suffered very much from the rot. About one third of all the potatoes raised have been lost, and there seems to be no general cause for the disease, nor any sure preventive, except very early planting in light, dry soils. Lime has been tried without success.

J.M. Dederer, President
 Rockland County Agricultural Society
Transactions of the New-York State Agricultural Society for 1847 with an Abstract of the Proceedings of the County Agricultural Societies, Vol. VII, C. Van Benthuyzen, Albany, NY, 1848, p. 738.

No spectacular development took place in variety raising until after the crisis caused by the pandemic Blight (*Phytophthora infestans*) of 1845 and 1846. The failure of any of the existing varieties to exhibit the least resistance to this new and devastating disease gave both stimulus and directive force to a new era of plant-breeding.

Dr. Redcliffe Salaman
The History and Social Influence of the Potato Cambridge Univ. Press,
 1989 (1st pub. 1949), p. 165

J.W. Bailey pub. late blight trials w/ Moore, 'Chenango' & White Kidney varieties, Clinton Co., NY ²²³	1847
D. Newcomb, Pittstown, NY, wins NYS Agr. Society premium growing 405 bu. potatoes on one acre ²²⁴	1847
The Rev. Goodrich runs late blight trials on Kidney, Early Pinkeye, Black, Merino & Mercer varieties ²²⁵	1847
The Rev. C.E. Goodrich, Utica, NY, publishes observations that weather may cause late blight in potatoes ²²⁶	1847

The Rev. C.E. Goodrich proposes reinvigorating potato hardiness with new varieties from S. America²²⁷ 1847
 Dr. Lindley brings more potatoes from Peru & Columbia to London to help ‘strengthen’ & ‘renew’ seedstocks²²⁸ 1847

Amongst these was the cultivated diploid *S. goniocalyx*, but all the introduced samples quickly became diseased, presumably with viruses, and none seems to have been used for breeding purposes. In any case, the yields of this short-day potato in London would have been very low or even non-existent.

J.G. Hawkes,
 “Genetic poverty of the potato in Europe,” in *Proceedings of the Conference Broadening the Genetic Base of Crops*, Wageningen, Netherlands, 3-7 July 1978, A.C. Zeven and A.M. van Harten (editors), Wageningen Centre for Agri. Pub. and Doc., 1979, p. 20.

Late blight spares Ireland, but since seed stock was ruined in ‘46, new crop is insufficient; famine continues²²⁹ 1847
 Miles Berkeley publishes *Observations, Botanical and Physiological, on the Potato Murrain*²³⁰ 1848
 After great sacrifices to obtain potato seed in the spring, late blight destroys Ireland’s potato crop utterly²³¹ 1848
 John Deere and partners move plow business to Moline, Illinois²³² 1848
 The Rev. C.E. Goodrich plants potatoes from Bogota, Columbia, SA, but maturity is too late, they fail utterly²³³ 1848
 Luther Burbank is born²³⁴ 1849
 A. Killam runs potato trials on English Red, Pinkeye, Dark Purple, Blue, Lady Finger varieties²³⁵ 1849
 J.F. Klotzsch imports *S. demissum* from Mexico and begins breeding experiments in Germany (May)²³⁶ 1849
 W. Newcomb runs potato trials on Long John, Fox-eye, Carter, English White varieties²³⁷ 1849
 Thin slices of potato are fried until crispy for patrons at Loomis’ Lake House on Saratoga Lake (Jul)²³⁸ 1849

“...while the fame of “Eliza, the cook,” for crisping potatoes has become so wide that she has frequent offers to take places of profit in the city, where her talents in this respect may be made effective. A queer way to build up a reputation, you will say; but it is nevertheless true, that “Eliza’s” potato frying reputation is one of the prominent matters of remark at Saratoga, and scores of people visit the lake and carry away specimens of the vegetable, as prepared by her, as curiosities. Ladies frequently pay her a handsome fee for the privilege of witnessing the mode of operation, pursued by her, so that they may instruct their cooks at home. Eliza always takes the fee and pleasantly enough imparts the theoretic knowledge necessary for potato frying; but no lady has, as yet, been able to teach the art to her cooks at home. Who would think that simple potatoes could be made such a luxury! and yet, Eliza is not proud of her reputation; she is not puffed up with pride; she cooks on during the summer and has numerous standing offers to cook for nabobs of the city, at large wages, during the winter. Who knows how many of her children, or children’s children, will here-after drive tandem to Lake Saratoga, to eat trout, woodcock and fried potatoes, under the same roof where she is now engaged in acquiring laurels.”

“Notes from the Watering Places”,
New York Herald, August 2, 1849

Charles E. Clarke wins Jefferson County premium for growing potatoes²³⁹ 1849

Mr. Clarke has also exhibited fourteen other varieties of potatoes, raised from the seed this year; many of which are good sized, edible potatoes, weighing five ounces each. The size of these potatoes, is so uncommonly large, that we inquired of Mr. Clarke his mode of raising them.

“Report on seedling potatoes”
Transactions of the New-York State Agricultural Society for 1849 with an Abstract of the Proceedings of the County Agricultural Societies, Vol. IX, Weed, Parsons & Co., Albany, NY, 1850, p. 505.

Severe drought causes ‘falling off’ of potato crop by two-thirds in Tioga and Oswego Counties²⁴⁰ 1849
 Late blight spares Ireland; crop is small due to seedstock being destroyed in ‘48; yet famine is declared over²⁴¹ 1849
 Late blight strikes potato crop in Seneca, Sullivan and Montgomery Counties, NY²⁴² 1849

This season the disease was very little perceived (except in low or wet places) until late digging, after a heavy fall of rain. They are rapidly rotting in the cellars, but those taken out (dug) early and before the rains, do not show hardly any rot, at least it is so in my neighborhood. . . . We then have about one-third or one-half a crop.

James MacIntyre, President
 Montgomery County Agricultural Society
Transactions of the New-York State Agricultural Society for 1849 with an Abstract of the Proceedings of the County Agricultural Societies, Vol. IX, NY, 1850, p. 518.

Late blight severely affects potato crop in Maine affecting markets in Boston and NYC ²⁴³	1849-51
Essex Co. farmers ship potatoes to markets in Boston and New York City by railroad ²⁴⁴	1849-52
Clinton Co. farmers ship \$500,000 of Peachblow potatoes to markets in Boston and NYC by railroad ²⁴⁵	1849-52
Search for new potato varieties begins; extant varieties have lost vigor, are prone to 'rot' & lowering yields ²⁴⁶	1850s
Commercial crop fertilization begins in U.S. with guano imported from islands near Peru ²⁴⁷	1850s
Potato prices in Europe are 50 to 100% higher than earlier in the decade ²⁴⁸	1850s
Irish immigrants working in salt industry near Syracuse, NY introduce 'salt potatoes' to central New York ²⁴⁹	1850s
Rev. Goodrich plants potatoes from Bogota, Columbia, SA, but maturity is too late, they fail again utterly ²⁵⁰	1850
Essex county farmers harvest 307,549 bu. potatoes; North Elba is noted as fine potato country ²⁵¹	1850

For a long period after the potato was introduced into North America, little effort was made to improve it or to introduce new kinds. Thus, the period of 1719 to 1850 was characterized by no marked or lasting improvement in the crop. Improvement of potatoes near the end of this period became imperative because the available cultivars "ran out" to the extent that yields decreased to low levels and production was uneconomical. "Running out" was caused largely by high levels of tuber-transmitted virus diseases in existing stocks and lack of proper seed maintenance methods.

David Spooner
 in *Commercial Potato Production in North America* 3rd ed. by
 W.H. Bohl and S.B. Johnson, 2010, p. 7

The Rev. Goodrich, Utica, NY imports eight varieties from Panama, all supposedly from Chile ²⁵²	1851
One of Goodrich's potatoes imported from Panama grows to maturity; he calls it Rough Purple Chili ²⁵³	1851
Col. Christopher A. Stone and Capt. Wm. A. Tupper erect a potato starch factory west of Brushton ²⁵⁴	1851
British patent awarded for scooping out seed potato eyes and dusting with charcoal for germ control ²⁵⁵	1851
Over 300 "baked 'tato men'" in London sell 10 tons of hot baked potatoes a day, some as hand warmers ²⁵⁶	1851
J. Hanson of Doagh County, Ireland invents a machine for digging potatoes out of 'drills' ²⁵⁷	1852
John Deere, Moline, Illinois, buys out his partners and continues plow business under various names ²⁵⁸	1852
Calvin Everest, Peru, NY, wins Clinton Co. premium for 567 bu. of Peachblow potatoes off one acre ²⁵⁹	1852
M.F. Dunal describes wild species <i>S. bulbocastanum</i> , <i>S. pinnatisectum</i> and <i>S. symphysicaulis</i> ²⁶⁰	1852
The Rev. C.E. Goodrich grows 4,210 potato plants, most from South America, nearly all of them failed ²⁶¹	1852
H.H. Eastman, Oneida Co., NY, runs fertilizer trials on 'Irish Lunker' variety, 117 to 271 bu/a. ²⁶²	1852
Potato growers in Washington County, NY raise an enormous crop of potatoes ²⁶³	1852

A few of the most esteemed and cultivated potato varieties grown in Washington Co., NY, viz: Merino (syn. Long Red, Long John or Hog Potato), Mercer (syn. Meshanoch or Philadelphia), White Mercer, Carter, Fox-eye, Cow-horn, Lady-finger, Early June Kidney, Flour (syn. Bread Potato), French Pinkeye, Early Pinkeye, Peruvian Pinkeye, Leopard, White French Roan, Shepard Red, Black Warwick, Western Red (syn. Peach Blossom), English White.

Rev. Ephraim H. Newton,
 Washington County Agricultural Society
Transactions of the N. Y. State Agricultural Society for 1852 with an Abstract of the Proceedings of the County Agricultural Societies, Vol. XII, 1853, pp. 614-616.

Messrs. Page, Thomas & Taylor erect starch factory at Keeseville, NY to use 30,000 bu./yr. potatoes ²⁶⁴	1852
The Rev. Goodrich is given 3 potato varieties from west coast of S. America by a returning neighbor (Dec) ²⁶⁵	1852

Katie S. Wicks, G. Crum’s sister-in-law, creates potato chip at Moon’s Lake House, Saratoga Springs, NY ²⁶⁶	1853
Potato chips, known locally as Saratoga chips, increase in popularity and spread quickly from Saratoga ²⁶⁷	1853
The Rev. C.E. Goodrich ‘releases’ a new red-skinned variety Garnet Chili from Rough Purple Chili ²⁶⁸	1853
None of the three S. American varieties given The Rev. Goodrich in Dec ‘52 grew to maturity ²⁶⁹	1853
NYS legislature passes law chartering a New York State Agricultural College ²⁷⁰	1853
R.S. Webster and C.H. Dow erect a starch factory at Ellenburgh Corners, Clinton Co., NY ²⁷¹	1853
H. Partridge exhibits 6 types of potato hook at the State Agricultural Society Annual Fair, Saratoga ²⁷²	1853

They (Partridge’s potato hooks) can not be surpassed, in excellence of material, beauty of workmanship, or convenience of form.

“Potato hooks,”
Transactions of the N. Y. State Agricultural Society for 1853 with an Abstract of the Proceedings of the County Agricultural Societies, Vol. XIII, p. 102.

H.H. Eastman runs fertilizer trials on ‘Irish Lunker’, Mercer, English White, and Carter varieties ²⁷³	1853
Messrs. Melick and Quick establish Trenton Agricultural Works at Trenton, NJ ²⁷⁴	1853
V. Burgess, Chatham, Columbia Co., NY runs fertilizer trials using Mountain June variety ²⁷⁵	1853
N. Culver, Arcadia, Wayne Co., NY, runs fertilizer trials using Peachblow and Mercer varieties ²⁷⁶	1853
J.B. Morse, Cazenovia, NY, runs fertilizer trials with Dooryard, Mountain June varieties ²⁷⁷	1853
Maine recovers from several years of late blight and resumes shipments to Boston and NYC ²⁷⁸	1853
Essex/Clinton Co. farmers over-plant potatoes, demand in Boston/NYC disappears, prices plummet ²⁷⁹	1853
Late blight returns to Ontario Co., NY where potato crop, once lucrative, is precarious and unprofitable ²⁸⁰	1853
Solon Robinson pub. <i>Guano: a treatise of practical information for farmers: containing plain directions</i> ²⁸¹	1853
NYS legislature appoints Asa Fitch, Salem, NY, entomologist of NYS Agric. Society to study insects ²⁸²	1854
By 1855, some 2M people had emigrated from Ireland (25% of the population) ²⁸³	1855
U.S. imports 50,000 tons of guano from South America (islands off Peru) as crop fertilizer ²⁸⁴	1856
J.C. Nesbit (London) pub. <i>On Agricultural Chemistry, and the nature and properties of Peruvian Guano</i> ²⁸⁵	1856
Arthur Briggs Farquhar joins Dingee & Co., York, PA ²⁸⁶	1856
A. Fitch pub. <i>First and Second Report on the Noxious, Beneficial and Other Insects of the State of New York</i> ²⁸⁷	1856
A horse-drawn, rotary-cup, drop-type potato planter is patented in the U.S. ²⁸⁸	1857
J.H. Pierce and J.A. Titus erect a starch mill at Bloomingdale, T. of St. Armand, Essex County, NY ²⁸⁹	1857
End of Crimean War reduces demand for US farm products in Europe; prices plummet ²⁹⁰	1857
Failure of NY branch of Ohio Life Insurance and Trust Co. leads to US financial panic (24 Aug) ²⁹¹	1857
Jean-François Millet paints the oil-on-canvas <i>The Angelus</i> ²⁹²	1857-59
Julius Kühn describes <i>Rhizoctonia solani</i> on potatoes in Germany ²⁹³	1858
Forty-eight years after the invention of the tin can, Ezra Warner invents the can opener ²⁹⁴	1858
John L. Mason invents a glass jar with a screw-on top ²⁹⁵	1858
Colorado potato beetles destroy potato crops 100 miles west of Omaha, Nebraska ²⁹⁶	1859
Cheap cottonseed oil appears on the market ²⁹⁷	1860s
According to U.S. Census New York state is the largest potato producer in U.S. ²⁹⁸	1860
Potato crop throughout the Bermudas fails; warm weather is blamed (Apr) ²⁹⁹	1860
The bucket spray pump comes on the market ³⁰⁰	1860
George Crum leaves Moon’s Lake House to start his own restaurant on Malta Ave, Saratoga Springs ³⁰¹	1860
A Wisconsin farmer uses Paris green and flour to kill Colorado potato beetles ³⁰²	1860
Heinrich Anton de Bary works out the life cycle of late blight pathogen in potatoes ³⁰³	1861
Louis Pasteur disproves the theory of spontaneous generation of microorganisms ³⁰⁴	1861
L. Augustus Aspinwall, Albany, NY, age 19, begins development of a single-row automatic potato planter ³⁰⁵	1861
G.W. and J.J. Kersey of Beartown, NJ patent a drill type potato planter ³⁰⁶	1861
John Rawdon of Freehold, NJ is awarded patent for an improved potato digger ³⁰⁷	1861

The perfect simplicity and efficiency of this implement seems to place it beyond the reach of improvement, unless some one can invent an attachment which will pick up the potatoes and deposit them in a basket.

“Improved potato-digger”
Scientific American, 1 Sep 1860, 3(10): 152

Albert Bresee of Hubbardton, Vermont, originates Early Rose variety from seedling of Garnet Chili ³⁰⁸	1861
Albert Bresee originates Brown Beauty variety from seedling of Garnet Chili ³⁰⁹	1861
Albert Bresee develops Bresee’s Prolific variety from a seedball of Garnet Chili ³¹⁰	1861
Mercer (Neshannock) potatoes become favorite ‘Irish potato’ among both Union and Confederate soldiers ³¹¹	1861-65
Albert Bresee originates the Peerless variety from a seedling of Garnet Chili ³¹²	1862
Albert Bresee originates King of the Earlies variety from a seedling of Garnet Chili ³¹³	1862
W.B. Ryan, East Pembroke, NY invents shaker for up-and-down percussive motion to dig potatoes ³¹⁴	1862
Pres. A. Lincoln establishes the U.S. Department of Agriculture (15 May) ³¹⁵	1862
Pres. A. Lincoln signs the Morrill Land Grant College Act into law (2 Jul) ³¹⁶	1862
Lewis A. Aspinwall is granted US Patent No. 36,634 for an automatic potato planter (14 Oct) ³¹⁷	1862

Aspinwall’s planter was the first to open the furrow, drop the seed pieces a set distance apart, then close the furrow, all in one operation.

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Karl Remigius Fresenius uses a potato slice as a solid medium for the culture of micro-organisms ³¹⁸	1863
The Rev. C.E. Goodrich pub. “The potato—its diseases—with incidental remarks.” ³¹⁹	1863
J. Lawton, S. Hibbert, and J. Rhodes of Manchester, Eng. patent potato washer with rotating brushes ³²⁰	1863
The Town of Hebron is the leading potato producer in Washington County, NY ³²¹	1864
NYS Agricultural Society awards The Rev. C.E. Goodrich \$530 for his potato experiments (Feb) ³²²	1864
Cornell University is established (27 Apr) ³²³	1865
Federal appropriation for agricultural land grant college under Morrill Act goes to Cornell University ³²⁴	1865
Gregory Mendel publishes his experiments in plant hybridization, the basis of genetics; it is ignored ³²⁵	1865
Louis Pasteur advances theory that germs are the cause of disease ³²⁶	1866
Joseph J. Hill, Xenia, OH, receives patent for potato harvester (15 May) ³²⁷	1866
USDA begins gathering potato production statistics ³²⁸	1866
Charles Valentine Riley names the Colorado potato beetle ³²⁹	1867
Paris green, an arsenical, comes into common usage against the Colorado potato beetle ³³⁰	1867
Proposals abound among northeast farmers and scientists of insect cause for the ‘potato rot’ (late blight) ³³¹	1867
Cornell University opens with 30 students enrolled in agriculture ³³²	1868
W.T. Wylie, Bellefonte, PA, offers \$100 prize for best essay on cultivation of potatoes ³³³	1868
New York farmers produce 25,340,000 bu. potatoes on 269,574 acres for most in U.S. ³³⁴	1868
Pennsylvania farmers produce 11,852,000 bu. potatoes on 134,681 acres ³³⁵	1868
Maine farmers produce 5,500,000 bu. potatoes on 42,307 acres ³³⁶	1868
John Deere is incorporated as Deere & Company ³³⁷	1868
Seedsman J.J.H. Gregory introduces Albert Bresee’s King of the Earlies variety at a cost of \$50 per tuber ³³⁸	1869
L. Augustus Aspinwall, Albany, NY, receives US patent 97,339 for a potato planter (30 Nov) ³³⁹	1869
Bennington Gill <i>et al.</i> acquire and incorporate Trenton Agricultural Works from previous owners (9 Mar) ³⁴⁰	1869
R.L. Allen & Co. of NYC markets a plow-type potato lift with revolving tines ³⁴¹	1869

The potato hook, which is a kind of hoe with four to six strong steel prongs, is a more convenient implement for digging than the common hoe; and, whence the land is free from stones and other obstructions, the potato digger, in some of its recently improved forms, which leaves the potatoes behind it on the surface of the ground, or picks them up in a box, as may be preferred, is employed by many farmers with success, and found to be a great labor-saving machine.

“The Potato,” in *Report of the Commissioner of Agriculture for the Year 1868*, Washington: GPO, 1869, p. 236.

Elias S. Brownell, Essex, VT, originates variety Beauty of Vermont from seedling of Early Rose ³⁴²	1870
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E.S. Brownell originates variety Brownell's Beauty from seedling of Early Rose x White Peachblow ³⁴³	1870
Early Rose variety becomes the best known potato cultivar in the English-speaking world ³⁴⁴	1870s
Cheap cast iron kitchen stoves appear on the market ³⁴⁵	1870s
Mechanical potato peelers such as the 'Wonder Potato peeler' come on the market ³⁴⁶	1870s
D.A. Compton writes essay "Potato Culture" for <i>American Agriculturist</i> contest; wins \$100 ³⁴⁷	1870
U.S. potato production is 2.9 million metric tons; per-capita consumption is 63 kilos ³⁴⁸	1870
Pres. U.S. Grant authorizes Secretary of War to est. a weather service in the Army Signal Service ³⁴⁹	1870
L.A. Aspinwall's corn husking machine shucks the corn and leaves stalks in best shape for re-shocking ³⁵⁰	1870
L.A. Aspinwall sells patent rights for his potato planter to eleven assignees for \$12,000 (15 Jan) ³⁵¹	1870

I, L. Augustus Aspinwall, do hereby set, sell, and convey over to said parties my entire right and title in said patent for the following territory, viz., the United States of America, without reserve, for the sum of twelve thousand dollars, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, *together with all improvements I may hereafter make*, without further cost.

Patent No. 97,339 in Matter of Aspinwall Mfg. Co. v. Gill and another, 18 Jul 1887, 32 *Fed. Rep.* 697-702.

After removal of 20 millions tons, guano from islands off Peru runs out ³⁵²	c. 1870
Fertilizer trade shifts to Chilean desert where nitrate-rich deposits of caliche are shipped north ³⁵³	c. 1870
A horse-drawn, rotary-fork, drop-type potato planter is developed ³⁵⁴	c. 1870
NYS Agri. Soc. decides to award no medals for potato digging machinery at its Utica field trials (12 Sep) ³⁵⁵	1870
CPB causes immense damage to potato crop in Michigan and is "on the rampage" in Genesee County, NY ³⁵⁶	1871
A. Schmidt, Germany, names <i>Heterodera schachtii</i> causal agent of a debilitating disease of sugar beet ³⁵⁷	1871
Alfred Reece of Vermont originates Early Ohio variety from naturally fertilized seedball of Early Rose ³⁵⁸	1871
John McLaurin publishes <i>The Modern Potato</i> ³⁵⁹	1872
Colorado potato beetle reaches western New York potato fields; Paris green is used against them ³⁶⁰	1872
Earliest known use of the term 'potato chip' at Moon's Lake House, Saratoga Lake; it does not catch on ³⁶¹	1872
Luther Burbank finds a rare seedball on Early Rose plant in his mother's garden; he saves it for planting ³⁶²	1872
Ferdinand Cohn publishes a three volume treatise classifying bacteria into genera and species ³⁶³	1872
Financial panic begins plunging U.S. into economic depression of six years (17 Sept.)	1873
Cyrus G. Pringle, Charlotte, VT, breeds variety Snowflake by crossing Early Rose x Excelsior ³⁶⁴	1873
Luther Burbank plants 23+ true seeds from Early Rose seedball found in 1872; selects best two from results ³⁶⁵	1873
Capt. J.H. Pierce & P.H. Shields build starch factory at Vermontville, T. of Franklin, NY; it lasts 3-4 years ³⁶⁶	1873
Knapsack sprayers appear on the American market ³⁶⁷	1874
Colorado potato beetle is found in Clinton County, NY ³⁶⁸	1874
Colorado potato beetle spreads to Atlantic coast ³⁶⁹	1874
Earliest known use of the term 'Saratoga chips' is in the <i>Evening Register</i> (Hudson, NY) (18 Apr) ³⁷⁰	1874
International Potato Show is inaugurated at the Alexandra Palace, London ³⁷¹	1874
E.L. Coy, Hebron, Wash. Co., NY, obtains Early Beauty of Hebron from a seedball of Garnet Chili ³⁷²	1874
L. Augustus Aspinwall patents 'an improved potato planter' in Great Britain (28 Oct) ³⁷³	1874
A severe frost destroys the potato crop at Ladbergen, Germany ³⁷⁴	1874
Whale oil, soap, and kerosene is advocated as insecticidal spray for numerous insect pests ³⁷⁵	1875
Albert Rand, Shelburne, VT, breeds variety Silver Skin, a seedling of Early Rose x White Peachblow ³⁷⁶	1875
Farmers begin growing potatoes in the San Luis valley of Colorado ³⁷⁷	c. 1875
Europe/Gr. Brit. enact regulations for import of American potatoes to stop Colorado potato beetle ³⁷⁸	c. 1875
An Irish cobbler finds sport of Early Rose in his garden, Marblehead, MA; it is later called Irish Cobbler ³⁷⁹	c. 1876
L. Burbank sells his 'new' potato to J.J.H. Gregory & Son and moves to California (with 10 tubers) ³⁸⁰	1876
J.J.H. Gregory & Son heavily promotes Luther Burbank's new potato as 'The Burbank Seedling' ³⁸¹	1876
E.S. Carman buys <i>Moore's Rural New Yorker</i> and renames it <i>The Rural New Yorker</i> ³⁸²	1876
Potatoes in isolated gardens of the English Midlands are infected with Wart Disease ³⁸³	1876
Sydney Ringer develops a solution to maintain healthy tissues in vitro ³⁸⁴	1876
Colorado potato beetle begins ravaging potato crops in Ticonderoga area of Essex County, NY (23 Jun) ³⁸⁵	1876
Heinrich Anton de Bary est. life cycle of late blight pathogen in potatoes; renames it <i>Phytophthora infestans</i> ³⁸⁶	1876

Late blight strikes potatoes at Daly City, CA; Garnet Chili variety proves impervious ³⁸⁷	1877
Desert Land Act is passed to boost irrigation of western arid land for farming and ranching (3 Mar) ³⁸⁸	1877
Colorado potato beetle is discovered in Germany, but is subsequently eradicated ³⁸⁹	1877
Prof. Lintner of NYS ‘geological hall’ is surprised to find CPB at 4400 feet elev. on Mount Marcy (Aug) ³⁹⁰	1877
CPB is “everywhere” in Clinton Co.: in house, in barn, along highway, even at church on Sabbath (Sep) ³⁹¹	1877
“Millions of potato bugs have appeared on Staten Island, NY, and the farmers are disheartened” ³⁹²	1877
Disastrous potato crop in New York state yields record low production rate of 30 cwt./acre ³⁹³	1877
Robert Koch develops staining techniques for identification of bacteria ³⁹⁴	1877
London purple (calcium arsenite) is introduced for control of Colorado potato beetle ³⁹⁵	1878
Orson H. Alexander, Charlotte, VT, develops Green Mountain variety from Dunmore x Excelsior ³⁹⁶	1878
B.K. Bliss develops the Triumph (Red Bliss) variety from Peerless x Early Rose ³⁹⁷	1878
USDA ‘introduces’ Washington Co., NY, E.L. Coy’s variety, Beauty of Hebron, a seedling of Garnet Chili ³⁹⁸	1878
Millardet & Planchon notice powdery mildew (<i>Plasmopara viticola</i>) on grapes in France ³⁹⁹	1878
Alexander Speer & Sons, Pittsburgh, exhibits a lift-type potato plow at the Paris Exposition ⁴⁰⁰	1878
L. Augustus Aspinwall receives second UK patent for ‘improvements to a potato planter’ ⁴⁰¹	1878
Ralph W. Emerson suggests that weeds are plants “whose virtues have not yet been discovered” ⁴⁰²	1878
Prof. George Caldwell organizes the agricultural experiment station at Cornell ⁴⁰³	1879
J. Reinke and G. Berthold describe verticillium wilt (<i>Verticillium albo-atrum</i>) in potatoes in Germany ⁴⁰⁴	1879
Cornell University Agricultural Experiment Station is organized under the College of Agriculture ⁴⁰⁵	1879
Late blight, <i>P. infestans</i> , strikes potato crops in Ireland; losses are valued at £6 to £8 million ⁴⁰⁶	1879
Potato variety Champion (bred 1876) exhibits ‘remarkable’ resistance to late blight in Rep. of Ireland ⁴⁰⁷	1879
International Potato Exhibition opens at Crystal Palace, Hyde Park, London (17 Sep) ⁴⁰⁸	1879
Beauty of Hebron begins to rival the Early Rose and Early Goodrich varieties in popularity ⁴⁰⁹	1879
Irvin and Elijah Saltsman of Avoca, NY, develop a spinner type potato digger ⁴¹⁰	1880
L.A. Aspinwall receives US Patent No. 235,401 for his two UK patents of 1874 and 1878 (14 Dec) ⁴¹¹	1880
The barrel spray pump appears on the American market ⁴¹²	1880
Alva Mitchell of Maine breeds the Harmony Beauty variety ⁴¹³	1880
Charles Valentine Riley is appointed first head of USDA Division of Entomology ⁴¹⁴	1881
The red-skinned variety, Adirondack, syn. Satisfaction, is bred from Peachblow x Peachblow ⁴¹⁵	1881
Robert Koch uses potato slices to grow bacteria for research ⁴¹⁶	1881
Julius Kühn, Germany, sees cyst-forming nematode infecting potato roots, but notes it as a curiosity ⁴¹⁷	1881
Julius Kühn, Germany, mis-identifies cyst-forming nematode in potato as <i>Heteroda schachtii</i> ⁴¹⁸	1881
East Yorkshire Wagon Co., Gr. Brit., develops mechanical potato sizer machine ⁴¹⁹	1882
Aspinwall contracts with B. Gill & Son to make 100 potato planters and diggers for \$12,000 (1 Jan) ⁴²⁰	1882
Aspinwall oversees making of potato planters and diggers at B. Gill & Son, Trenton, NJ (Jan-Aug) ⁴²¹	1882
After a ‘difficulty’, Aspinwall leaves B. Gill & Son works and forbids further manufacturing (Aug) ⁴²²	1882
B. Gill & Son continues making Aspinwall equipment as originally contracted ⁴²³	1882
Aspinwall’s 1870 deed of assignment for Patent No. 97339 is recorded at US Patent Office (8 Nov) ⁴²⁴	1882
Four of the parties named in the above assignment transfer their rights to George Schanck (8 Nov) ⁴²⁵	1882
George Schanck <i>et al.</i> assign all rights to Patent No. 97339 to B. Gill (13 Dec) ⁴²⁶	1882
T.B. McCormick of Indiana develops the McCormick potato variety ⁴²⁷	1882
NYS takes title for land on which the NYS Agricultural Experiment Station at Geneva, NY is built ⁴²⁸	1882
Spread of powdery mildew (<i>Plasmopara viticola</i>) is disastrous to French vineyards ⁴²⁹	1882
C.J. Cummings of Tully, NY, begins developing a potato digging machine ⁴³⁰	1883
L.A. Aspinwall receives US patent 276994 for improvements to his potato planter of 1880 (8 May) ⁴³¹	1883
Tariff is placed on imported potatoes ⁴³²	1883
Joseph Durham of Hebron, NY, grows a Beauty of Hebron potato weighing 3 lbs. 12 oz. ⁴³³	1883
Pierre Millardet, France, discovers Bordeaux mixture as fungicide for <i>Plasmopara viticola</i> on grapes ⁴³⁴	1883
Severe drought impacts the Adirondack region ⁴³⁵	1883
Orson H. Alexander of Charlotte, Vermont breeds the Dakota Red (Jersey Red Skin) variety ⁴³⁶	1883
C.W. Brega, Chicago industrialist, backs L.A. Aspinwall to build potato equipment works in Michigan ⁴³⁷	1884
NYS Dairy Commission is organized ⁴³⁸	1884
Household refrigerators (ice boxes) are “as common as stoves or sewing machines” ⁴³⁹	1884

Mr. Samuel Cosgrove tells us that last spring he planted one fair-sized potato, of the variety called “Beauty of Hebron” (a very popular variety in Washington County (NY)), cut in two pieces and planted a few inches apart, and dug out of the one hill this fall 64 potatoes of which 58 were of good size for the table. We consider this a remarkable yield.

“Local and miscellaneous,”

Post and Gazette (Elizabethtown, NY), 6 Nov 1884, p. 2.

NYS regulates fertilizer manufacture; NYS Agr. Experiment Station at Geneva oversees enforcement ⁴⁴⁰	1884
Railway speculation causes crisis in the financial markets of New York City ⁴⁴¹	1884
L.A. Aspinwall opens a factory at Three Rivers, MI, to make potato planters; fifty are sold ⁴⁴²	1884-85
Pierre Millardet finds Bordeaux mixture (copper sulphate and lime) controls late blight on potatoes ⁴⁴³	1885
Green Mountain variety is released ⁴⁴⁴	1885
Vincent van Gogh paints <i>The Potato Eaters</i> , what some consider his first great work ⁴⁴⁵	1885
Aspinwall sues assignees for patent infringement and to recover profits and damages (19 Sep) ⁴⁴⁶	1885
Isaac Hoover, Avery, OH, patents mechanical potato digger and starts making them for neighbors ⁴⁴⁷	1885
Eugene H. Grubb begins raising alfalfa, thoroughbred race horses and other livestock at Carbondale, CO	1885
Noah Keeler invents the ‘Boss’ potato digger; Rawson & Thatcher, Corning, NY, manufacture it ⁴⁴⁸	1885

The ‘Boss’ lifted the potatoes with a blade and then dropped them on a horizontal-revolving fingered wheel. The potatoes were flung aside like the spinner on a highway sanding truck.

It was a walk-behind machine, which was one of its problems, because it could fling potatoes and stones ten or twelve feet in any direction. This would damage the potatoes, but also the operator. The first thing the farmer did when the new digger arrived, was to build a wooden shield which hung down from the handles and protected his legs from a barrage of potatoes and stones. If a stone became lodged between the blade and the reel ‘things happened fast.’ Potatoes were not the only thing that were bruised. If the soil was dry, the digger created its own dust storm which enveloped the operator.

“The Le Roy Plow Company,” *Farm Collector*, Jan/Feb 2000

<http://gasengine.farmcollector.com/Farm-Life/The-Le-Roy-Plow-Company.aspx?page=3#ixzz1vz5aYzsU>

F. Lamson Scribner, USDA, introduces Bordeaux mixture to U.S. grape producers for insect control ⁴⁴⁹	1885
Clarence Birdseye is born in Brooklyn, NY ⁴⁵⁰	1886
Cornell professors organize a 3-day Farmers’ Institute at Cornell University (Feb) ⁴⁵¹	1886
Isaac Hoover sells 10 potato diggers & forms Hoover & Prout Co. to make and promote his digger ⁴⁵²	1886
Anna Good establishes Original Good’s Potato Chips to make and sell potato chips from her kitchen ⁴⁵³	1886
Tobacco-soapsuds mixture is advocated for aphid control ⁴⁵⁴	1886
Cornell University conducts Farmers’ Institutes inaugurating organized extension efforts ⁴⁵⁵	1886
John Watson Co. is established at Houlton, ME ⁴⁵⁶	1886
Hermann Hellriegel discovers that bacteria fix atmospheric nitrogen on nodules of leguminous plants ⁴⁵⁷	1886
Starch factory at Colton, NY, processes 800 bu. of potatoes daily into starch⁴⁵⁸	1887
NJ Dist. Court Judge dismisses Aspinwall’s suit against B. Gill & Son (18 Jul) ⁴⁵⁹	1887
Bordeaux mixture is used in U.S. for insect control ⁴⁶⁰	1887
Orson H. Alexander of Charlotte, Vermont breeds the Charles Downing variety ⁴⁶¹	1887
Isaac Hodge, Nicholville, NY, swallows potato bug, then takes a dose of Paris green; doctor saves his life ⁴⁶²	1887
US potato crop yields only two thirds of normal production; Gr. Britain and Germany begin exporting ⁴⁶³	1887
Hatch Act grants federal funds to establish agricultural experiment stations (2 Mar) ⁴⁶⁴	1888
Potatoes are the leading agricultural product of Washington, Saratoga & Rensselaer Counties, NY ⁴⁶⁵	1888
US imports 8,259,538 bushels of potatoes ⁴⁶⁶	1888
Cheap potatoes from Gr. Brit. and Germany undercut domestic prices, farmers & dealers lose money ⁴⁶⁷	1888
College of Agriculture is organized at Cornell University ⁴⁶⁸	1888
Farmers’ Institute meeting is held at Canton, NY (7-8 Feb) ⁴⁶⁹	1888
Elbert S. Carman of New York obtains Rural New Yorker #2 variety from seedball of unrecorded source ⁴⁷⁰	c. 1888
Elbert S. Carman, publisher of <i>Rural New Yorker</i> , proposes agricultural experiment station on Long Island ⁴⁷¹	1888
E.S. Carman, <i>Rural New Yorker</i> , offers Women’s National Potato Contest, for potato growing ⁴⁷²	1888

Selinda E. Jones, Chautauqua Co., NY, wins contest with 53 bu., White Elephant variety from 1/20 acre ⁴⁷³	1888
Hoover Manufacturing, Avery, OH, offers a hand-powered potato sorter and sprouter ⁴⁷⁴	1889
Elbert S. Carman challenges his readers to potato growing contest to raise 700 bu. per acre; he loses \$50 ⁴⁷⁵	1889
Farmers' Institute meeting is held at Malone, NY (20 Mar) ⁴⁷⁶	1889
Entomological Society of America is founded ⁴⁷⁷	1889
Arthur B. Farquhar incorporates Pennsylvania Agricultural Works as A.B. Farquhar Co. Ltd. ⁴⁷⁸	1889
NYS potato growers average of 56 bushes per acre for this year's crop ⁴⁷⁹	1889
E.S. Carman offers challenge to grow 700 bu./a. of potatoes; there are no takers; he would have lost \$200 ⁴⁸⁰	1890
Baring crisis in Great Britain contracts U.S. and world financial markets (Aug) ⁴⁸¹	1890
Archibald Findlay, a prolific UK breeder, begins using <i>S. demissum</i> for potato breeding ⁴⁸²	1890
Pres. B. Harrison authorizes U.S. Weather Bureau within the USDA ⁴⁸³	1890
Roland Thaxter discovers the cause of common scab in potato ⁴⁸⁴	1890
Cooperative Weather Observer Program is established within the U.S. Weather Bureau ⁴⁸⁵	1890
The extent of 'potato rot' (late blight) in Washington County is "appalling"; many fields abandoned (Oct) ⁴⁸⁶	1890
Aspinwall Mfgr. Co. contracts with Robert Johnson, Cadillac, MI, to sell potato planters (15 Nov) ⁴⁸⁷	1890
US imports 3,415,578 bu. of potatoes; 1,248,129 bu. from Canada, most of the rest from Scotland ⁴⁸⁸	1890
Powdery scab (<i>Spongospora subterranea</i>) is found in potatoes in South America ⁴⁸⁹	1891
Charles G. Rowley joins Aspinwall Manufacturing to work in the office ⁴⁹⁰	1891
Robert Johnson returns Aspinwall potato planter to factory, there being no sales in his area (30 Jul) ⁴⁹¹	1891
Elbert S. Carman publishes <i>The New Potato Culture</i> ⁴⁹²	1891
Eugene H. Grubb and his brother, Lloyd, may be growing potatoes on their ranch near Carbondale, CO ⁴⁹³	1891
The Mills bill to end tariff on imported potatoes is defeated ⁴⁹⁴	1891
The McKinley tariff bill is passed raising duty on potatoes from 15 cents/bu. to 25 cent/bu. ⁴⁹⁵	1891
Dmitri Ivanovsky isolates a virus, but believes it to be a bacterium ⁴⁹⁶	1892
U.S. imports 186,871 bu. of potatoes (fiscal year ending 30 Jun '92) ⁴⁹⁷	1892
Aspinwall Manufacturing Co. relocates from Three Rivers to Jackson, MI ⁴⁹⁸	1892
Charles G. Rowley becomes a shareholder in Aspinwall Manufacturing Co. ⁴⁹⁹	1892
Financial panic plunges U.S. into economic depression lasting more than four years ⁵⁰⁰	1893
Isaac Hoover exhibits his potato digger at the Chicago World's Fair (Columbian Exposition) ⁵⁰¹	1893
Dusting machines are used for applying insecticides ⁵⁰²	1893
Aspinwall Mfgr. Co. wins suit against R. Johnson, Cadillac, MI, for non-payment for planter (17 Nov) ⁵⁰³	1893
Rachel Chapman, Hebron, NY, claims finding American Giant (White Rose) variety from Jackson seedball ⁵⁰⁴	1893
Foliar phase of early blight (<i>Alternaria solani</i>) is reported in potatoes ⁵⁰⁵	1893
NYS Dairy Commission is reorganized as the NYS Department of Agriculture ⁵⁰⁶	1893
A severe drought plagues the Adirondacks ⁵⁰⁷	1893-94
US imports 4,317,021 bushels of potatoes following a poor domestic crop ⁵⁰⁸	1893
Vermont Station (agric. research) recommends spraying Bordeaux mixture to control early and late blight ⁵⁰⁹	1894
Steam powered spraying machine is invented ⁵¹⁰	1894
Bureau of Applied Botany is founded at St. Petersburg, Russia ⁵¹¹	1894
Carey Land Act to develop irrigation systems on public arid land so it can be sold to the public (18 Aug) ⁵¹²	1894
W.L Thorndyke/J.B. Swan make fraudulent photo of 86 lb 10 oz potato for town fair publicity, Loveland, CO ⁵¹³	1894
Gasoline powered spray pump is invented ⁵¹⁴	1894
The Division of Agricultural Soils is established in the USDA ⁵¹⁵	1894
Davenport & Prince, Downer's Grove, IL, sells 'automatic potato cutter & planter machine' ⁵¹⁶	1895
Oakfield Agricultural Works, Oakfield, NY, offers lift-type plow for digging potatoes ⁵¹⁷	1895
Netted Gem, a.k.a. Russet Burbank, a russet-skinned sport of Burbank, is identified in Montana potato field ⁵¹⁸	1895
Eugene H. Grubb and his brother, Lloyd, are growing potatoes on their ranch near Carbondale, CO ⁵¹⁹	1895
U.S. Weather Bureau publishes daily weather maps ⁵²⁰	1895
Arsenite of copper is used as an insecticide ⁵²¹	1895
Wm. C. Tappenden builds potato chip factory in Cleveland when his kitchen gets too small ⁵²²	1895
Potato chips are shipped in barrels, displayed in glass cases, sold in paper bags ⁵²³	1895
New York potato crop is enormous; prices are unsatisfactory ⁵²⁴	1895
Iron sulphate is used to kill broad leaf weeds ⁵²⁵	1896

E. Roze pub. “Les deux premières variétés de la pomme de terre” on the Peruvian origin of the potato⁵²⁶ 1896

A valuable digest made of bulletins reported from 86 stations where experiments conducted with Irish potatoes have been conducted, and published by *Home and Farm*, affords much information of general interest. Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky and Missouri stations, after testing varieties for two to six years, find the most prolific to be Alexander’s Prolific, Beauty of Hebron, Burbank, Charter Oak, Dakota Red, Pearl of Savoy and Rural New Yorker No. 2.

“The potato crop,”
The Essex County Republican (Keeseville and Port Henry, NY), 16 Apr
1896, p. 2.

Schibersky identifies the fungus *Synchytrium endobioticum* as cause of Potato Wart Disease in Hungary⁵²⁷ 1896
New York potato crop is enormous; prices are unsatisfactory⁵²⁸ 1896
Franklin Co. NY potato starch industry ceases to be profitable due to competition from corn starch⁵²⁹ c. 1896
Deere & Co., Moline, IL, introduces a potato planter⁵³⁰ 1896
O. Knoerzer forms Champion Potato Machinery Co., Hammond, IN, to make potato diggers⁵³¹ 1897
Cornell Univ. runs potato trials with varieties Carman #3, Rural New Yorker #2 and Rose of Sharon⁵³² 1897
E.S. Carman of New York obtains Sir Walter Raleigh variety from seedling of Rural New Yorker No. 2⁵³³ c. 1897
Cornell Univ. publishes “Bulletin No. 130: Potato culture”⁵³⁴ 1897
Late blight strikes New York potato crop; some localities lose 50 to 75% of crop; prices high⁵³⁵ 1897
Martinus Willem Beijerinck, Dutch soil microbiologist, discovers the tobacco mosaic virus (TMV)⁵³⁶ 1898
Hoover & Prout Co. receives gold medal for its potato digger at Trans-Mississippi & International Expo⁵³⁷ 1898
The potato crop in the Town of Brushton, Franklin Co, NY, is quite nearly a total failure (Oct)⁵³⁸ 1898
Cornell Univ. publishes “Bulletin No. 140: Second Report on Potato culture”⁵³⁹ 1899
New York state potato growers produce 38,000,000 bushels of potatoes on 396,000 acres⁵⁴⁰ 1899
The world’s largest starch factory is located at Oswego, NY⁵⁴¹ 1899
Dowden Manufacturing Co., Parry City, IA, begins making open-chain potato diggers⁵⁴² 1890s
Dowden Manufacturing Co., begins selling manual potato cutters⁵⁴³ 1890s
Bacterial ring rot is identified as potato disease in Germany⁵⁴⁴ late 1800s
Haplotype 1B of *P. infestans* (US-1) migrates across the world from North America⁵⁴⁵ early 1900s
Idaho potatoes: Rural New Yorker, Early Rose, Cobbler, Russet Rural, Idaho Rural, Bliss Triumph⁵⁴⁶ early 1900s
Northeast and the Midwest farmers produce 81% of the U.S. potato crop⁵⁴⁷ 1900
Pacific Northwest farmers produce 3.4% of the U.S. potato crop⁵⁴⁸ 1900
Prof. Thomas Johnson est. Seed Testing Station at Royal College of Science, Dublin, IE⁵⁴⁹ 1900
Dutch botanist, Hugo de Vries, and two others rediscover G. Mendel’s genetic principles⁵⁵⁰ 1900
A.A. Walter & Co. establish ‘Blue Ribbon Peptonized Potato Chips’ at Albany, NY⁵⁵¹ 1902
Aspinwall Manufacturing Co. begins marketing a commercial potato sorter⁵⁵² 1900
Aspinwall Manufacturing Co. has the most complete line of potato machinery in the world⁵⁵³ 1900
Potato farmers in Maine produce 272,000 metric tons of potatoes⁵⁵⁴ 1900
New York potato farmers average 88 bushes of potatoes per acre⁵⁵⁵ 1900-04
Colorado potato beetle is found at Tilbury, UK, but is exterminated⁵⁵⁶ 1901
Shigetane Ishiwatari isolates *Bacillus thuringiensis* (*Bt*) as cause of sotto disease in silkworms in Japan⁵⁵⁷ 1901
USDA Bureau of Plant Industry forms the Potato Investigations Lab⁵⁵⁸ c. 1901
Potato Wart Disease is discovered in England⁵⁵⁹ c. 1902
Dr. H.T. Güssow discovers Potato Wart Disease in Newfoundland, Canada⁵⁶⁰ c. 1902
L.L. May & Co., St. Paul, MN, introduces Netted Gem, a.k.a. Russet Burbank, to marketplace⁵⁶¹ 1902
Cornell Univ. begins potato spraying experiments using lime and soda Bordeaux and Paris green⁵⁶² 1902
Cornell Univ. begins ‘Farmers’ Business Experiments’ with spraying under normal farm conditions⁵⁶³ 1903
Severe spring drought strikes the Adirondacks; sparks from trains start forest fires; 600,000 acres burn⁵⁶⁴ 1903
Champion Potato Mach. Co. offers a potato planter & two-horse, open-chain potato digger⁵⁶⁵ 1903
The process for hydrogenation of fats (trans-fats) is patented⁵⁶⁶ 1903
British establish residue tolerance for arsenical insecticides⁵⁶⁷ 1903
Republic of Ireland Dept. of Agr. initiates subsidy to growers toward purchase of selected seed potatoes⁵⁶⁸ 1925

L.R. Jones, seeking resistance to late blight, imports 100 European varieties to U.S. as breeding material ⁵⁶⁹	1904
Cornell College of Agriculture becomes NYS College of Agriculture ⁵⁷⁰	1904
Late blight, <i>Phytophthora infestans</i> , causes ‘enormous losses’ in western, central NY and on Long Island ⁵⁷¹	1904
New York potato farmers harvest record crop of 435,000 acres of potatoes ⁵⁷²	1904
Ashley Miller of Westport, Essex Co., raises four potatoes totaling 10 lbs.; the largest weighs 2 lb 14 oz. ⁵⁷³	1904
Silas Moore of Reber, Essex Co. raises single potato weighing 3 lb 5 oz. ⁵⁷⁴	1904
Hiram E. Lord, Clayton, MI, received patent for gasoline-powered potato digger (19 Jul) ⁵⁷⁵	1904
E.F. Smith and D.B. Swingle identify dry rot of potatoes due to <i>Fusarium oxysporum</i> ⁵⁷⁶	1904
Auguste and Louis Lumière patent process using dyed potato starch grains for filtering light into colors ⁵⁷⁷	1904
Samuel Fraser publishes <i>The Potato: A Practical Treatise on the Potato</i> ⁵⁷⁸	1905
Cornell potato trials at Geneva use Rural New Yorker #2 and at Riverhead, L.I., use Green Mountain ⁵⁷⁹	1905
Farmers run Cornell potato trials under actual farm conditions as Farmers’ Business Experiments ⁵⁸⁰	1905

Varieties used in Farmers’ Business Experiments include Rural New Yorker #2, Sir Walter Raleigh, Green Mountain, Carman #3, Carman #1, White Giant, World’s Superior, Norcross, Sulphic Beauty, Enormous #9, Ironclad, World’s Fair.

“Potato-spraying experiments in 1905,” in *Twenty-fifth Annual Report of the Board of Control of the New York Agr. Exp. Station at Geneva, NY for 1906*

Late blight causes heavy losses in New York potato crop, mostly mid and late season varieties ⁵⁸¹	1905
While probably extant earlier, leaf-roll disease comes to public notice in Westphalia, Germany ⁵⁸²	1905
E.H. Grubb, Carbondale, CO, begins sending ‘Perfect Peachblow’ potatoes to East Coast via D&RG Railway ⁵⁸³	1905
Lou D. Sweet and partners begin growing potatoes on West Mesa near Carbondale, CO ⁵⁸⁴	1905
At donation party, John D. Rockefeller gives basket of new potatoes, each concealing a \$5 gold piece (Jul) ⁵⁸⁵	1905
<i>Solanum tuberosum</i> and <i>S. demissum</i> crosses bred in U.S. show resistance to late blight in Germany ⁵⁸⁶	1905
Roland Biffen shows that the ability of wheat to resist infection with a fungus is genetically inherited ⁵⁸⁷	1905
New York potato farmers average 96 bushes of potatoes per acre ⁵⁸⁸	1905-09
Bateman Mfg. Co., Grenloch, NJ, introduces two models of Iron Age potato diggers ⁵⁸⁹	1906
Dr. R.N. Salaman, UK, begins breeding with <i>S. endinese</i> and notices resistance to late blight ⁵⁹⁰	1906
U.S. business shrinks under financial panic; need for central banking authority shown ⁵⁹¹	1907
Louis Lumière markets autochrome process using microscopic grains of dyed potato starch on glass plates ⁵⁹²	1907
Buyers for NYC potato markets complain potatoes have a great amount of rot, esp. Maine’s (Nov) ⁵⁹³	1907
Wart Disease causes large crop losses in Great Britain; Destruction of Insects and Pests Act is passed ⁵⁹⁴	1907
George C. Gough discovers that some potato varieties in the U.K. are immune to Wart Disease ⁵⁹⁵	1908
Robert Pugh forms Pugh Manufacturing Co. to make potato machinery ⁵⁹⁶	1908
Prof. Thomas Johnson pub. leaflet on potato wart disease after outbreak in Republic of Ireland ⁵⁹⁷	1908
Dr. J.H. Wilson, St. Andrews Univ., Scotland, begins potato breeding with crosses using <i>S. demissum</i> ⁵⁹⁸	1908
Leominster Potato Chip Company is formed in Leominster, MA ⁵⁹⁹	1908
Deere & Co. sells a lift-type plow for harvesting potatoes ⁶⁰⁰	1908
Potato wart disease is discovered in Westphalia, Germany ⁶⁰¹	1908
Late blight is reported in cultivated potatoes in Mexico ⁶⁰²	1908
Laboratory of Plant Breeding is established at Cornell with 13 graduate students and \$600 ⁶⁰³	1908
The American Phytopathological Society is founded with 130 members ⁶⁰⁴	1908
Summer drought causes short potato crop in Franklin Co., NY; Aroostook Co., Maine takes up the slack ⁶⁰⁵	1908
Northern New York affected by two-month drought; precipitation 3.79 inches below normal (Nov-Dec) ⁶⁰⁶	1908
John Richard (J.R., a.k.a. Jack) Simplot is born at Dubuque, IA (4 Jan) ⁶⁰⁷	1909
Potato census by USDA counts several thousand domestic varieties in eleven categories ⁶⁰⁸	1909
Dr. R.N. Salaman notices resistance to late blight in Scottish hybrid of <i>S. tuberosum</i> x <i>S. demissum</i> ⁶⁰⁹	1909
Carbondale, CO, inaugurates ‘Potato Day’ festival to celebrate end of potato harvest (Oct) ⁶¹⁰	1909
Charles G. Rowley becomes vice-president and manager of Aspinwall Manufacturing Co. (Aug) ⁶¹¹	1909
Potato acreage in Franklin and Clinton Counties, NY is 15,946 acres ⁶¹²	1909
New York potato farmers produce record harvest of 29,077,000 cwt. of potatoes on 394,000 acres ⁶¹³	1909

Michigan at 346,000 a. and then Pennsylvania with 305,000 a. and Wisconsin at 262,000 a. Maine produced a potato crop on 130,000 acres that year, behind Ohio at 182,000, Illinois at 164,000, Minnesota at 160,000 and Iowa at 145,000. Idaho only grew 25,000 a. of the 3,525,000 acres

New York Agricultural Statistics 2001-2002, p. 13.

Order of U.S. potato acreage: NY, MI, PA, WI, OH, IL, MN, IA, ME, ID ⁶¹⁴	1909
ME, NY, PA, MI, WI, and MN produce half of the 1909 potato crop ⁶¹⁵	1909
U.S. potato production is 9.3 million metric tons; per-capita consumption is 90 kilos ⁶¹⁶	1910
Germany, Russia, Austria, France, in the order named, lead the world in production of potatoes ⁶¹⁷	1910
Growers in northern New York begin shipping potatoes to NYC by train ⁶¹⁸	1910
USDA begins potato breeding program to seek resistance to late blight ⁶¹⁹	1910
Daniel Mikesell starts D. W. Mike-sell & Co., later Mike-sells Potato Chip Co., in Dayton, OH ⁶²⁰	1910
A.J. Platt, Sterling, IL, introduces a horse-drawn, hand-drop potato planter ⁶²¹	1910
USDA Sec'ty sends E.H. Grubb to Europe and the UK to study potato culture ⁶²²	1910
Albert Prout leaves Hoover & Prout Co.; the company renames itself Hoover Mfg. Co. ⁶²³	1910
USDA's Federal Insecticide Act becomes effective ⁶²⁴	1910
USDA establishes the Insecticide and Fungicide Board ⁶²⁵	1910
New York potato growers produce 33,442,000 bu. on 380,000 a. for 88 bu./a. average ⁶²⁶	1910-14
University of Idaho establishes agricultural research station at Aberdeen ⁶²⁷	1911
Univ. of Idaho est. agricultural research station at Aberdeen to learn how to use field irrigation ⁶²⁸	1911
Drought impacts Adirondacks; forest fires burn 27,757 acres ⁶²⁹	1911
W.A. Orton (USDA) visits Europe where he learns to identify potato diseases that had been confused in U.S. ⁶³⁰	1911
Potato crop in northern New York and Canada is very light ⁶³¹	1911
U.S. potato crop is very short at 298M bu. & shrinks to 260M bu. in storage; U.S. imports 30M bu. of potatoes ⁶³²	1911
Ernst Berliner rediscovers (and names) bacterium <i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> in Germany ⁶³³	1911
Ernest C. Gleason, Malone, NY averages 200 bu. per acre despite the dry weather ⁶³⁴	1911
New York State Vegetable Growers Association is founded by Paul A. Work of Cornell University ⁶³⁵	1911
New York Farm Bureau is formed ⁶³⁶	1911
Dr. R.N. Salaman develops a blight-resistant potato ⁶³⁷	1911
Farmers begin using formulations of <i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> (Bt) as insecticide ⁶³⁸	1911
G.H. Pethybridge describes pink rot (water rot) of potatoes in Ireland ⁶³⁹	1911
Clarence Birdseye observes Inuit in Labrador flash freezing fish in very cold air ⁶⁴⁰	1912
E.H. Grubb & W.S. Guilford pub. <i>The Potato: A Compendium of Information from Every Available Source</i> ⁶⁴¹	1912
Aspinwall Manufacturing Co. introduces a two-row potato planter ⁶⁴²	c. 1912

By using this machine there is a saving of time and labor, one man and team doing double the work of the single row. The two rows are absolutely equal in distance apart, which is of great advantage when using a two-row cultivator, as it permits of very close cultivation. The draft of the machine is but slightly more than the single row. The large wheels and narrow furrow openers reduce the draft and compensate for the increased size of the machine. Center draft. The hopper capacity enables planting one half mile without refilling. Distance of planting between the rows is adjustable to suit requirements. The furrow openers are very narrow, which insures planting in straight lines. The disk coverers are set inside of the furrowers and close the earth into the individual furrows with a single disk.

Eugene H. Grubb and W.S. Guilford
The Potato, 1912, pp. 124-125.

Stearns Mfg. & Foundry Co., Decatur, IL, offers side-delivery, lift-plow potato digger ⁶⁴³	1912
USDA Plant Quarantine Act is passed; Federal Horticultural Board is established to enforce it (20 Aug) ⁶⁴⁴	1912
USDA Potato Wart quarantine stops imports from UK, Germany, Austria-Hungary, Newfoundland ⁶⁴⁵	1912
Silver scurf disease on potatoes caused by the fungus <i>Helminthosporium solani</i> is reported in the U.S. ⁶⁴⁶	1912
Potato tuber moth is identified in Washington state ⁶⁴⁷	1912
Adhesives are used as 'stickers' in pesticide sprays ⁶⁴⁸	1912
Georg Bitter, German botanist, describes Peruvian potato species, some collected 132 years earlier ⁶⁴⁹	1912-13

Georg Bitter describes Bolivian potato species found in Fiebrig and Buchtien collections ⁶⁵⁰	1912-13
Georg Bitter proposes use of taxonomic series to aid in classifying closely related potato species ⁶⁵¹	1912-13
Department of Vegetable Gardening is established under Paul Work at Cornell University ⁶⁵²	1913
William Allen Orton initiates study of viruses affecting potatoes in the U.S. ⁶⁵³	1913
W.A. Orton (USDA) classifies three types of ‘degeneration’ in potato: Leaf Roll (‘Curl’), Mosaic, & Streak ⁶⁵⁴	1913
W.A. Orton (USDA) proposes a U.S. system of seed potato certification similar to the German system ⁶⁵⁵	1913
W.F. Wight (USDA) collects wild and cultivated potato species in Argentina, Bolivia, Chili and Peru ⁶⁵⁶	1913
C.B. Tillson of Clinton County, NY, suggests formation of a state seed potato growers’ association ⁶⁵⁷	1913
Univ. Wisconsin Department of Plant Pathology establishes potato seed certification program ⁶⁵⁸	1913
Cornell Univ. and NYS Dept. of Farms and Markets begin voluntary seed potato certification program ⁶⁵⁹	1913
Over three-fourths of inspected fields in Franklin County are rejected for certification due to mosaic ⁶⁶⁰	1913
Hoover Mfg. Co., Avery, OH, begins mounting gasoline engines on potato diggers to reduce load on horse ⁶⁶¹	1913
Morse and Shapovalov report the discovery of Rhizoctonia disease of potato (black scurf) in Maine ⁶⁶²	1913
Powdery scab (<i>Spongospora subterranean</i>) is found in potatoes of eastern Canada and Maine ⁶⁶³	1913
PCN thought to be <i>Heteroda schachtii</i> (sugarbeet cyst nematode) is found affecting potatoes in Scotland ⁶⁶⁴	1913
Intense summer drought strikes Adirondacks; forest fires burn 50,389 acres ⁶⁶⁵	1913
National Potato Association of America is formed to collect and disseminate technical potato information ⁶⁶⁶	1913
Inspections of potatoes imported from Canada, Netherlands and Belgium are found to have powdery scab ⁶⁶⁷	1913
USDA quarantine stops potato imports from Canada and all countries of Europe due to powdery scab ⁶⁶⁸	1913
Andrew S. Schuler forms a baking company to make pretzels in Rochester	1909 or 1913
Mercer Co. Potato Growers’ Assoc. (NJ) reps visit Franklin Co., NY to investigate quality of seed potatoes ⁶⁶⁹	1913
A.A. Walter & Co., Albany, NY, is cited for misbranding its ‘Blue Ribbon Peptonized Potato Chips’ (2 Dec) ⁶⁷⁰	1913
A.A. Walter & Co. pleads guilty to not peptonizing its ‘Blue Ribbon Peptonized Potato Chips’ (8 Dec) ⁶⁷¹	1913
A.A. Walter & A.F. Walter of A.A. Walter & Co. are each fined \$12.50 for misbranding potato chips (8 Dec) ⁶⁷²	1913
Survey of 1290 New York state potato growers reveals 76 varieties of potatoes being grown ⁶⁷³	1913-14
New York potato farmers average 108 bushes of potatoes per acre ⁶⁷⁴	1910-14
Colorado potato beetle infestation is found in U.S. army encampment at Bordeaux, France ⁶⁷⁵	1914-18
Lou D. Sweet and many others are growing (Netted Gem) in Colorado ⁶⁷⁶	1914
New York State Potato Association is formed to foster potato growing, transportation and marketing (Feb) ⁶⁷⁷	1914
Dr. W.A. McCubbin launches Seed Potato Certification Scheme for Canada in Ontario ⁶⁷⁸	1914
PAA adopts constitution and bylaws at first annual meeting at Cornell University (10-11 Feb) ⁶⁷⁹	1914
PAA est. “Varietal Nomenclature and Testing” committee to resolve the synonymy problem (10-11 Feb) ⁶⁸⁰	1914
W.A. Orton brings German potato expert, Dr. Otto Appel, to U.S. to survey potato growing states, esp. NYS ⁶⁸¹	1914
Dr. Appel notes Green Mountains in northern NY exhibited mosaic while Rural types in western NY do not ⁶⁸²	1914
Dr. O. Appel suggests NYS adopt German system of potato inspection and certification for disease control ⁶⁸³	1914
G. Massee (Scotland) and H. Zimmerman (Germany) prove <i>H. schachtii</i> causes ‘soil sickness’ of potatoes ⁶⁸⁴	1914
Smith-Lever Act (fed.) est. Cooperative Extension Service, a partnership of land-grant colleges & USDA ⁶⁸⁵	1914
John Hinerwadel, Sr. founds Hinerwadel’s Grove at N. Syracuse for clambakes and salt potatoes ⁶⁸⁶	1914
Hoover Mfg. Co., Avery, OH, produces 5,000 potato diggers per year, shipped world-wide ⁶⁸⁷	1914
C.L. Fitch of Iowa State College tests and organizes important potato varieties into seven groups ⁶⁸⁸	1914
The spray gun is developed for applying pesticides ⁶⁸⁹	1914
Colorado potato beetle is found at Stade on the Elbe, Germany, but is exterminated ⁶⁹⁰	1914

The history of potato pathology is a story of the gradual recognition and differentiation of previously confused diseases and the introduction of control measures that brought with them more progressive cultural practices.

W.A. Orton
“Potato wilt, leaf-roll, and related diseases,”
U.S. Department of Agriculture Bulletin No. 64

USDA enacts a quarantine of Maine potatoes to control powdery scab (1 Aug) ⁶⁹¹	1914
Franklin Co. growers are notified that powdery scab has been found near Franklin/Clinton border (28 Oct) ⁶⁹²	1914
Inspectors from Maine organize powdery scab inspection forces in Franklin and Clinton Counties (16 Nov) ⁶⁹³	1914
Franklin & Clinton Co. potatoes are quarantined; all shipments require inspection and certification (Nov) ⁶⁹⁴	1914
Annual potato production in Michigan, Wisconsin & Minnesota matches New York’s 33,000,000 bu. ⁶⁹⁵	1914

New York potato farmers average 95 bushes of potatoes per acre ⁶⁹⁶	1915-19
California red scale develops immunity to insecticide ⁶⁹⁷	1915
New York State Potato Growers' Association is formed for potato certification⁶⁹⁸	1915
Franklin County growers exhibit potatoes at the NYS Potato Association, Ithaca (Feb) ⁶⁹⁹	1915

. . . . it is safe to say that it was the best exhibit of potatoes ever shown at Ithaca. This is a fine compliment of our county (Franklin), which is no doubt the best potato producing county in the state.

Mr. Ross, Farm Bureau Agent
Franklin County
The Malone Farmer, 24 Feb 1915

NYS issues new regulations dealing with powdery scab quarantine in Franklin and Clinton Cos. (16 Apr) ⁷⁰⁰	1915
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Following the action of the United States government, the State of New York has decided to dispense with the certification of potatoes bearing the statement that they are free from powdery scab or have not been in contact with anything infected with or contaminated by this disease. Henceforth all potatoes go as tablestock, and any qualified statements as to the condition of them must be made by the shipper, for which statements the state will be in no way responsible.

The Malone Farmer
7 April 1915

Every large grower of potatoes requires a horse-planter. From six to eight acres will warrant the use of such a machine, and it may be made to pay for itself itself in a short time by hiring it out—preferably with a man to work it. Some planters require one man, others two men, to work them; the latter generally do the best work, although good work is done by the former.

Samuel Fraser
The Potato: A Practical Treatise. . . ., 1915 ed., p. 101

Hoover Mfgr. Co. introduces a 1-row automatic potato planter ⁷⁰¹	1915
NYS Agricultural Experiment Station begins studies of the 'running-out' of potatoes on Long Island ⁷⁰²	1915
M.F. Burrus, NYS College of Agriculture, begins inspecting a number of potato fields 'for practice' ⁷⁰³	1915
Powdery scab quarantine in Clinton/Franklin Counties is raised for intra-state shipments (30 Jul) ⁷⁰⁴	1915
John Snell proposes that Wart Disease can be controlled only if variety name confusion is sorted out ⁷⁰⁵	1915
Early potatoes are shipped in 3-bu. barrels covered with canvas or in 1-bu. boxes ⁷⁰⁶	1915
Late potatoes are shipped in 2-bu. burlap sacks or in flour barrels ⁷⁰⁷	1915
Seed potatoes are frequently shipped in double-headed barrels of 165 lbs capacity ⁷⁰⁸	1915
Franklin County (NY) Seed Potato Growers' Assoc. is formed with Wm. J. Wheeler as president (30 Aug) ⁷⁰⁹	1915
E.G.S. Gagnier <i>et al.</i> form Churubusco Seed Potato Growers' Association in Clinton Co. (Oct) ⁷¹⁰	1915
William Stuart of USDA tests and organizes important potato varieties into eleven groups ⁷¹¹	1915
Wm. Stuart pub. "Group Classification and Varietal Descriptions of Some American Potatoes" ⁷¹²	1915
Excessive rains in July and August cause NYS crop shortages, especially hay and potatoes ⁷¹³	1915
Franklin, Clinton and Erie Counties are only sections of NYS not severely affected by late blight (Nov) ⁷¹⁴	1915
Quarantine of Maine potatoes is discontinued ⁷¹⁵	1915
New York State Potato Association begins to encourage grading of potatoes to quality standards ⁷¹⁶	1916

Grading potatoes in New York has had little impetus until recently and very few are put on the market as graded stock. It is highly probable that more income could be realized from the crop if only standard tubers. . . were put on the market and the remainder fed at home. . . This would provide for the elimination of a large amount of diseased and mechanically injured tubers, which now find their way onto most markets, and would result in a more uniform product.

E.V. Hardenburg,
"Potato Growing in New York," 1916

Growers in Town of Waverly (Franklin Co., NY) are awarded two prizes at the Cornell potato show⁷¹⁷	1916
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C. Wills & W. Silver, Franklin Co., take top prizes for Carmen & National varieties at NYS potato show ⁷¹⁸	1916
Piggly Wiggly stores open, Memphis, TN, ushering in modern supermarket chain concept ⁷¹⁹	1916
George Hyslop initiates seed potato certification program in Oregon ⁷²⁰	1916
Clarence Birdseye begins experiments with freezing of foods ⁷²¹	1916
About half of the 350,000 acres of potatoes in New York state are planted by machine ⁷²²	1916
M.J. Burrus arranges with E.V. Hardenburg, NYS College of Agriculture, to conduct seed potato inspections ⁷²³	1916
New York State Potato Growers' Association begins certification program for New York seed potatoes ⁷²⁴	1916
Of 35 NY seed growers with 342 acres of potatoes, 156 a. belonging to 29 growers pass NYS certification ⁷²⁵	1916
Royal Horticultural Society (UK) begins testing extant potato varieties for synonymity ⁷²⁶	1916
U.S. railroad network peaks at 254,000 miles ⁷²⁷	1916
Prof. R.J. Haskell, NYS College of Agriculture, completes 1 st field inspections for FCSPGA members (Aug) ⁷²⁸	1916
Atlantic coast potato exchanges' representatives visit Franklin Co. seed growers to inspect offerings (Sep) ⁷²⁹	1916
National Potato Association of America changes its name to Potato Association of America ⁷³⁰	1916
Lou D. Sweet of Colorado is elected president of the Potato Association of America ⁷³¹	1916
Northern NY potato crop is very short; prices during harvest are already very high: \$0.90 per bu. (Sep) ⁷³²	1916
Seventy-five per cent of the varieties grown in New York are of either Green Mountain or Rural families ⁷³³	1916
Green Mountain variety is grown almost exclusively on Long Island and Franklin and Clinton Counties ⁷³⁴	1916
Western and southern New York growers predominately use the Rural family of potatoes ⁷³⁵	1916

The frequent appearance of new names for old varieties is as much the fault of the grower as it is of the seedsman. There is a strong demand for new things. The seedsman attempts to meet this, but most of our seedsmen are professedly not originators of new varieties, and the supply of strictly new varieties must, of necessity, be very limited, hence the demand is met by changing the name of some old variety and giving extensive advertising under its new name. The gullible grower accepts the dose, pays the price for the supposedly new article and is satisfied until he learns that it is nothing new and then he turns around and repeats the process again.

Arthur W. Gilbert,
The Potato, 1917, p. 24.

Potatoes have been classified into eleven groups, or families, as based mainly on color of sprouts, color of blossoms, shape, size, depth and frequency of eyes, and texture of skin. These groups are Cobbler, Triumph, Early Michigan, Rose, Early Ohio, Hebron, Burbank, Green Mountain, Rural, Pearl and Peachblow. It is generally impossible to distinguish definitely between varieties within the same group, but growers should as far as possible be able to identify one group from another. This would eliminate a large amount of the present mixture of varieties.

One of the most important steps toward bettering the potato industry is the elimination of many of the existing so-called named varieties and the standardization of a few worthy sorts.

E. V. Hardenburg
"Potato Growing in New York," Cornell Reading Courses, Vol.
V, No. 112, NYS College of Agriculture at Cornell University,
Ithaca, NY, 1916

Late blight strikes potato crop in Germany; 700,000 citizens starve to death during winter ⁷³⁶	1916-17
Dutch potato riots erupt in Amsterdam when potatoes are to be exported despite that they are rationed ⁷³⁷	1917
U.S. enters World War I (6 Apr) ⁷³⁸	1917
Gov. Whitman proclaims 'Agricultural Mobilization Day' in all farming communities of NYS (21 Apr) ⁷³⁹	1917
NYS Food Comm. urges NY potato growers to increase acreage so wheat can be sent to starving Europe (May) ⁷⁴⁰	1917
NYS farmers report a surplus of some 8,000 horses which could be sold to war effort in Europe (May) ⁷⁴¹	1917
NYS potato growers increase acreage by 25.2% ⁷⁴²	1917
NYS Potato Association begins using Wm. Stuart's varietal classification groups for seed certification ⁷⁴³	1917
Large number of synonyms make it hard to certify seed potatoes under NYS Potato Association plan ⁷⁴⁴	1917
Of 78 NY seed growers with 428 acres of potatoes, 337 acres pass NYS certification ⁷⁴⁵	1917
FCSPGA farmers grow 129.5 a. of certified seed potatoes, over half of NYS's; 119.5 a. are Green Mountains ⁷⁴⁶	1917
Pres. Wilson forms US Food Administration headed by Herbert Hoover to support war effort (10 Aug) ⁷⁴⁷	1917
Herbert Hoover appoints Lou D. Sweet to Chief of Potato Section, US Food Administration (Aug) ⁷⁴⁸	1917

Suffolk/Nassau Co. growers & buyers tour seed potato farms in Franklin, Clinton & Cayuga Cos. (9-11 Aug) ⁷⁴⁹	1917
USDA estimates a bumper crop of potatoes, 407,000,000 bu., 92,500,000 above avg (Aug) ⁷⁵⁰	1917
USDA issues U.S. grade standards for potatoes ⁷⁵¹	1917
NYS Department of Agriculture is reorganized as Department of Farms and Markets ⁷⁵²	1917
Hoover Mfg. Co. introduces a two-row potato planter ⁷⁵³	1917
Associated Manufacturers of Waterloo, IA, introduce a gasoline powered potato sorter ⁷⁵⁴	1917
USDA designates 22-27 October as 'potato week'; retail grocers agree to 'push' potato sales during Oct-Nov ⁷⁵⁵	1917
Lou D. Sweet of Colorado is re-elected president of the Potato Association of America (9-10 Nov) ⁷⁵⁶	1917
PAA urges steps to identify and reliably name all potato varieties for certified seed potato stocks (9-10 Nov) ⁷⁵⁷	1917
USDA issues 'final' estimate of 1917 potato crop at 442,500,000 bu., an all-time record crop (Dec) ⁷⁵⁸	1917
Harvested potato crop is even larger than USDA estimates, prices fall to less than 1.5¢ / lb for U.S. No. 1s ⁷⁵⁹	1917
Arthur W. Gilbert publishes <i>The Potato</i> ⁷⁶⁰	1917

In the United States the average yield of potatoes from one plant is about one-half pound. Some plants of Early Ohio have been known to yield thirteen tubers weighing 2 ½ pounds, and others of the same variety to produce three tubers weighing ½ an ounce. The former yield is 80 times the latter. Some English experiments have produced twenty pounds of tubers to a plant, as many as 150 tubers being set on one plant.

Arthur W. Gilbert,
The Potato, 1917, p. 13.

A horse-drawn insecticide duster is developed ⁷⁶¹	1918
Deere & Co. purchases Waterloo Gasoline Traction Engine Company ⁷⁶²	1918
Demands of WWI force farmers to begin mechanizing their operations ⁷⁶³	1918
'Potatoes for Patriotism' initiative is created to sell bumper crop and to send wheat to starving Europe (Jan) ⁷⁶⁴	1918
Kelvinator produces a practical home refrigerator ⁷⁶⁵	1918
Lou D. Sweet of Colorado is re-elected president of the Potato Association of America ⁷⁶⁶	1918
Idaho Candy Company begins manufacturing its Idaho Spud Bar ⁷⁶⁷	1918
An airplane is used to spread insecticidal dusts ⁷⁶⁸	1918
Despite federal quarantine Potato Wart is found in isolated valleys of Pennsylvania ⁷⁶⁹	1918
A seed certification program is adopted in Republic of Ireland; its focus is varietal intermixing ⁷⁷⁰	1918
USDA study reveals average life of a tractor is 7 ½ to 8 years according to 600 experienced owners (Jul) ⁷⁷¹	1918
Newspaper reports on 'Potatoes for Patriotism' mention millions of bu. still in storage (Jul) ⁷⁷²	1918
Cornell U. plant breeders use 'cooperator' farms to test new varieties in various environmental settings ⁷⁷³	1918
More than half of the certified seed potatoes grown in NYS come from Franklin County growers ⁷⁷⁴	1918
More than three-quarters of Franklin County fields inspected for certification are rejected due to mosaic ⁷⁷⁵	1918
Of 111 acres of seed potatoes certified in Franklin County, 101 acres are Green Mountains ⁷⁷⁶	1918
Franklin County potato production is well below average due to frost damage ⁷⁷⁷	1918
Wm. J. Wheeler of FCSPGA promotes high quality seed potatoes to New Jersey potato growers (Jan) ⁷⁷⁸	1919
Nat. Inst. of Agric. Botany (UK) creates Potato Synonym Committee to sort and test potato varieties ⁷⁷⁹	1919
A full 75% of all varieties submitted to the Potato Synonym Committee (UK) for testing were synonyms ⁷⁸⁰	1919
Ernest C. Gleason of Malone, NY, is known as "King of Potato Growers" with 50 acres ⁷⁸¹	1919
Ernest C. Gleason boards St. Regis Mohawk workers from Akwesasne Reservation for potato harvest ⁷⁸²	1919
Thirty members re-elect Wm. J. Wheeler president of Franklin County Seed Potato Growers' Association ⁷⁸³	1919
Franklin County Seed Potato Growers' Association focuses on eradication of mosaic in Green Mountains ⁷⁸⁴	1919
In Orleans and Seneca Counties, NY, certified seed potatoes out-produced common seed by 100% ⁷⁸⁵	1919
Emerson-Brantingham Co., Rockford, IL, sells a potato planter with fertilizer attachment ⁷⁸⁶	1919
Emerson-Brantingham Co. offers a gasoline powered potato digger ⁷⁸⁷	1919
Aspinwall Manufacturing Co. introduces a gasoline-powered potato digger ⁷⁸⁸	1919
Bordeaux mixture is used to control the potato leafhopper ⁷⁸⁹	1919
NYS farmers supply 33% of all potatoes sold in NYC where potatoes from Idaho are practically unknown ⁷⁹⁰	1919
Potato acreage in Franklin and Clinton Counties, NY is 15,225 acres ⁷⁹¹	1919
Frank Hobart builds 10,000 bu. underground potato storage at Gabriels, NY ⁷⁹²	1920-21
Eban D. Dahlman begins making potato pickers, diggers and baggers at his farm, Grandy, MN ⁷⁹³	early 1920s

Colorado potato beetle spreads across France, Belgium, and Germany ⁷⁹⁴	1920s
Potato Synonym Committee (UK) identifies over 200 aliases for the Up-to-Date variety ⁷⁹⁵	1920s
Potato Synonym Committee identifies 70 aliases each for Abundance and British Queen varieties ⁷⁹⁶	1920s
International Harvester Co., Chicago, IL, enters the potato machinery business ⁷⁹⁷	1920s
Potato chips are hand-produced in batches from rectangular kettles at 40 to 120 lb/hr ⁷⁹⁸	1920s
Grandma Edna and Edward Snyder II begin hand-kettle cooking of Snyder's Potato Chips at Hanover, PA ⁷⁹⁹	1920s
New York potato farmers average 119 bushes of potatoes per acre ⁸⁰⁰	1920-24
L.A. Aspinwall receives US Patent 1,341,454 for a potato digger (25 May) ⁸⁰¹	1920
L. Augustus Aspinwall receives US Patent 1,341,454 for a potato digger with dirt shakers (25 May) ⁸⁰²	1920
Aspinwall Mfgr. Co. merges with Drew Carrier Co., Waterloo, Iowa to form Aspinwall-Drew Company ⁸⁰³	1920
Quanjer and Botjes, Netherlands, show Leaf Roll is infectious and spread by the green-fly, or aphid ⁸⁰⁴	1920
Aspinwall Mfgr. Co. merges with Drew Carrier Co., Waterloo, Iowa to form Aspinwall-Drew Company ⁸⁰⁵	1920
Dr. Redcliffe N. Salaman is appointed chairman of NIAB's Potato Synonym Committee ⁸⁰⁶	1920
Post war inflation leads to year-long financial crisis in U.S. and Br. Britain ⁸⁰⁷	1920
For the first time in NYS, demand for certified seed potatoes exceeded the supply ⁸⁰⁸	1920
USDA begins regional testing of its new varieties and seedlings and of the best strains of certified seed ⁸⁰⁹	1920
Cornell's Farmers' Institute holds three-day potato school at Gabriels, NY (Franklin County) (Oct) ⁸¹⁰	1920
FCSPGA finds it impossible to set price of certified seed potatoes above ridiculous low price of 65¢ per bu. ⁸¹¹	1920

It seems as though something were wrong when the price of a commodity cannot be set from the cost of its production. From this, one would infer that a farmer should know what his potatoes cost and should be able to fix a price based on these figures. This is probably true. But there many farmers who do not keep accounts and do not know what their time is worth and consequently do not know what their products are worth.

After two potato shipments are sold at 65¢ per bu
 "Marketing potatoes,"
The Franklin County Farm Bureau News, Oct 1920

NYS Potato Assoc. proposes separate organization for marketing certified seed potatoes (Dec) ⁸¹²	1920
K. Smith, Cambridge Univ., shows that mosaic is due to Virus X and spread by contact of leaves ⁸¹³	c. 1920-24
K. Smith, Cambridge Univ., shows some types of streak are due to Virus Y and spread by aphid ⁸¹⁴	c. 1920-24
Murphy and McKay of Dublin show that the aphid carries the Virus A, responsible for Leaf Roll ⁸¹⁵	c. 1920-24
Murphy and McKay of Dublin show Virus A in combination with X is responsible for 'Crinkle' ⁸¹⁶	c. 1920-24
Aspinwall Manufacturing Co. (Aspinwall-Drew Company) goes out of business ⁸¹⁷	c. 1921
McKenzie Manufacturing Co., LaCrosse, Wis., buys Aspinwall's potato machinery line ⁸¹⁸	c. 1921
A New York Potato Exchange is proposed to standardize tablestock potato grades and shipments ⁸¹⁹	1921
New York State demonstrates the United States standard grades for potatoes and begins educating growers ⁸²⁰	1921
Earl Wise, Sr. of the Wise Delicatessen Company founds Wise Potato Chips, Berwick, PA ⁸²¹	1921
Andrews S. and Harriet M. Schuler incorporate Schuler Pretzel Co., Rochester (Nov) ⁸²²	1921
NYS Agricultural Experiment Station continues studies of the 'running-out' of potatoes on Long Island ⁸²³	1921
Dr. E.V. Hardenburg, Cornell University, is elected president of Potato Association of America ⁸²⁴	1921
Empire State Potato Growers Cooperative Association, Inc. is formed for sales & marketing of NYS potatoes ⁸²⁵	1921
New York State Potato Association is reorganized as New York Cooperative Seed Potato Association, Inc. (18 Feb) ⁸²⁶	1921

This association, in addition to certifying the seed was to act as an advertising and marketing agency and hire a manager. Since some of the certifying growers had their own sales organization, they objected to being forced to subsidize their competitors and asked to be allowed to certify their own potatoes on the basis of college inspections. During 1921 there were two certifying agencies and in 1922, ten, all receiving inspection service from the College. One additional organization obtained inspection from Syracuse University and certified their own seed. This multiplication of agencies was recognized as undesirable. . . .

K.H. Fernow
 "Seed potato inspection and certification in New York,"
Am. Potato Journal, Dec. 1955, 32(12): 469.

NYS seed growers offer 1,270 acres for certification, 766 acres pass with a yield of 190,000 bu. ⁸²⁷	1921
Bill and Salie Utz found Utz Quality Foods, Hanover, PA to sell Hanover Home Brand Potato Chips ⁸²⁸	1921
Philo T. Farnsworth, while harrowing a potato field, gets idea for electronic, raster image for television ⁸²⁹	1921
Fortunato L. Herrera attempts classification of wild and cultivated potatoes in Dept. of Cusco, Peru ⁸³⁰	1921
Magic City Food Co. (later Golden Flake Snack Foods) opens in Birmingham, AL ⁸³¹	1921
Acreage of potatoes in U.S. peaks at 3.9 million acres harvested ⁸³²	1922
Acreage of potatoes in New York State is 350,000 acres ⁸³³	1922
Capper-Volstead Act enables farmers to collectively produce, handle, process, and market their products ⁸³⁴	1922
New York Seed Improvement Cooperative Association, Inc. is est. to certify seed of NY potatoes & other crops ⁸³⁵	1922

This agency would take over all certification for potatoes as well as for other crop seeds but would do no selling or advertising beyond publishing lists of certified seed fields. After 1922 the College (NYS College of Agriculture) gave no inspection service except to members of that association.

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 “Seed potato inspection and certification in New York,”
Am. Potato Journal, Dec. 1955, 32(12): 469.

Franklin County Seed Potato Growers’ Association is incorporated; L.L. Foote is elected president (Jun) ⁸³⁶	1922
The Republic of Ireland (all but 6 of 32 Irish counties) disassociate themselves from the U.K.	1922
Northern NY Independent Seed Potato Growers’ Assoc. is formed; E.G.S. Gagnier is elected president ⁸³⁷	1922
E.G.S. Gagnier, Churubusco, NY, ships 8,000 bu. of seed potatoes to a Long Island dealer (Oct) ⁸³⁸	1922
Flooding in northern Franklin County and southern Quebec destroys many crops; potatoes turn black (Jun-Jul) ⁸³⁹	1922
Long Island Vegetable Research Farm is established at Riverhead ⁸⁴⁰	1922
Martin reports potato spindle tuber disease to NJ Potato Growers Association ⁸⁴¹	1922
NYS Agricultural Experiment Station at Geneva is placed under the administration of Cornell Univ. ⁸⁴²	1923
J.R. ‘Jack’ Simplot quits school and goes into business (raising hogs) at Declo, ID ⁸⁴³	c. 1923
Maine, New York and New Jersey potato growers propose federation to control eastern U.S. potato market ⁸⁴⁴	1923
Franklin County growers are anxious to control Rhizoctonia and ‘scab’ losses after two years of low prices ⁸⁴⁵	1923
Hans W. Wollenweber identifies <i>H. rostochiensis</i> rather than <i>H. schachtii</i> as cause of ‘soil sickness’ of potato ⁸⁴⁶	1923
Potato Association of America begins monthly publication: <i>The Potato News Bulletin</i> ⁸⁴⁷	1923
Intense summer drought impacts the Adirondacks ⁸⁴⁸	1923
USDA breeders select potato seedling number 42667 (later to become Katahdin) for further study ⁸⁴⁹	1923
William Stuart publishes <i>The Potato: Its Culture, Uses, History and Classification</i> ⁸⁵⁰	1923

The leading commercial varieties of potatoes are rather few in number compared with the long list of varieties or varietal names catalogued by the seedsmen of this country. The following list is believed to include all the varieties of strictly commercial importance.

Early varieties: Irish Cobbler, Triumph, Early Ohio, Spaulding No. 4. Medium or late maturing varieties: Burbank, Russet Burbank, Rural, Russet Rural, Green Mountain, Peerless (syn. Pearl), McCormick, Perfect Peachblow (syn. Red McClure), Prolific (syn. Brown Beauty), Wisconsin Pride (syn. American Giant), Charles Downing (syn. Idaho Rural).

William Stuart, Senior Horticulturist, USDA
The Potato: Its Culture, Uses, History and Classification, 1923, p. 46.

Northern NY Independent Seed Potato Growers’ Assoc. vote not to dissolve and unite w/ state assoc. (Mar) ⁸⁵¹	1924
Clarence Birdseye founds Birdseye Seafoods, Inc. to produce ‘flash-frozen’ fish ⁸⁵²	1924
American Seeding Machine Co. of Springfield, OH, markets a horse-drawn potato planter ⁸⁵³	1924
McCormick-Deering introduces its Model No. 3 one-row, one-horse potato planter ⁸⁵⁴	1924
NYS farmers supply 29% of all potatoes sold in NYC; 18% are from Long Island farms ⁸⁵⁵	1924
NYS College of Agri. begins seed potato inspections for NY Seed Improvement Coop. Assoc. members ⁸⁵⁶	1924
Nearly all New York State potatoes are drawn by horse team to local carlot dealers and shipped by railroad ⁸⁵⁷	1924
J.R. ‘Jack’ Simplot sells his hogs for a large profit and becomes a potato farmer ⁸⁵⁸	c. 1924

Y. Voronov takes Russian potato collecting expedition to Central & S. Amer.; S.M. Bukasov is taxonomist ⁸⁵⁹	1925-26
New York potato farmers average 108 bushes of potatoes per acre ⁸⁶⁰	1925-29
R.N. Salaman, Gr. Britain, begins work to obtain nuclear stocks of virus-free seed potatoes ⁸⁶¹	1925
Northern NY Independent Seed Potato Growers' Assoc. vote to join w/ state seed improvement assoc. (Feb) ⁸⁶²	1925
A.A. Walter & Co. moves to 13 S. Lansing St., Albany, and opens plant for mass producing potato chips ⁸⁶³	1925
A.A. Walter & Co. invents automatic potato-peeling machine for mass producing potato chips ⁸⁶⁴	1925
Seed certification program in Republic of Ireland is updated to include freedom from disease ⁸⁶⁵	1925
Many NYS seed growers send voluntary samples of certified seed potatoes to Florida for 'winter testing' ⁸⁶⁶	1925
L.A. Aspinwall, 83 yro, joins McKenzie Manufacturing Co., La-Crosse, WI, to design potato machinery ⁸⁶⁷	1925
A.B. Farquhar, agricultural equipment manufacturer, dies at York, PA ⁸⁶⁸	1925
Field equipment for applying liquid pesticides comes into the market ⁸⁶⁹	1925
Franklin Co. growers estimate harvest at 60% of normal; losses due to drought, potato lice & leaf hoppers ⁸⁷⁰	1925
Tuber decay phase of early blight is reported in potatoes ⁸⁷¹	1925
C.F. Clark, USDA, notes 171 American potato varieties trace their parentage back to Rough Purple Chili ⁸⁷²	1925
S. Juzepczuk, botanist/taxonomist, leads 2 nd Russian potato collecting expedition to South America ⁸⁷³	1926-28
Laura Scudder invents wax paper-sealed potato chip bag which greatly popularize sales of potato chips ⁸⁷⁴	1926
More than 75,000 home ice delivery contracts are cancelled as electric refrigerators are bought ⁸⁷⁵	1926
NYS Department of Farms and Markets is reorganized as Department of Agriculture and Markets (DAM) ⁸⁷⁶	1926
Many NYS seed growers send voluntary samples of certified seed potatoes to Florida for 'winter testing' ⁸⁷⁷	1925
Redcliffe N. Salaman publishes <i>Potato Varieties</i> ⁸⁷⁸	1926
PAA changes name of <i>The Potato News Bulletin</i> to <i>The American Potato Journal</i>⁸⁷⁹	1923
Microbes producing toxic substances in the field are suspected to suppress common scab in potatoes ⁸⁸⁰	1926
J. Frank Grimes forms the Independent Grocers Alliance (IGA) with 60 New York stores ⁸⁸¹	1926
R. Hastings, Malone, shows best Russet Rural, Early Ohio & Green Mtn at State Fair and Rochester expo ⁸⁸²	1926
Deere & Co. buys Hoover Manufacturing Co. to increase market share in potato machinery business ⁸⁸³	1926
USDA fixes tolerances for chemical residue on market fruits and vegetables ⁸⁸⁴	1926
Montana state seed potato program begins ⁸⁸⁵	1926
Fatalities from toxic gas leaks cause some owners to remove refrigerators to the backyard ⁸⁸⁶	c. 1926
T.P. McIntosh publishes <i>The Potato: Its History, Varieties, Culture and Diseases</i> ⁸⁸⁷	1927
General Electric Co. stuns its competition when it introduces the monitor-top refrigerator ⁸⁸⁸	1927
McCormick-Deering introduces its Model No. 4 two-row potato planter ⁸⁸⁹	1924
Louis Armstrong and his Hot Seven band records Potato Head Blues (10 May) ⁸⁹⁰	1927
Leonard Japp, Sr. and friend purchase delivery truck and enter snack food business delivering pretzels ⁸⁹¹	1927
H. Harrison McCain is born at Florenceville, New Brunswick (3Nov) ⁸⁹²	1927
Albany buyers complain to potato inspector that Franklin Co. potatoes suffer from lack of grading ⁸⁹³	1927
H.B Smith, R. de Vilmorin & M. Simonet, independently, establish polyploidy in wild potato species ⁸⁹⁴	1927
S.M. Bukasov collects wild potato species for VIR in Central and South America ⁸⁹⁵	1927-28
Hobart Corporation introduces a commercially successful potato peeler ⁸⁹⁶	1928
Jack Simplot and Lindsay Maggart buy electric potato sorter, a 'remarkable machine' to sort their tubers ⁸⁹⁷	1928
J.R. Simplot buys potato sorter from Maggart, sets up Simplot Produce Co., and stops growing potatoes ⁸⁹⁸	1928
Simplot Produce Co. begins buying and selling, sorting and shipping potatoes and onions ⁸⁹⁹	1928
Idaho places "Famous Potatoes" on its automobile license plates ⁹⁰⁰	1928
Empire State Potato Club (NY) is organized (Feb) ⁹⁰¹	1928
USDA Federal Insecticide Board is reorganized as the Food, Drug and Insecticide Board ⁹⁰²	1928
Juzepczuk & Bukasov, VIR, describe taxonomic diversity of cultivated potatoes in Central & S. Amer. ⁹⁰³	1929
Juzepczuk & Bukasov, VIR, propose that all Chilean landrace potatoes evolved from 3 wild species ⁹⁰⁴	1929
VA Rybin, VIR, describes polyploid series in wild and cultivated potatoes of Central & S. Amer. ⁹⁰⁵	1929
Freeman McBeth of J.D. Ferry Co. invents continuous potato chip cooker (fryer) ⁹⁰⁶	1929
Freeman McBeth gives continuous potato chip cooker (fryer) to the Ross Potato Chip Co., Richland, PA ⁹⁰⁷	1929
Andrew M. Schuler Jr. forms Schuler Pretzel & Potato Chip Company at Rochester, NY ⁹⁰⁸	1929
Continuous fryer dramatically affects economies of scale for potato chip production ⁹⁰⁹	1929
Clarence Birdseye sells his company to Postum Company (for \$22 million) ⁹¹⁰	1929
Postum changes its name to General Foods Company ⁹¹¹	1929

USDA organizes potato breeding into national project incl. state experiment stations & land grant universities ⁹¹²	1929
Oliver Farm Equipment Co. buys McKenzie Manufacturing Co. of LaCrosse, Wis. (25 Jul) ⁹¹³	1929
Dry weather during July and August results in light potato crop in New York state ⁹¹⁴	1929
U.S. stock market crashes (29 Oct)	1929
NYS farmers supply 19% of all potatoes sold in NYC; 18% comes from Long Island farms ⁹¹⁵	1929
Idaho ships 384 carloads of potatoes to NYC for about 1% of the NYC market ⁹¹⁶	1929
Bacterial ring rot is introduced to the U.S. ⁹¹⁷	early 1930s
‘Soil sickness’ is noted in potato field, Hicksville, LI, a staging area for returning WWI equipment ⁹¹⁸	early 1930s
Leonard Japp, Sr. resumes business as Mrs. Japp’s Potato Chips ⁹¹⁹	mid-1930s
John Child of Malone, NY, a Cornell ‘cooperator’, develops a high-yielding strain of Green Mountain ⁹²⁰	1930s
Plant breeders describe cross-protection in plants when inoculating them with mild strains of virus ⁹²¹	1930s
Modern potato breeding begins in with introduction of Katahdin, Epoka, Mira, Anemone, Schwalbe ⁹²²	1930s
Nikolai Vavilov explores and collects potato species in USA, Mexico, Guatemala and Honduras ⁹²³	1930-33
A. Leavitt, Gabriels, NY, hitches a potato picker behind his digger to harvest potatoes directly into sacks ⁹²⁴	1930
NYS potato growers engaged in production of certified seed potatoes peaks at 248 ⁹²⁵	1930
Bateman Mfg. Co. is bought out by A.B. Farquhar Co. of York, PA ⁹²⁶	1930
Plant Patent Act amends patent law to protect new varieties of asexually reproduced plants (potatoes) ⁹²⁷	1930
Franklin County Green Mountain potatoes take the first four places at state potato show ⁹²⁸	1930
Luther Burbank is posthumously awarded sixteen patents for new plant varieties ⁹²⁹	1930
The Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act (PACA) is passed to ensure prompt payments to sellers ⁹³⁰	1930
L.A. Aspinwall, founder of Aspinwall Mfgr. Co., age 88 yrs, dies (5 Nov) ⁹³¹	1930
Irwin Baur (Germany) collects samples of landrace potatoes in Latin America for breeding research ⁹³²	1930
Plant breeders note plants infected with a virus are saved from infection by a more virulent strain ⁹³³	1930
Specialists in central Mexico discover distinct species of wild potato with immunity to late blight and frost ⁹³⁴	1930
V.A. Rybin demonstrates polyploidy in cultivated potato species ⁹³⁵	1930
Maine produces 1.4 million metric tons of Irish Cobbler and Green Mountain potatoes ⁹³⁶	1930
Russet Burbank variety accounts for only 4 percent of the U.S. potato market⁹³⁷ (Is this the statistic for 1904?)	1930
Birdseye and Postum Company introduce the Birds Eye Frosted Foods line	1930
Airplane is used to apply liquid spray pesticides ⁹³⁸	1930
Frank Hobart of Gabriels wins grand champion of show for Green Mountain exhibit at NYS potato show ⁹³⁹	1931
Oralie Thomasson starts Thomasson Potato Chip Company to sell home-made chips in Elyria, OH ⁹⁴⁰	1931
Empire State Potato Club inaugurates Potato Field Days to exhibit newest techniques and equipment ⁹⁴¹	1931
Mycological Society of America is founded ⁹⁴²	1931
Harvey Noss forms Ohio Chip Association to promote potato chips ⁹⁴³	1931
Andrew M. and Andrew S. Schuler incorporate Schuler Foods, Inc. to deal in all forms of food products (Jul) ⁹⁴⁴	1931
Lockwood Manufacturing begins making potato equipment ⁹⁴⁵	1931
PVX & PVY are found to cause disease in potato, but indicator hosts & aphid vectors remain unidentified ⁹⁴⁶	1931
Spring drought lasting 2 months affects northern New York; precipitation is down 3.33 inches (Mar-Apr) ⁹⁴⁷	1931
Approximately one million household refrigerators are manufactured in the U.S. ⁹⁴⁸	1931
NYS DAM issues voluntary (except for culls) grading standards for potatoes (1 Aug) ⁹⁴⁹	1931
L.A. Aspinwall’s last patent (planter) goes to Oliver Farm Implement Co. by mesne assignment (20 Oct) ⁹⁵⁰	1931
USDA seizes shipments of fresh vegetables with excessive residue of insecticides ⁹⁵¹	1931
Elmer Doolin begins marketing Fritos brand corn chips in San Antonio, Texas ⁹⁵²	1932
Ed and Phyllis Weaver, Sr. begin making and selling potato chips from their kitchen, Lincoln, NB ⁹⁵³	1932
Dr. J. Randall Livermore, Cornell U. breeder & prof. of biometrics, is elected pres. of PAA ⁹⁵⁴	1932
C.F. Clark and F.J. Stevenson of USDA release the Katahdin as a pest-resistant potato variety ⁹⁵⁵	1932

The introduction of the Katahdin variety in 1932 represents a landmark in modern breeding, for it is the result of the first systematic effort by scientists in the United States to select both parents and seedling in the development of a variety.

Ora Smith *et al.*, *Potatoes: Production, Storing, Processing*, The AVI Publishing Company, Inc., Westport, CT, 1958, p. 150.

N. Vavilov leads Russian potato collecting expedition in Mexico, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia and Chile ⁹⁵⁶	1932
Russian geneticists use wild species from South America to breed late blight resistant potato variety ⁹⁵⁷	1932
Herman W. Lay begins distributing potato chips (made in Atlanta, GA) in Nashville, Tennessee ⁹⁵⁸	1932
Of 569 potato farms in western New York about 70% harvested less than 15 acres of potatoes ⁹⁵⁹	1932
Realized net farm income is less than one-third of what it had been in 1929 ⁹⁶⁰	1932
All (98.5%) of western New York potatoes are hauled to local shipping stations by motor truck ⁹⁶¹	1932-33
N. Vavilov leads 3 rd Russian potato collecting expedition to Mexico, Central Amer. & USA ⁹⁶²	1933
VA Rybin, VIR, pub. cytological studies of S. Amer. potatoes; ploidy becomes important in breeding ⁹⁶³	1933
Frank Hobart of Gabriels wins grand champion of show for Green Mountain exhibit at NYS potato show ⁹⁶⁴	1933
NYS enacts legal definition of ‘certified’ as applied to seed potatoes ⁹⁶⁵	1933
Agricultural Insecticide and Fungicide Association is formed ⁹⁶⁶	1933
Dixie Wax Paper Co. introduces ‘pre-print’ waxed glassine bag for potato chips ⁹⁶⁷	1933
Agricultural Adjustment Act is approved to restore farm purchasing power to 1909-14 levels, i.e. parity ⁹⁶⁸	1933
S.M. Bukasov identifies two centers of origin for the potato: Peru-Bolivia and Chile ⁹⁶⁹	1933
C.F. Clark and F.J. Stevenson of USDA release the Chippewa variety ⁹⁷⁰	1933
USDA releases the Norkota variety, from Rural New Yorker #2 x Katahdin ⁹⁷¹	1933
Long-Eakins Co. sells booklet in <i>Popular Mech.</i> on how to manufacture and sell potato chips from home ⁹⁷²	1933
Colorado potato beetle is found at Tilbury, UK, but is exterminated ⁹⁷³	1933
Soil Erosion Service is established in the U.S. Dept. of Interior ⁹⁷⁴	1933
Drought affects northern New York; precipitation is down 3.16 inches (Oct-Dec) ⁹⁷⁵	1933
Frank Hobart of Gabriels, NY wins grand champion of NYS potato show for his Green Mountain exhibit ⁹⁷⁶	1934
Empire State Potato Club recognizes ten NYS ‘Premier Potato Growers’; three are from Franklin Co. (Feb) ⁹⁷⁷	1934
Potato farmer near Hicksville, NY (Long Island) notices potato crop losses; appeals to county agent for help ⁹⁷⁸	1934
Varietal mixtures are found in 70% of potato fields on 176 farms in seven western New York counties ⁹⁷⁹	1934
Late season drought impacts northern New York; precipitation is down 4 inches by September (Aug-Dec) ⁹⁸⁰	1934
Potato acreage in Franklin and Clinton Counties, NY is 9,875 acres ⁹⁸¹	1934
NYS growers supply 23% of potatoes sold in NYC; all come from Long Island farms; none from upstate ⁹⁸²	1934
Idaho ships 466 carloads of potatoes to NYC for about 2% of the NYC market ⁹⁸³	1934
New York potato farmers average 135 bushes of potatoes per acre ⁹⁸⁴	1930-34

Potato traders in major eastern U.S. markets report that customers prefer bright-skinned potatoes over dark-skinned. . . .customers do not want potatoes which turn dark when cooked. . . . customers want potatoes well graded and free of defects and insect injury. . . .customers object to a mixture of varieties because such potatoes do not cook or bake evenly. . . .

H.C. Thompson *et al.*,
 “The Potato Situation and the Status of Potato Research in New
 York,” Cornell Extension Bulletin #352, June 1936, pp. 13-14.

Schuler Potato Chip Co. gives 8000 bags of chips to Wayne Co. growers promoting muck-grown potatoes (Jan) ⁹⁸⁵	1935
Potato production in U.S. is 3,469,000 acres resulting in 227,337,000 cwt. for avg. of 66 cwt./acre ⁹⁸⁶	1935
Frederick McKinley Jones produces an automatic refrigeration system for long-haul trucks ⁹⁸⁷	1935
Winter testing (in Florida) of all NYS certified seed plots is now required ⁹⁸⁸	1935
T.J. Lockwood, Kimball, Nebraska, begins making potato graders ⁹⁸⁹	1935
Potato Act of 1935 amends AAA adding potatoes to the list of basic commodities (24 Aug) ⁹⁹⁰	1935
Essex County field trials “not made on good potato land” find Katahdin very promising ⁹⁹¹	1935
Soil Conservation Service is established in the USDA ⁹⁹²	1935
Utz Quality Foods, Hanover, PA, installs automatic potato chip cooker with capacity of 300 lbs/hr ⁹⁹³	1936
E.G.S. Gagnier and Sons run field trials on USDA varieties Katahdin and Warba at Churubusco, NY ⁹⁹⁴	1936
Empire State Potato Club holds state-wide field day at E.G.S. Gagnier Farm in Churubusco ⁹⁹⁵	1936
Potato Act of 1935 is repealed after US Supreme Court declares AAA unconstitutional (10 Feb) ⁹⁹⁶	1936
SC&DAA is passed for soil conservation and to achieve farm income parity (29 Feb) ⁹⁹⁷	1936
Maine and Long Island potatoes supply NYC markets cutting out potatoes from upstate NY ⁹⁹⁸	1936
Idaho state legislature creates The Idaho Fruit and Vegetable Advertising Commission (IFVAC) ⁹⁹⁹	1937

IFVAC gets US trademark protection for Idaho-grown potatoes and begins promoting Idaho® potatoes ¹⁰⁰⁰	1937
Dick and Mac McDonald open a small carhop drive-in hotdog stand near Pasadena, CA ¹⁰⁰¹	1937
Harvey Noss takes Ohio Chip Association national by reorganizing as the National Potato Chip Institute ¹⁰⁰²	1937
Herman Lay buys potato chip company in Atlanta, GA and renames it H.W. Lay & Company ¹⁰⁰³	1938
Moore & Wheeler at USDA & Univ. Mich. release Pontiac variety, from Triumph x Katahdin ¹⁰⁰⁴	1938
F.J. Stevenson & C.F. Clark, USDA, release late blight-resistant Sebago variety ¹⁰⁰⁵	1938
Fred Jones & Joe Numero found Thermo King Corp. to make refrigeration units for long-haul trucking ¹⁰⁰⁶	1938
Dan Dee Pretzel and Potato Chip Co. builds a plant in the midst of Ohio's potato growing region ¹⁰⁰⁷	1938
Elouise MacIntyre of Hammondsport is selected as NYS Potato Queen at NYS State Fair ¹⁰⁰⁸	1938
USDA passes new Agricultural Adjustment Act combining soil conservation with income parity ¹⁰⁰⁹	1938
New AAA includes approval for 4 regional research labs to find new uses for agricultural commodities ¹⁰¹⁰	1938
Great Hurricane of 1938, a.k.a. the Long Island Express, destroys Long Island potato crop (21 Sep) ¹⁰¹¹	1938
R. Bonde reports pink rot (water rot) of potatoes (<i>Phytophthora erythroseptica</i>) in Maine ¹⁰¹²	1938
J.G. Hawkes, Empire Potato Expedition (UK), collects wild & cultivated potato species in S. America ¹⁰¹³	1938-39
Paul H. Muller of Switzerland invents DDT and recognizes its insecticide properties ¹⁰¹⁴	1939
NYS legisl. authorizes 'Empire State' trademark for promotion of potatoes, maple 'sugar' and eggs ¹⁰¹⁵	1939
The IFVAC is changed to the Idaho Advertising Commission ¹⁰¹⁶	1939
Complaints about legality of IFVAC's taxing growers and shippers for advertising leads to lawsuit ¹⁰¹⁷	1939
Idaho legisl. axes apples & prunes from IFVAC charter; changes it to Idaho Advertising Commission ¹⁰¹⁸	1939
T.J. Lockwood moves to Gering, Nebraska, to expand his potato grader manufacturing operation ¹⁰¹⁹	1939
Oliver Farm Equip. Co. offers a two-row, PTO-operated, rubber-tired potato digger ¹⁰²⁰	1939
Pre-packaging of potatoes in 15-lb paper bags begins, except NYC where loose spuds and 5-lb bags rule ¹⁰²¹	1940s
William V. Snyder begins selling Snyder's Potato Chips in aluminum foil bags ¹⁰²²	1940s
Deere & Co. introduce tractor-pulled PTO-driven potato digger ¹⁰²³	early 1940s
Ferguson introduces a 3-point hitch mounted, PTO-driven potato spinner in Northern Ireland ¹⁰²⁴	early 1940s
Dr. Henry M. Darling initiates the Wisconsin State Seed Farm at Three Lakes, WI ¹⁰²⁵	1940
Henry & Mildred Uihlein buy Heaven Hill and Tableland Farms and move to L. Placid, T. of N. Elba ¹⁰²⁶	1940
USDA founds Eastern Regional Research Center, a.k.a. Wyndmoor Labs, at Wyndmoor, PA ¹⁰²⁷	1940
Idaho Crop Improvement Association is established ¹⁰²⁸	1940
Dick and Mac McDonald open a larger carhop drive-in hotdog stand in San Bernardino, CA ¹⁰²⁹	1940
Eben Dahlman moves Dahlman Manufacturing Co. from his farm into its own building ¹⁰³⁰	1940
Clifford Wetzel, MI, makes a potato seed cutter capable of automatically sizing and cutting 100 lb/min ¹⁰³¹	1940
N.I. Vavilov is arrested by Soviet regime for failing to adopt Lysenko's pseudo-science (6 Aug) ¹⁰³²	1940
U.S. Weather Bureau is transferred to the Department of Commerce ¹⁰³³	1940
Bacterial ring rot is found throughout the U.S. ¹⁰³⁴	1940
Ernest Charles Large publishes <i>The Advance of the Fungi</i> , the history of plant pathology ¹⁰³⁵	1940
Desperate British sailors use experimental 'contraption' to shoot potatoes at German warships ¹⁰³⁶	c. 1941
2,4-D is synthesized by plant physiologists at the Univ. of Chicago and USDA (Beltsville, MD) ¹⁰³⁷	1941
Isaac Hoover, Hoover Mfgr. Co., dies, age 96 (4 Mar) ¹⁰³⁸	1941
Village of Cato, NY, gives (or sells) empty Cato High School to Schuler Pretzel & Potato Chip Co. for a chip factory¹⁰³⁹	1941
Schuler Pretzel & Potato Chip Co. renovates former Cato High School and begins making potato chips ¹⁰⁴⁰	1941
Liquefied gas propelled insecticide aerosol is invented ¹⁰⁴¹	1941
Steagall Amendment provides price supports for nonbasic commodities, incl. potatoes, at 85% of parity ¹⁰⁴²	1941
Golden nematode (<i>Heterodera rostochiensis</i>) is identified on Hicksville, L. Island, potato farm (Jul) ¹⁰⁴³	1941
J.R. Simplot begins onion dehydration operations in Caldwell, ID as Simplot Dehydrating Co. (Oct) ¹⁰⁴⁴	1941
Empire State Potato Club (New York) is incorporated (22 Dec) ¹⁰⁴⁵	1941
Harvey Noss convinces U.S. government to declare potato chips an 'essential food' for war effort ¹⁰⁴⁶	1942
Emergency Price Control Act raises Steagall nonbasic commodities support to 90% of parity (2 Oct) ¹⁰⁴⁷	1942
Emergency Price Control Act is required to be in effect for two years after cessation of hostilities (2 Oct) ¹⁰⁴⁸	1942
H.W. Lay & Co. begins manufacturing chips on a continuous potato chip machine ¹⁰⁴⁹	1942
T.J. Lockwood is now called Lockwood Grader Co. ¹⁰⁵⁰	1942
Because of negative connotations, Leonard Japp, Sr. renames Mrs. Japp's Potato Chips, Jays Foods ¹⁰⁵¹	1942

Colorado potato beetle enters Great Britain, most likely by airplane, and stays ¹⁰⁵²	1942
Insecticidal properties of gamma-benzene hexachloride are rediscovered ¹⁰⁵³	1942
J.R. Simplot furnishes over 50 million pounds of dehydrated potatoes to the U.S. Army ¹⁰⁵⁴	1942-45
J.R. Simplot chemist, Ray Dunlap, begins experiments with freezing of potatoes for French frying ¹⁰⁵⁵	c. 1942-45
N.I. Vavilov dies in Soviet prison of complications of scurvy and dystrophy (starvation) (25 Jan) ¹⁰⁵⁶	1943
Germans study potential offensive uses of Colorado potato beetle against Great Britain ¹⁰⁵⁷	1943
Scientists discover nematocidal properties of dichloropropene-dichloropropane inciting soil fumigation ¹⁰⁵⁸	1943
H.W. Lay Co. debuts its cartoon spokesman Oscar, the Happy Potato, on television commercials ¹⁰⁵⁹	1944
DDT is used for control of potato psyllid, potato leafhopper, and other agricultural pests ¹⁰⁶⁰	1944
NYS DAM quarantines parts of Nassau & Suffolk Counties, L.I. to stop spread of Golden nematode ¹⁰⁶¹	1944

Unbeknown to APHIS, a Long Island potato grower sold his farm to a real-estate developer and moved to Steuben County in upstate New York before the quarantine was imposed in 1944. He brought with him his tractors, trucks, and all his farm equipment. The golden nematode was subsequently found on his Steuben County farm in 1967. That farm was immediately quarantined, and later purchased by the USDA/ARS and established as a golden nematode research farm under rigid security. The farm was surrounded by a chain link fence with carefully controlled access. Ditches were constructed to manage the surface water run-off.

The grower had not grown seed potatoes, so APHIS officials were not concerned about spread of the nematode to other upstate potato farms. However, it was later discovered that the grower had shared equipment and machinery with neighboring farmers who did grow seed potatoes and who did sell their seed potatoes to out-of-state growers as well as other NYS potato growers. (You can well imagine the rest of this story.)

“Regulatory Control: Golden Nematode”

Integrated Pest Management—Golden Nematode.

http://courses.cit.cornell.edu/ipm444/new%20material/Golden_nematode.html

NYS DAM prohibits any L.I. potatoes from being sold as seed potatoes ¹⁰⁶²	1944
W.G. Templeman and others develop 2,4-D as herbicide ¹⁰⁶³	1944
Frederick W. Jones founds the Jones Potato Chip Company in Mansfield, OH ¹⁰⁶⁴	1945
The Frito Company issues franchise to H.W. Lay & Co. to make and distribute corn chips ¹⁰⁶⁵	1945
Snyder’s Potato Chips moves from Hanover to Berlin, PA ¹⁰⁶⁶	1945
About 26 percent of all U.S. certified seed sold consists of cultivars released since 1932 ¹⁰⁶⁷	1945
Levitt & Sons begin buying Golden nematode infested potato farms for low cost housing on Long Island ¹⁰⁶⁸	1945
J.R. Simplot Co. establishes a phosphate mine on lands of the Fort Hall Indian Reservation ¹⁰⁶⁹	1944
C. Ellenby, Gr. Brit., discovers <i>S. vernei</i> and <i>S. tuberosum andigenum</i> are resistant to Golden nematode ¹⁰⁷⁰	1945
D. Reddick & L.C. Peterson release Empire variety with late blight resistance from <i>S. demissum</i> ¹⁰⁷¹	1945
Maine Seed Potato Board is est. to ensure supply foundation seed potatoes to Maine seed growers ¹⁰⁷²	1945
DDT is found to control Colorado potato beetles and aphid vectors of leafroll virus ¹⁰⁷³	1945
J.W. Weston develops the Red Pontiac, a clonal selection of Pontiac ¹⁰⁷⁴	1945
J.R. Simplot hires Ray Kueneman as director of research and development (Dec) ¹⁰⁷⁵	1945
Adirondack Potato Growers’ Cooperative Association is formed (Jan) ¹⁰⁷⁶	1946
Lyndon J. and son, Lyndon F. Miller, est. ABC Potato Chip Company at Brushton, Franklin Co., NY ¹⁰⁷⁷	1946
Dorthea Fagnano of Yonkers, NY is crowned National Potato Chip Queen ¹⁰⁷⁸	1946
F.M. Blodgett & F. J. Stevenson of USDA & NY release Ontario variety (Richter Jubel x USDA S44537) ¹⁰⁷⁹	1946
C.F. Clark and P.M. Lombard pub. <i>Description and Key to American Potato Varieties</i> , USDA Cir. # 741 ¹⁰⁸⁰	1946
A.E. Kehr <i>et al.</i> pub. <i>Commercial Potato Production in North America</i> , USDA Handbook No. 267 (Jul) ¹⁰⁸¹	1946
U.S. Standards for Grades of Potatoes are issued under Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 ¹⁰⁸²	1946
Northern Plains Potato Growers Association is organized in the Red River Valley of North Dakota ¹⁰⁸³	1946
Grain shortage prompts US distillers to use 29 million bu. potatoes to produce alcohol ¹⁰⁸⁴	1946
Clifford Wetzel partners with Leon Diltz, his brother-in-law, forming Diltz-Wetzel Mfgr. Co. ¹⁰⁸⁵	1946
Carroll Haines, age 14 yrs, starts Haines Equipment Inc. at Avoca, NY ¹⁰⁸⁶	1946
Carroll Haines buys Norris Manufacturing Co. at Avoca, NY ¹⁰⁸⁷	c. 1946
Lockwood Grader Co. expands manufacturing to ten states ¹⁰⁸⁸	c. 1946
J.R. Simplot begins production of frozen French fries ¹⁰⁸⁹	1946
Long Island potato production peaks at 62,000 acres planted ¹⁰⁹⁰	1946

2,4-D is introduced to the market as a selective herbicide ¹⁰⁹¹	1946
Pres. H. Truman declares official cessation of WWII hostilities (31 Dec) ¹⁰⁹²	1946
In Sweden, resistance to DDT and other ‘new’ insecticides is observed in houseflies ¹⁰⁹³	1947
John S. Niederhauser is hired by Rockefeller Foundation to help Mexican farmers improve crops ¹⁰⁹⁴	1947
Potato Association of America establishes a facility to import, classify and evaluate potato germplasm ¹⁰⁹⁵	1947
Eben D. Dahlman is granted US patent of a potato digger and picker (10 Jun) ¹⁰⁹⁶	1947
Daniel E. Woodman <i>et al.</i> form the Woodman Company, Decatur, GA to make packaging equipment ¹⁰⁹⁷	1947
Woodman Co. installs machine to fill, weigh and seal bags for potato chips at H.W. Lay & Co. ¹⁰⁹⁸	1947
USDA spends \$40M to support potato prices, urges farmers to limit potato production ¹⁰⁹⁹	1947
New York Foundation Seed Stocks Cooperative, Inc. is formed at Ithaca, NY (14 Apr) ¹¹⁰⁰	1947
Maine Seed Potato Board buys 900 a. farm, now Porter Seed Farm, in Masardis, Aroostook Co., ME ¹¹⁰¹	1947
Under federal price support laws, 22M bu. of potatoes rot, while consumers complain of high prices ¹¹⁰²	1947
13.3 percent of alcohol produced in the U.S. comes from potatoes (compared to 16.5 percent from grain) ¹¹⁰³	1947
Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, & Rodenticide Act replaces Federal Insecticide Act of 1910 ¹¹⁰⁴	1947
Winter drought impacts northern New York; precipitation is down 3.55 inches for 1947 (Oct-Feb) ¹¹⁰⁵	1947-48
McDonald brothers shut down restaurant for three months to reconfigure it to produce ‘fast food’ (Sep) ¹¹⁰⁶	1948
McDonald brothers reopen hamburger drive-in using new ‘Speedy Service System’ for ‘fast food’ ¹¹⁰⁷	1948
G. Lerner conceives the idea of plastic push-pin noses, ears, eyes & mouth parts to make vegetables into toys ¹¹⁰⁸	1948
R.V. Akeley, F.J. Stevenson & Shultz of the USDA and Univ. Maine release the Kennebec variety ¹¹⁰⁹	1948
Wisconsin Potato & Vegetable Growers Association begin publishing <i>The Badger Common Tater</i> ¹¹¹⁰	1948
Idaho puts ‘World Famous Potatoes’ on its license plates ¹¹¹¹	1948
National Agricultural Chemical Association emerges from the Agri. Insect. & Fung. Assoc. ¹¹¹²	1948
Congress passes Golden Nematode Act for quarantine of potatoes and related articles from Long Island ¹¹¹³	1948
Adirondack Potato Growers’ Association hosts field day at Uihlein’s Heaven Hill Farm, T. of N. Elba (19 Aug) ¹¹¹⁴	1948
Figure skater Yvonne Claire Sherman is elected Potato Queen of Adk Potato Growers’ Assoc. (19 Aug) ¹¹¹⁵	1948
New AAA is passed updating basic and nonbasic price supports; potatoes are supported at 90% of parity ¹¹¹⁶	1948
Federal potato and potato starch price supports cost U.S. government \$200M since 1943 ¹¹¹⁷	1948
USDA proposes lower price supports and smaller production goal for the 1949 potato crop (Sep) ¹¹¹⁸	1948
W.G. Burton publishes <i>The Potato: A Survey of its History and of Factors Influencing its Yield. . . .</i> ¹¹¹⁹	1948
NPC is formed to promote potatoes & to unify growers across U.S. into one voice for national legislation ¹¹²⁰	1948
Idaho Advertising Commission gives away 33¢ kitchen French fry cutters to promote Idaho® potatoes ¹¹²¹	1948-49
Clarence Birdseye perfects anhydrous freezing process for frozen foods ¹¹²²	1949
R.S. Walter, A.A. Walter & Co., is elected pres. of eastern region of National Potato Chip Institute (13 Jan) ¹¹²³	1949
Redcliffe N. Salaman publishes <i>The History and Social Influence of the Potato</i> ¹¹²⁴	1949

From the early years of the twentieth century onwards, the public has grown increasingly inclined to expect an oval or kidney-shaped tuber, white in the skin, and with a smooth surface. The old round, deep-eyed bulgy types, of which ‘Epicure’ is almost the only survivor, were looked on askance and have been discarded, with the result that we have lost some of the best cookers and most palatable sorts ever known.

Dr. Redcliffe Salaman
The History and Social Influence of the Potato
 Cambridge Univ. Press, 1989 (1st pub. 1949), p. 170

Resistance to DDT and other ‘new’ insecticides is discovered in mosquitoes ¹¹²⁵	1949
DDT is detected in milk of cows sprayed with DDT ¹¹²⁶	1949
McDonald brothers add milk shakes and French fries at their San Bernadino hamburger stand to grow sales ¹¹²⁷	1949
New AAA is passed revising 1948 supports; potatoes are supported at 60 to 90% of parity (31 Oct) ¹¹²⁸	1949
Franklin County farmers plant 2,078 acres of potatoes ¹¹²⁹	1949
Utz Quality Foods relocates to larger facility on ten acres at Hanover, PA ¹¹³⁰	1949
‘Potato chip queen’ model at National Potato Chip Institute convention wears a bra made of potato chips ¹¹³¹	1949
E.V. Hardenburg of NYS College of Agriculture at Cornell University, publishes <i>Potato Production</i> ¹¹³²	1949
F.J. Stevenson & J.R. Livermore at Cornell/USDA release the Saranac variety, from President x Katahdin ¹¹³³	1949

Parathion goes into commercial production ¹¹³⁴	1949
Idaho Advertising Commission gives away 33¢ kitchen French fry cutters to promote Idaho® potatoes ¹¹³⁵	1949-50
Geo. Lerner through Lernell distributes plastic face parts ('make a face') as premiums in cereal boxes ¹¹³⁶	1949-51
Russet Burbank gradually overtakes Green Mountain variety as the most popular baking potato ¹¹³⁷	1950s
C.R. Devereux, Sr. & Bruce Austin of Castine, ME, invent an air-process potato harvester ¹¹³⁸	1950s
Plant breeders at ARS/Cornell begin developing Golden nematode resistant potato varieties ¹¹³⁹	c. 1950
Ray Dunlap at J.R. Simplot perfects a process to make instant mashed potatoes ¹¹⁴⁰	c. 1950
Acreage planted to potatoes in the Pacific Northwest is 245,000 acres ¹¹⁴¹	1950
Approximately 500 potato harvesters are in use across the US ¹¹⁴²	1950
U.S. annual per-capita potato consumption reaches low point of 45 kilos ¹¹⁴³	1950
USDA renames PAA germplasm program the Inter-Regional Potato Introduction Project (IR-1) ¹¹⁴⁴	1950
Lockwood introduces a successful PTO driven, pull-type potato harvester ¹¹⁴⁵	1950
AAA is amended; federal price support for potatoes is discontinued with the 1950 crop (31 Mar) ¹¹⁴⁶	1950
Japan imposes ban on importation of U.S. potatoes to avoid Potato wart fungus and Golden nematode ¹¹⁴⁷	1950
H.A. Orr & C.V. Pike est. Empire Pretzel & Potato Chip Co. to supply snack foods in western NY ¹¹⁴⁸	c. 1950
East Germany accuses U.S. of scattering Colorado potato beetles over its potato crops (15 Jun) ¹¹⁴⁹	1950
Water from the Grand Coulee Dam allows growers in eastern Washington state to grow potatoes ¹¹⁵⁰	1950
F. Gilbert 'Gib' Lamb buys/renovates old co-op plant, Weston, OR, to est Lamb Weston Inc. to process peas ¹¹⁵¹	1950
Malathion insecticide and Maneb fungicide are introduced to the marketplace ¹¹⁵²	1950
DDT is found to be accumulating in orchard soils ¹¹⁵³	1950
Walter Sirois of Caribou, ME, picks 235 U.S. barrels of potatoes in a 9 ½ hr day (30 Sep) ¹¹⁵⁴	1950
Dr. Earle V. Hardenburg, Cornell Univ., is elected Honorary Life Member of PAA (2 Dec) ¹¹⁵⁵	1950
Gas masks and respirators are designed and manufactured for application of parathion ¹¹⁵⁶	1950
Low-pressure, low-gallonage sprayers come into vogue for control of certain insects ¹¹⁵⁷	1951
Spray distributing equipment for use on helicopters is developed ¹¹⁵⁸	1951
Adirondack Potato Growers' Association initiates Rondak brand and Empire State trademark (Nov) ¹¹⁵⁹	1951
Mixtures of parathion, sulfur, and DDT are found particularly effective on potato leafroll ¹¹⁶⁰	1951
USDA inspectors find <i>H. rostochiensis</i> in soil from potatoes in hold of ship from Peru at Seattle (3 Apr) ¹¹⁶¹	1951
M.T. Franklin publication brings H.W. Wollenweber's research on <i>H. rostochiensis</i> into general recognition ¹¹⁶²	1951
USDA inspectors find <i>H. rostochiensis</i> in soil from potatoes in hold of ship from Peru at NY harbor (25 Sep)	1951
U.S. Potato Introduction Station Herbarium (PTIS) is established at Sturgeon Bay, WI to serve IR-1 ¹¹⁶³	c. 1952
Experimental potato storage units are added at Long Island Vegetable Research Farm, Riverhead ¹¹⁶⁴	1952
Factor Nilsson develops a potato harvester in Sweden ¹¹⁶⁵	1952
Mayo Delisle forms Mayo Manufacturing and brings his son Duane into the business a year later ¹¹⁶⁶	1952
P.C. Marth reports successful use of chlorpropham (CIPC) as potato sprout inhibitor ¹¹⁶⁷	1952
Lernell and Hasbro, Inc. bring Mr. Potato Head™ to market & use TV to advertise directly to kids (1 May) ¹¹⁶⁸	1952
<i>American Restaurant Magazine</i> features McDonald brothers' concept of 'fast food' (Jul) ¹¹⁶⁹	1952
McDonald brothers begin licensing their 'Speedy Service System' to franchisees ¹¹⁷⁰	1952
Neil Fox signs contract to become a licensed franchisee of McDonald's in Phoenix, AZ ¹¹⁷¹	1952
McDonald brothers hire Stanley Meston to design Neil Fox's new store as model for all future franchisees ¹¹⁷²	1952
Dick McDonald conceives the idea of 'golden arches' as the symbol of McDonald's restaurants ¹¹⁷³	1952
Marilyn Monroe wears burlap potato sack for 'You'd look good even in a potato sack' photo shoot ¹¹⁷⁴	1952
Adirondack Potato Growers' Assoc. receives federal consent to use 300 Canadian laborers for harvest (Aug) ¹¹⁷⁵	1952
A.B. Farquhar Co. Ltd. becomes a division of Oliver Corporation ¹¹⁷⁶	1952
C. Bazan de Segura pub. report that <i>H. rostochiensis</i> has been found in Peru and suggests it is indigenous ¹¹⁷⁷	1952
Wm. E. Berelson & F. Nephi Griggs organize Ore-Ida Potato Products, Inc. for making frozen French fries ¹¹⁷⁸	1952
CPB exhibits resistance to DDT ¹¹⁷⁹	1952
Golden and Nephi Grigg of Ore-Ida Potato Products, Inc. invent 'Tater Tots' to use left-over potato shreds ¹¹⁸⁰	1953
<i>International Code of Nomenclature for Cultivated Plants</i> (ICNCP) is issued to codify naming of cultivars ¹¹⁸¹	1953
J.R. Simplot begins selling frozen French fries ¹¹⁸²	1953
Schuler Farms (Schuler Potato Chips), Cato, NY, hosts NYS Potato Field Day (6 Aug) ¹¹⁸³	1953
Mr. Potato Head meets Mrs. Potato Head ¹¹⁸⁴	1953
Mrs. Potato Head is introduced by Hasbro, Inc. ¹¹⁸⁵	1953

Mr. and Mrs Potato Head acquire a son, Spud, and a daughter, Yam ¹¹⁸⁶	1953
J. East grows a single potato weighing 7 pounds, 1 oz. in England ¹¹⁸⁷	1953
Insecticidal properties of Diazinon are described in Germany ¹¹⁸⁸	1953
H.J. Toxopeus and C.A. Huijsman find resistance to Golden nematode in <i>S. tuberosum</i> ssp. <i>andigena</i> ¹¹⁸⁹	1953
Webb & Miller, USDA/Louisiana, develop the Red La Soda variety, a clonal selection from La Soda ¹¹⁹⁰	1953
USDA est. Agricultural Research Service (ARS) to join animal & plant interests for research and regulation ¹¹⁹¹	1953
McDonald brothers' franchising effort fails to extent that their 'Speedy Service System' is jeopardized ¹¹⁹²	1953
C.A. Swanson & Sons debut whole frozen meals, called TV dinners, in grocery stores ¹¹⁹³	1954
Joe Murphy begins manufacturing cheese and onion flavored Tayto crisps at Donabate, Ireland ¹¹⁹⁴	1954
Diltz-Wetzel Manufacturing Co. is incorporated at Ithaca, MI ¹¹⁹⁵	1954
Diltz-Wetzel Manufacturing Co., Ithaca, MI, continues despite the passing of Leon Diltz ¹¹⁹⁶	1954
Eben Dahlman sells Dahlman Manufacturing Company, name and all ¹¹⁹⁷	1954
Katahdin is by far the most widely grown potato variety in the US with 38% of total production ¹¹⁹⁸	1954

Usual varieties grown in New York State are Chippewa, Irish Cobbler, Green Mountain, Katahdin, Kennebec, Ontario, Pontiac, Smooth Rural, Russet Rural and Sebago. Newer varieties being recommended on a small scale are Canoga, Cherokee, Essex and Houma.

Green Mountain, despite its excellent baking quality, is decreasing in acreage primarily because of a marked tendency to produce ill shaped, knobby tubers under adverse conditions. Yields of marketable tubers are high under good growing conditions.

Katahdin is by far the most important variety in New York, accounting for approximately one-half the acreage. The variety is not particularly outstanding in yielding ability, disease resistance, or cooking quality. Its popularity can be attributed to dependability in producing a fair crop under very adverse growing conditions. Tubers are very attractive and for that reason preferred by retailers, wholesalers, and consumers.

“Potato Production in New York State,” *Cornell Extension Bulletin* 890, pp. 16-17.

McDonald brothers own eight Los Angeles fast-food restaurants using their 'Speedy Service System' ¹¹⁹⁹	1954
Ray Kroc seeks Dick & Mac McDonald to find out why they are buying so many shake mixers (summer) ¹²⁰⁰	1954
Dick and Mac McDonald hire Ray Kroc as their franchising agent ¹²⁰¹	1954
R. Kroc forms McDonald's Systems Inc. using McDonald brothers' 'Speedy Service System' for fast-food ¹²⁰²	1955
Ray Kroc opens McDonald's franchise in Des Plaines, IL and calls it "McDonald's #1" ¹²⁰³	1955
McDonald's franchises use Russet Burbank potatoes exclusively for its French fries ¹²⁰⁴	1955
Ray Dunlap leaves Simplot Company ¹²⁰⁵	1955

The ten top-ranking American potato varieties in the 1955 certified seed crop are as follows: Katahdin, 13,876,943 bu.; Russet Burbank, 7,998,714 bu.; Red Pontiac, 4,293,091 bu.; Irish Cobbler, 3,720,267 bu.; White Rose, 2,617,029 bu.; Kennebec, 1,751,502 bu.; Chippewa, 1,013,045 bu.; Cherokee, 1,010,723 bu.; Triumph, 873,002 bu.; Sebago, 753,696 bu. These ten varieties account for 91 percent of the 1955 crop of certified seed potatoes.

R.W. Hougas and R.W. Ross

“The use of foreign introductions in breeding American potato varieties,”
Am. Potato Jour. Nov 1956, 33(11): 335.

Home microwave ovens are manufactured ¹²⁰⁶	1955
Vic Mills and Ken Hawley at P&G launch effort to produce an engineered 'potato chip', i.e. Pringles ^{®1207}	mid-1950s
Miles Willard and James Cording, Jr. invent instant potato flakes at USDA ARS ¹²⁰⁸	1956
H. Harrison McCain and his brothers, Andrew, Wallace and Robert, form McCain Foods Ltd. (24 May) ¹²⁰⁹	1956
J.R. 'Jack' Simplot urges Idaho Advertising Commission to include potato processors ¹²¹⁰	1956
Schuler Potato Chip Co. merges with Sunshine Biscuit Co. where Schuler's Potato Chips is a brand (Dec) ¹²¹¹	1956
LIVRF acquires 20 a.; plant pathology is moved to Riverhead; staff begins conducting research on potatoes ¹²¹²	1956
NY Potato Growers Cooperative, Inc. succeeds NY Cooperative Seed Potato Association, Inc. ¹²¹³	1956
Nematology journal <i>Nematologica</i> is launched ¹²¹⁴	1956
Direct bulk potato harvester is used for seed potatoes at Leavitt Farm in Gabriels, NY ¹²¹⁵	1956

Wanted: Four good potato pickers. Can make \$10 or \$12 per day.

Doug Martin, Gabriels, NY
Adirondack Daily Enterprise (Saranac Lake, NY)
10 Sep 1956, p. 7.

McCain Foods Ltd. opens frozen French fry plant in Florenceville, NB, Canada (27 Feb) ¹²¹⁶	1957
The Idaho Advertising Commission is changed to the Idaho Potato and Onion Commission (IP&OC) ¹²¹⁷	1957
Potato mop top virus (PMTV) is identified in Ireland ¹²¹⁸	1957
Louis Martino convinces Ray Kroc to fund McDonald's lab to turn French fries making into a science ¹²¹⁹	1957
Johansen, Sandar, Hoyman & Lana of North Dakota release the Norland variety, ND 626 x Redkote ¹²²⁰	1957
Idaho potato production surpasses Maine ¹²²¹	1957
Miles Willard establishes commercial potato flake processing plant at Idaho Falls, ID ¹²²²	1957
Carl and Leo Hobbs establish Spudnik Equipment Co. to make potato scoopers at Blackfoot, ID ¹²²³	1958
Dr. Edward D. Jones comes to Cornell U. as plant pathologist and takes extension responsibility for potatoes ¹²²⁴	1958
Spudnik Equipment Co. designs and manufactures a bin piler at Blackfoot, ID ¹²²⁵	1958
A Canadian shipping firm runs ads for its potatoes as "Idaho Type Russets"; others follow their lead ¹²²⁶	1958
The Delaney Clause is included in Food Additives Amendment to Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act ¹²²⁷	1958
Frito-Lay, Inc. introduces Ruffles™, a ridged potato chip, to the market ¹²²⁸	1958
National Potato Chip Institute becomes Potato Chip Institute International (PCII) ¹²²⁹	1959
T.S. Skarbilovich erects subgenus <i>Globodera</i> to accommodate PCN and related species having round cysts ¹²³⁰	1959
Eskel Peterson founds Better Built Manufacturing Inc. in Firth, ID, to make potato seed cutters (Jun) ¹²³¹	1959
Potato tuber moth is identified near Boise, ID ¹²³²	1959
NYS is fourth largest potato producing state in the U.S. and second-largest in the Northeast ¹²³³	1959
P. Karlson and M. Loscher coin the term 'pheromone' ¹²³⁴	1959
Henry M. Darling publishes "North American potato varieties" in <i>1959 Potato Handbook</i> for PAA ¹²³⁵	1959
Mid-winter drought impacts northern New York; precipitation is down 3.64 inches by Jan (Dec-Mar) ¹²³⁶	1960-61
Hinerwadel's, Inc. of North Syracuse begins selling packaged salt potatoes ¹²³⁷	1960s
Mayo Manufacturing begins making potato handling equipment ¹²³⁸	1960s
F. Gilbert 'Gib' Lamb invents (and patents?) a water gun knife to slice French fries automatically ¹²³⁹	1960
Dr. Edward D. Jones is made head of NYS certified seed potato program and research on potato diseases ¹²⁴⁰	1960
A. Seymour, Malone, NY, NYS Certified Seed Growers Cooperative urges est. of a state seed farm (Oct) ¹²⁴¹	1960
Dr. Edward D. Jones <i>et al.</i> approach Mr. & Mrs. Henry Uihlein II to rent or buy land for NYS seed farm ¹²⁴²	1960
N.W. Simmonds, UK, begins studies to recreate long-day <i>tuberosum</i> traits from short-day <i>andigena</i> species ¹²⁴³	1960

One (experiment) was an attempt to adapt a population derived from *Andigena* to British day-lengths in order, firstly, to show that *Andigena* could have been the origin of our cultivated potato, *Tuberosum*, and secondly, to provide material for use in breeding. It seemed desirable to show that *Andigena* could be adapted because some considered that the Chilean population, which is adapted to somewhat longer days than *Andigena*, was both independent of *Andigena* in origin and more likely to be the source of *Tuberosum*. The second experiment was an attempt to adapt a population based on diploid cultivars of the Phureja Group to our conditions.

Glendinning, D.R.,
"Enriching the potato gene-pool using primitive cultivars," in
Proceedings of the Conference Broadening the Genetic Base of Crops,
Wageningen, Netherlands, 3-7 July 1978, A.C. Zeven and A.M. van
Harten (editors), Centre for Agricultural Pub. and Doc., Wageningen,
1979, p. 40.

J.G. Hawkes and J.P. Hjerting describe <i>S. venturii</i> , a wild species in Argentina ¹²⁴⁴	1960
Cartoon character, Deputy Dawg, promotes Lay's™ brand potato chips for Frito-Lay, Inc. ¹²⁴⁵	1960
Workers at Schuler's Potato Chip Co., Cato, NY, factory strike over recognition of a union (11 Jul) ¹²⁴⁶	1960
Morton Berzosa, USDA chemist, reports his idea of using sex pheromones to disrupt insect mating ¹²⁴⁷	1960
Pro-Fac Cooperative is formed at Rochester, NY ¹²⁴⁸	1960
U.S. per capital consumption of fresh potatoes is 81 pounds (farm weight) ¹²⁴⁹	1960

Ray Kroc's McDonald's Systems Inc. is renamed McDonald's Corporation ¹²⁵⁰	1960
The Frito Company and H.W. Lay & Company merge to become Frito-Lay, Inc. ¹²⁵¹	1961
Lamb Weston establishes frozen potato processing plant at American Falls, ID ¹²⁵²	1961
Cornell Univ. rents 4 a. of Tableland Farm from Henry & Mildred Uihlein to begin seed farm operations ¹²⁵³	1961
Dr. Robert F. Lucey convinces NYS legislature to fund Cornell's Agric. Research Station at Canton, NY ¹²⁵⁴	1961
Merthin Miles, Scott Brown & Owen Ward found Milestone Seed Cutter to make seed potato cutters ¹²⁵⁵	1961
Schuler Potato Chip Division of Sunshine Biscuit Co. ends production of potato chips at Cato, NY (20 Jun) ¹²⁵⁶	1961
Milestone Equipment begins manufacturing seed potato cutters at Blackfoot, ID ¹²⁵⁷	1961
John S. Niederhauser establishes the Inter-American Potato Program in Mexico ¹²⁵⁸	1961
Predecessor of Northern NY Agricultural Dev. Program is created to aid Cornell Coop. Extension agents ¹²⁵⁹	1961
Terrell's Potato Chip Company is founded by William Terrell at Syracuse, NY ¹²⁶⁰	1961
Ray Kroc buys out the McDonald brothers for \$2.7 million; they keep their original restaurant ¹²⁶¹	1961
Colin G. Butler identifies the pheromone of the honey bee ¹²⁶²	1961
A.B. Farquhar Co. ceases to exist when Oliver Corporaton is acquired by White Farm Equipment Co. ¹²⁶³	1961
Gustav H. Rieman, U. of Wisconsin, releases Superior variety, from MN59.44 x USDA X96-56 ¹²⁶⁴	1961
Production value of potatoes tops all other crops in Idaho ¹²⁶⁵	1961
Henry & Mildred Uihlein donate 317 a. Tableland Farm to Cornell Univ. for NYS seed potato farm (Dec) ¹²⁶⁶	1961
Dan Crawford founds <i>Spudman</i> magazine (1 Jan) ¹²⁶⁷	1962
Dr. Edward Anton Asselbergs, Canada, invents dehydrated potato flakes for instant mashed potatoes ¹²⁶⁸	1962
Dr. Robert L. Plaisted, Cornell Univ., is elected president of the Potato Association of America ¹²⁶⁹	1962
Edwin Traisman of McDonald's patents method of preparing frozen French-fried potatoes ¹²⁷⁰	1962
Potato breeding program is est. at Teagasc, Oak Park, Co. Carlow, IE, to find late blight resistant varieties ¹²⁷¹	1962
Cornell-Uihlein Seed Farm grows 43 varieties: 13 commercial types, 7 breeding/isease tests, 23 seedlings ¹²⁷²	1962
Miller, Fontenot & Young of Louisiana release the La Rouge variety "(La Soda x Progress) Self" ¹²⁷³	1962
Schuler Foods (Sunshine Biscuit Co.) returns former Schuler potato chip plant to Village of Cato (fall) ¹²⁷⁴	1962
Ray Kroc opens McDonald's near McDonald brothers original restaurant and drives it out of business ¹²⁷⁵	1962-64
Sunshine Biscuit Co. returns former Schuler potato chip plant to Village of Cato (Jan) ¹²⁷⁶	1963
G.W. Simpson & R.V. Akeley of USDA and Maine release Penobscot, first with resistance to PLRV ¹²⁷⁷	1963
Cornell-Uihlein Seed Farm, T. of North Elba, initiates a breeder-grower test program for New York ¹²⁷⁸	1963
Frito-Lay, Inc. launches "Betcha can't eat just one" slogan for Lay's™ brand potato chips ¹²⁷⁹	1963
Bored men make 'cannon' tube of beer cans and launch tennis balls, later potatoes, with gasoline fuel ¹²⁸⁰	c. 1963
Borden Condensed Milk Company buys Wise Potato Chip Company ¹²⁸¹	1964
Cornell-Uihlein Seed Farm, T. of North Elba, sells Chippewa foundation seed to NY seed growers ¹²⁸²	1964
Cornell-Uihlein Seed Farm, T. of North Elba builds concrete potato storage warehouse, 12,600 cwt capacity ¹²⁸³	1964
R.L. Plaisted, Cornell U., receives true seeds of andigena-tuberosum hybrids from Ochoa & Estrada at CIP ¹²⁸⁴	1964
F.J. Stevenson, R.V. Akeley, Newton & Isleib of USDA and Frito-Lay release the Monona variety ¹²⁸⁵	1964
Empire State Potato Club renames its field days to the Potato Field Day and Farm Materials Exhibition ¹²⁸⁶	1964
Mr. Potato Head™ is sold with a plastic body to replace the need for a real potato ¹²⁸⁷	1964
Robert Johansen of North Dakota releases the Norgold Russet variety ¹²⁸⁸	1964
Drought impacts northern New York; precipitation is down by 4.18 inches by July (Oct-July) ¹²⁸⁹	1964-65
Frito-Lay, Inc. and the Pepsi-Cola Company merge to form PepsiCo, Inc. ¹²⁹⁰	1965
Frito-Lay, Inc. buys regional potato chip brands and converts them to one uniform brand: Lay's ¹²⁹¹	1961-65
Frito-Lay's regular brand of Lay's™ potato chips are sold nationwide ¹²⁹²	1965
P&G begins test marketing of Pringles®, an engineered, 'prefabricated' potato chip ¹²⁹³	1965
McCain Foods, Inc. enters the United Kingdom market ¹²⁹⁴	1965
H.J. Heinz Company purchases Ore-Ida Potato Products, Inc. ¹²⁹⁵	1965
Plant breeders in Nebraska release Red Norland variety, a clonal selection of Norland ¹²⁹⁶	1965
R.L. Plaisted, Cornell, confirms progress made by N.W. Simmonds, UK, re. andigena evolution to tuberosum ¹²⁹⁷	1965
Temik, a soil applied systemic insecticide-nematicide appears on the marketplace ¹²⁹⁸	1965
Potato mop top virus (PMTV) is reported in Great Britain ¹²⁹⁹	1966
McDonald's begins switching to frozen French fries ¹³⁰⁰	1966
Sunshine Biscuit Company is sold to American Tobacco Company ¹³⁰¹	1966
U.S. potato production is 300,000,000 cwt. on 1.5 million acres using 70 varieties ¹³⁰²	1966

The most popular variety is the Russet Burbank which is long established and produced mainly in Idaho, followed by Washington, Oregon, Maine, and at least three Midwestern states. It is closely rivaled by the Katahdin grown mostly in Maine, the New England states, New York, and along the eastern coast. Kennebec is next, being grown more or less generally in most all of the late fall and in a few of the winter and early spring states. Varieties such as Red Pontiac, Norland, and Red La Soda are concentrated mainly in the Midwest as early fall varieties or for storage, or as a winter and early spring crop in some southern states. Norgold Russet is grown in several Midwestern states and to some extent in the Far West, mainly Washington. (Irish) Cobbler is a second established variety grown mostly in Maine, Minnesota, and North Dakota. Superior is relatively new, grown in the Midwest, and, to a limited extent, in the South and East as an early crop. White Rose is a third established variety and is grown mostly in California. These ten varieties probably account for more than 75% of all the potatoes grown in the United States today, and about 90% of the acreage grown for certified seed.

Smith, Ora, *et al.*, 1968. *Potatoes: Production, Storing, Processing*, The AVI Publishing Company, Inc., Westport, CT, p. 148

R. Plaisted & L.C. Peterson (Cornell) release Golden nematode resistant Peconic, LNA-106 x Katahdin¹³⁰³ 1966
 USDOL creates 'parental exemption' rule for child-labor in agriculture¹³⁰⁴ 1966

The parental exemption allows children of any age who are employed by their parent, or a person standing in the place of a parent, to perform any job on a farm owned or operated by their parent or such person standing in the place of a parent.

John S. Niederhauser establishes the International Potato Program in Mexico¹³⁰⁵ 1966
 J.R. Simplot agrees to provide fresh Russet Burbank potatoes to McDonald's year-round¹³⁰⁶ 1966
 J.R. Simplot loses 300 carloads of Russet Burbanks and \$400K due to foul ups in cold storages¹³⁰⁷ 1966
 Sealtest tests Chipnics™, an engineered, 'prefabricated' potato chip, in Roanoke, VA market, but it fails¹³⁰⁸ 1966
 IP&OC begins national television ads for Idaho® potatoes on The Today Show and The Tonight Show¹³⁰⁹ 1966-67
 The Idaho Potato and Onion Commission is changed to the Idaho Potato Commission (IPC)¹³¹⁰ 1967
 J.R. Simplot & Ray Kroc, with handshake, agree Simplot will supply frozen French fries to McDonald's¹³¹¹ 1967
 J.R. Simplot builds \$3.5M production facility to implement McDonald's process for frozen French fries¹³¹² 1967
 J.R. Simplot's Ray Kueneman perfects commercial scale process for making frozen French fries¹³¹³ 1967
 R.F. Smith & R. van den Bosch introduce Integrated Pest Management (IPM) techniques¹³¹⁴ 1967
 Dr. Simmonds' 'neo-tuberosum' research moves from John Innes Instit. to Scottish Plant Breeding Station¹³¹⁵ 1967

Several thousand seedlings were planted out, and at harvest, tubers were kept from virtually every plan that had given any. At first, only few plants tubered. The (resulting) tubers were planted next season, isolated from other potatoes, and naturally-set berries were taken. This naturally-derived seed was used to plant another field of seedlings, which gave better yield, tubers were again kept and replanted to give further seed. This was repeated again and again, the selection criteria being modified as the population improved, first to favor higher yields rather than just shapes or colors. A re-selection was made in the tuber-planted seed-production plots, tubers being kept for inclusion in the following year's seed-production plots, tubers being kept for inclusion in the following year's seed production **plots seed-** production plots. And for many years about half the seedlings were grown each year in Cornwall, in the extreme SW of England, where severe blight usually occurs, selections from the survivors being indicated in the same seed-production plots as those from the 'home sites'.

Phytoplasmas (non-helical, wall-less prokaryotes) are discovered and described¹³¹⁶ 1967
 U.S. Weather Bureau renamed National Weather Service¹³¹⁷ 1967
 Empire State Potato Club changes name of its field days exhibition to Empire Farm Days¹³¹⁸ 1967
 R. Plaisted and L.C. Peterson release Bake-King variety, a cross of Merrimack and Green Mountain¹³¹⁹ 1967
 C.E. Cunningham, R.V. Akeley *et al.* release Wauseon variety with resistance to Golden nematode¹³²⁰ 1967
 Akeley, Mills, Cunningham & Watts of USDA and Pennsylvania release Lenape variety (15 Nov)¹³²¹ 1967

Golden nematode is identified on potato farm near Prattsburg, Steuben County (2 Dec)	1322	1967
General Mills successfully launches its engineered ‘prefabricated’ potato chip, Chipos®	1323	1967
R. Johansen, Shultz & Huguelet of North Dakota release the Norchip variety	1324	1968
Muriel O’Brien and Bill Raymer find potato spindle tuber disease is caused by new infective agent	1325	1968
J. Gellings and F. Thompson together form GPOD of Idaho	1326	1968
Lamb Weston establishes potato processing plant at Connell, WA	1327	1968
McCain Foods Great Britain is established	1328	1968
McCain Foods, Inc. enters Australian market	1329	1968
Cornell School of Hotel Admin. runs blind evaluation of culinary characteristics of Bake-King in hotel	1330	1968

Eighteen cwt. of Bake-Kings (a white-skinned baking variety with high solids) were given to Cornell’s Statler Hotel for blind evaluation by their customers, who until that time had been served Russet Burbank baked potatoes exclusively. When the Bake-Kings were depleted, the Statler switched back to Russet Burbanks and immediately received unsolicited inquiries from their regular customers who wanted to know, “What happened to the ‘good’ baking potato?”

Dr. Edward Jones in *The Uihlein Farm of Cornell University and Development of Potato Seed Stocks by Tissue Culture*, 2002, pp. 40-41.

USDA-ARS issues <i>The Golden Nematode Handbook</i> (Sep)	1331	1968
Ken Strong of McDonald’s patents enhanced method of preparing frozen French fried potatoes	1332	1968
Proctor & Gamble researchers synthesize a fat substitute called sucrose polyester, later called olestra	1333	1968
Wise Potato Chip Company changes name to Wise Foods, Inc. (Jan)	1334	1969
Proctor & Gamble introduces Pringles® to the market	1335	1969
U.S. gov’t quarantines portions of Nassau, Suffolk and Steuben Counties to contain Golden nematode	1336	1969
D.R. Glendinning <i>et al.</i> (UK), coin ‘Neo-Tuberosum’ for new species derived from wild <i>andigena</i> species	1337	1969
Carlos Ochoa ‘rediscovers’ the ‘Darwin potato’ on the archipelago of Chiloé	1338	1969
A moratorium on the use of DDT in agriculture is established in Arizona	1339	1969
McCain Foods Ltd. enters U.S. markets	1340	1969
An unusually severe infection of PVY affects the potato breeding program at Cornell Univ., Ithaca	1341	1969
Weaver Potato Chip Co. & PCII sue General Mills for describing ‘prefabricated’ chips as potato chips	1342	c. 1969
Cornell-Uihlein Seed Farm, T. of N. Elba completes parallel terracing of its fields to control soil erosion	1343	1969-71
Carroll Haines, Haines Equipment Inc., buys Boggs Manufacturing (Wayland, NY)	1344	early 1970s
Potato chip manufacturers (PCII) bring suit against Proctor & Gamble for describing Pringles® as ‘chips’	1345	1970s
U.S. per-capita fresh potato consumption is 23 kilos	1346	1970s
Long Island Vegetable Research Farm expands applied research programs on potatoes	1347	1970s
Farmers begin to use pheromones for monitoring insect pests in order to reduce insecticide use	1348	1970s
U.S. Plant Variety Protection Act (PVPA) is passed, but it excludes potatoes	1349	1970
USDA-APHIS removes New Castle County, DE, from Golden nematode quarantine regulation	1350	1970
Terrell’s Potato Chip Co. buys Crispy Maid Potato Chips and relocates there when Route 481 takes its land	1351	1970
New York Seed Improvement Cooperative, Inc. succeeds NY Foundation Seed Stocks Coop., Inc.	1352	1970
Scotland begins requiring all seed lots entered for certification be derived from virus-tested stem cuttings	1353	1970
Sec. 4 is added to NYS Constitution Art. XIV to protect farmland for production of food & agric. products	1354	1970
Potato chip sales (U.S.) top \$1 billion	1355	1970
Name of potato variety Lenape is withdrawn (Mar)	1356	1970
Proctor & Gamble organic chemist, Frederic J. Baur, patents tube-shaped container for Pringles®	1357	1970
Dr. Ed Jones (Cornell Univ) <i>et al.</i> develop national standards for grades of seed potatoes	1358	1970-72
National Potato Promotion Board (NPPB) is established to promote the benefits of eating potatoes	1359	1971
<i>Potato Grower</i> magazine is founded	1360	1971
Theodor O. Diener, USDA ARS, announces discovery of the potato spindle tuber viroid (PSTVd)	1361	1971
USDA separates Animal & Plant Health Services (APHIS) from ARS	1362	1971
Maurice “Mac” McDonald, co-founder of McDonald’s, dies at 69 yo. (11 Dec)	1363	1971
NYS Agriculture & Markets Law is amended to include Agricultural Districts to reduce farm tax liability	1364	1971

U.S. per capita consumption of processed potato products surpasses that of fresh potatoes ¹³⁶⁵	1971
Frito-Lay introduces Munchos™ brand potato crisps ¹³⁶⁶	1971
The International Potato Center (CIP) is created in Lima, Peru ¹³⁶⁷	1972
Cornell University develops Integrated Pest Management Program to optimize pesticide use ¹³⁶⁸	1972
USDA issues U.S. Standards for Grades of Seed Potato ¹³⁶⁹	1972
USDA est. Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) to merge many USDA functions ¹³⁷⁰	1972
Dr. Robert Atkins introduces his high-protein, high-fat, low-carbohydrate diet program ¹³⁷¹	1972
J. Creighton Miller, Jr. starts the potato breeding program at Texas A&M University¹³⁷²	1972
Lamb Weston begins construction of new potato processing plants at Quincy, WA, and Hermiston, OR ¹³⁷³	1972
Curtise-Burns acquires Snyder's of Hanover, Berlin (Jun) ¹³⁷⁴	1972
US Court of Appeals, 8 th Circuit, decides General Mills' 'prefabricated' Chipos® are potato chips (16 Jun) ¹³⁷⁵	1972
Potato chip manufacturers (PCII) lose suit against P&G; Pringles® are described as potato chips ¹³⁷⁶	c. 1972
<i>Potato Grower</i> magazine is founded in Idaho ¹³⁷⁷	1972
All McDonald's restaurants serve frozen French fries made from the Traisman-Strong method year-round ¹³⁷⁸	1972
WIC (Women, Infants and Children) nutrition program at USDA is created (26 Sep) ¹³⁷⁹	1972
J.R. Simplot becomes the largest potato processor in the U.S.	1972
J.R. Simplot is elected Honorary Life Member of the Potato Association of America ¹³⁸⁰	1972
Potato tuber moth is identified in Oregon ¹³⁸¹	1972
<i>Erwinia chrysanthemi</i> is reported to cause blackleg in potatoes in The Netherlands ¹³⁸²	1972
Currency crisis results when OPEC oil embargo leads to 'energy crisis' in U.S. ¹³⁸³	1973
Gasoline shortage causes potato chip plant closures; bad growing season raises potato prices ¹³⁸⁴	1973
Cornell Univ. initiates research to develop meristem and tissue culture production of potato seed stocks ¹³⁸⁵	1973
USDA rescinds release of the Lenape variety due to high concentration of glycoalkaloid ¹³⁸⁶	1973
A.R. Stone describes <i>Heterodera pallida</i> , a new species of PCN ¹³⁸⁷	1973
Tom and Tony Osowski form Minto Machine Shop in Minto, ND ¹³⁸⁸	1973
Resistance to benzimidazole fungicides by fungus <i>Fusarium sambucinum</i> is found in Europe ¹³⁸⁹	1973
J.R. "Jack" Simplot 'retires' as president of J.R. Simplot Co., but remains involved with its activities ¹³⁹⁰	1973
U.S. EPA bans all use of DDT ¹³⁹¹	1973
Frito-Lay opens new potato chip plant at Kirkwood, NY ¹³⁹²	1974
Mr. Potato Head loses his arms and his parts are doubled in size to meet U.S. federal child safety regulations ¹³⁹³	1974
Monsanto receives patent for John Franz's synthesized derivatives of glyphosate as an herbicide (Roundup®) ¹³⁹⁴	1974
NYSDEC purchases 4500-acre Star Lake tract from Andrew M. Schuler (Schuler Potato Chip Co) (Nov) ¹³⁹⁵	1974
U.S. farms had \$80 billion in sales ¹³⁹⁶	1974
Census of Agriculture reports 51,500 potato producing farms in U.S. ¹³⁹⁷	1974
Acreage planted to potatoes in Pacific Northwest is 490,000 acres ¹³⁹⁸	1975
Washington Potato Commission begins running ads "Idaho potatoes grow better in Washington" ¹³⁹⁹	1975
Idaho Potato Commission begin never-ending vigorous protection of its trademarks, especially Idaho® ¹⁴⁰⁰	1975
P&G's Pringles® acquire 15% of U.S. potato chip market ¹⁴⁰¹	1975
FDA requires that P&G disclose that Pringles® are made from dehydrated potatoes ¹⁴⁰²	1975
David H. Young, seed grower, Gabriels, NY, receives "I dig spuds" badge from US Potato Board (6 May) ¹⁴⁰³	1975
McCain Foods Ltd. acquires French fry plant in Washburn, ME ¹⁴⁰⁴	1975
James W. Davis pub. 2 nd ed. of <i>Aristocrat in Burlap: A History of the Potato in Idaho</i> ¹⁴⁰⁵	1975
T. Hughes & 5 th grade students create 'The Potato Museum' exhibit at Int'l School of Brussels (Belgium) ¹⁴⁰⁶	1975
E. Behrens elevates subgenus <i>Globodera</i> to genus level to properly describe two species of PCN ¹⁴⁰⁷	1975
McDonald's emulates Wendy's by opening drive-thru restaurants ¹⁴⁰⁸	1975
Long Island Vegetable Research Farm is retitled Long Island Horticultural Research Laboratory (LIHRL) ¹⁴⁰⁹	1975
A severe drought occurs in northwestern Europe, especially France and England (Jan-Sep) ¹⁴¹⁰	1976
R.E. Webb, <i>et al.</i> , USDA, release Atlantic variety, from Wauseon x USDA B5141-6 ¹⁴¹¹	1976
Cornell Univ. procedures for meristem and tissue culture production of potato seed stocks are finalized ¹⁴¹²	1976
New York seed growers plant nineteen varieties of certified/foundation seed comprising 2199 acres ¹⁴¹³	1976
Miller's Potato Chip Factory, formerly ABC Potato Chip Co., ceases operation at Brushton ¹⁴¹⁴	1976
Don Bass informs Arthur Godfrey of his error in stating that potatoes are fattening during his radio show ¹⁴¹⁵	1976
McCain Foods Ltd. acquires French fry plant at Easton, ME ¹⁴¹⁶	1976

Cartoonist Robert Armstrong coins the phrase ‘couch-potato’ ¹⁴¹⁷	1976
Under U.S. EPA, the Toxic Substances Control Act (TOSCA) is passed (11 Oct) ¹⁴¹⁸	1976
NYS Certified Seed Directory for 1976 lists 32 certified seed growers, raising 18 varieties ¹⁴¹⁹	1976
Potato Chip Institute International (PCII) becomes Potato Chip/Snack Food Association ¹⁴²⁰	1976
Hurricane Belle destroys potato crop in Aroostook County, ME (10 Aug) ¹⁴²¹	1976
Cornell Univ. potato breeders successfully remove virus from potato using meristem tissue culture techniques ¹⁴²²	1976
Utz Quality Foods builds third plant to boost potato chip production to 7000 pounds per hour ¹⁴²³	1976
J. Twomey, <i>et al.</i> , USDA & Colorado release the Centennial Russet, from Nooksack x W12-3 ¹⁴²⁴	1976
Mexico exports approximately 25,000 tons of potatoes to Europe ¹⁴²⁵	1976-77
Tubers from virus-free meristem-derived plantlets are field planted at Cornell-Uihlein Seed Farm	1977
USDA AMS issues new “US Standards for Grades of Potatoes for Chipping (1 Jan) ¹⁴²⁶	1978
U.S. EPA requires certification training for all applicators of restricted-use pesticides ¹⁴²⁷	1978
Kettle Foods, Salem, OR, is founded to make great-tasting, all-natural snacks ¹⁴²⁸	1978
Nucleotide sequence of potato spindle tuber viroid (PSTVd) (eukaryotic organism) is completed ¹⁴²⁹	1978
S.M. Bukasov, VIR, organizes cultivated potatoes into three ‘superspecies complexes’ ¹⁴³⁰	1978
D.R. Glendinning suggests that	
Peter Dowdeswell of England eats 3 pounds of potatoes in 1 minute 22 seconds ¹⁴³¹	1978
Walter Wallmüller, Saatzuchtwirtschaft, releases variety Carola (Weima x sport) (K 2244) in Germany ¹⁴³²	1979
Henry Uihlein II Laboratory and adjoining greenhouse is dedicated at Cornell-Uihlein Seed Farm ¹⁴³³	1979
P&G’s John Smale declares that unless Pringles® achieves profitable growth it will be discontinued ¹⁴³⁴	1979
J.S. Niederhauser launches the Regional Cooperative Potato Program to promote potato productivity ¹⁴³⁵	1980
Microwave ovens are found in 10 percent of U.S. households ¹⁴³⁶	1980
J.R. Simplot invests \$4 million in two-year old Micron Technology, Inc. ¹⁴³⁷	1980
Steve & Lynn Bernard start Potato Chip Co. in Hyannis, MA to hand-make kettle potato chips (4 Jul) ¹⁴³⁸	1980
Potato production in U.S. is 1,148,000 acres resulting in 303,905,000 cwt. for avg. of 265 cwt./acre ¹⁴³⁹	1980
Johnston & Rowberry, Ag. Canada/Univ. of Guelph, release Yukon Gold variety, W5279 x Norgleam ¹⁴⁴⁰	1980
R.E. Thornton and J.B. Siczka pub. <i>Commerical Potato Production in North America</i> for the PAA (Jan) ¹⁴⁴¹	1980
Young, Tarn & Davies of Ag. Canada, N.B. release the Shepody variety, from Bake-King x F58050 ¹⁴⁴²	1980
Tarn & Young of Ag. Canada, N.B. release Acadia Russet variety, from Bake-King x Norgold Russet ¹⁴⁴³	1980
J.S. Niederhauser boosts Mexican potato production sixfold and per capita usage threefold since 1950 ¹⁴⁴⁴	1980
In Europe, <i>Phytophthora infestans</i> shows resistance to the therapeutic fungicide, metalaxyl ¹⁴⁴⁵	1980
Crop losses due to <i>Phytophthora infestans</i> in Europe increase dramatically ¹⁴⁴⁶	1980s
Anheuser-Busch starts paying for supermarket shelf space (slotting) to get its Eagle potato chips in stores ¹⁴⁴⁷	1980s
USDA/Cornell stop chemical measures against <i>G. rostochiensis</i> when chemicals are found in L.I. groundwater ¹⁴⁴⁸	1980s
J.J. Pavek, <i>et al.</i> , USDA release Lemhi Russet variety, from Pioneer x A63126-8 ¹⁴⁴⁹	1981
Maine implements law requiring commercial potato growers to plant certified seed ¹⁴⁵⁰	1981
J. Mills, M. McDonald, P. Jennings, E. Dardiner & V. McNulty peel 587.5 lbs. of potatoes in 45 minutes ¹⁴⁵¹	1981
McCain Foods opens facility to produce French fries in Harnes, France ¹⁴⁵²	1981
W.J. Hooker, APS, pub. <i>Compendium of Potato Diseases</i> ¹⁴⁵³	1981
Wayland Potato Festival is inaugurated at Wayland, NY (Steuben County) ¹⁴⁵⁴	1981
U.S. annual per-capita consumption of potatoes is 52 kilos ¹⁴⁵⁵	1982
J.S. Niederhauser begins consulting with potato growers in Poland for productivity improvements ¹⁴⁵⁶	1982
Twomey, Pavek, Holm <i>et al.</i> , USDA & Colorado, release Sangre variety, from Viking x A6356-9 ¹⁴⁵⁷	1982
Kettle Foods, Salem, OR, introduces its natural, hand-cooked potato chips to the western US ¹⁴⁵⁸	1982
Minto Machine Shop changes its name to Harriston Industries and begins making potato equipment ¹⁴⁵⁹	1982
J. Busby grows a single potato weighing 7 pounds, 1 oz. in England ¹⁴⁶⁰	1982
Borden and Frito-Lay introduce thicker, ridged potato chips to the market ¹⁴⁶¹	1983
Jack Mingo and Robert Armstrong publish <i>The Official Couch Potato Handbook</i> ¹⁴⁶²	1983
USDA AMS issues new “US Standards for Grades of Potatoes for Processing” (14 Apr) ¹⁴⁶³	1983
Northern New York Agricultural Development Program is formally defined and organized ¹⁴⁶⁴	1983
Utz Quality Foods finishes modernization of its manufacturing facilities, including ‘hand-cooked’ chips ¹⁴⁶⁵	1983
Mr. Potato Head inspires the Los Angeles Dodgers baseball team to victory in the pennant race ¹⁴⁶⁶	1983
Wendy’s introduces topped baked potatoes (chili, cheese, broccoli) at 2,500 restaurants (Oct) ¹⁴⁶⁷	1983

O’Grady introduces kettle-cooked potato chips¹⁴⁶⁸

Lamb Weston develops Automatic Defect Removal System for high-speed production lines ¹⁴⁶⁹	1983
Lamb Weston introduces the ‘Twister Fry™	
Nell Mondy, Cornell U., is elected Honorary Life Member of the Potato Association of America ¹⁴⁷⁰	1983
Henry Uihlein II, Lake Placid, is elected Honorary Life Member of the Potato Association of America ¹⁴⁷¹	1983
R. Plaisted (Cornell U.) & B. Brodie (ARS) expand research to include exotic races of Golden nematode ¹⁴⁷²	1984
Virulent outbreaks of late blight in Europe prompt resumption of research on <i>Phytophthora infestans</i> ¹⁴⁷³	1984
Dick McDonald cooks & serves the 50 billionth McDonald’s hamburger, having also made #1 (30 May) ¹⁴⁷⁴	1984
Dr. Edward D. Jones, Cornell U., is elected president of the Potato Association of America ¹⁴⁷⁵	1984
Dr. Robert L. Plaisted, Cornell U., is elected Honorary Life Member of the Potato Association of America ¹⁴⁷⁶	1984
Meredith Hughes writes <i>The Great Potato Book</i> for MacMillan Publishing ¹⁴⁷⁷	1984
McCain Foods Ltd. purchases Tater Meal Inc., a potato-based animal food plant, Presque Isle, ME ¹⁴⁷⁸	1984
Second mating type A2 of late blight (<i>Phytophthora infestans</i>) is identified in Switzerland ¹⁴⁷⁹	1984
<i>E. chrysanthemi</i> is subdivided into six pathovars based upon host specificity ¹⁴⁸⁰	1984
Jack Mingo and Robert Armstrong publish <i>The Couch Potato Guide to Life</i> ¹⁴⁸¹	1984
Robert Plaisted <i>et al.</i> at Cornell release the Hampton variety, NY48 x NY51 ¹⁴⁸²	1985
McDonald’s approves use of Canadian potato variety Shepody for its French fries ¹⁴⁸³	1985
Cape Cod Potato Chip Company is purchased by Eagle Snacks, a division of Anheuser-Busch ¹⁴⁸⁴	1985
Tom Hughes exhibits his collection ‘The Potato Museum’ at Washington, DC ¹⁴⁸⁵	1985
Mr and Mrs. Potato Head play supporting roles in <i>Potato Head Kids</i> , their first dramatic television appearance ¹⁴⁸⁶	1985
J.G. Hawkes updates and corrects Salaman’s <i>The History and Social Influence of the Potato</i> ¹⁴⁸⁷	1985
LIHRL adds Colorado potato beetle management specialist to its staff ¹⁴⁸⁸	1985
Mr. Potato Head receives four write-in votes for mayor of Boise, ID ¹⁴⁸⁹	1985
Second mating type A2 of late blight (<i>Phytophthora infestans</i>) is identified in the UK ¹⁴⁹⁰	1985
Potato Chip/Snack Food Association becomes the Snack Food Association ¹⁴⁹¹	1986
The Japp family elects to sell Jays Foods to Borden Foods ¹⁴⁹²	1986
Eskel Peterson of Better Built Manufacturing dies (Dec) ¹⁴⁹³	1986
Dr. Edward D. Jones, Cornell U., is elected Honorary Life Member of the Potato Association of America ¹⁴⁹⁴	1986
Better Built Manufacturing is incorporated in Orem, UT ¹⁴⁹⁵	1986
Maine state legislature establishes Maine Potato Board ¹⁴⁹⁶	1986
Monsanto initiates research program for achieving resistance to PVY in potatoes ¹⁴⁹⁷	1986
U.S. stock market crashes (19 Oct) ¹⁴⁹⁸	1987
USDA AMS establishes “United States Standards for Grades of Seed Potatoes” (6 Mar) ¹⁴⁹⁹	1987
Frostban potatoes with recombinant bacterium to prevent frost formation are field tested ¹⁵⁰⁰	1987
Mr. Potato Head quits smoking his pipe and becomes “spokespod” for the American Cancer Society ¹⁵⁰¹	1987
Henry and Mildred Uihlein endow a professorship of plant pathology for potato breeding, Cornell University ¹⁵⁰²	1987
Robert Johansen at North Dakota releases the Russet Norkotah variety ¹⁵⁰³	1987
Frito-Lay, Inc. is granted patent for variety FL1553 (29 Sep) ¹⁵⁰⁴	1987
Crop losses due to <i>Phytophthora infestans</i> (late blight) increase dramatically in North America ¹⁵⁰⁵	1988-93
Robert Plaisted <i>et al.</i> at Cornell release the Kanona variety, Peconic x GN bulk pollen ¹⁵⁰⁶	1988
Bayer CropSciences receives U.S. patent for imidacloprid (3 May) ¹⁵⁰⁷	1988
Severe drought affects the Northeast and the Adirondacks; potato growers seek federal aid ¹⁵⁰⁸	1988
Improvements in seed certification programs effectively control all problems with PVX ¹⁵⁰⁹	1988
Monsanto initiates research program for achieving resistance to PLRV in potatoes ¹⁵¹⁰	1988
Tricorp, Inc. is founded ¹⁵¹¹	1988
ConAgra Foods/Golden Valley Microwave Foods buy Lamb Weston for frozen potato products market share ¹⁵¹²	1988
McCain Foods Ltd. acquires potato processing plant at Othello, WA ¹⁵¹³	1988
McCain Foods Ltd. acquires the assets of Ellio’s Pizza, Lodi, NJ ¹⁵¹⁴	1988
McCain Foods Ltd. announces \$39 million expansion of potato processing plant at Othello, WA ¹⁵¹⁵	1989
Robert Plaisted <i>et al.</i> , Cornell, release Allegany variety ¹⁵¹⁶	1989
Researchers at N. Dakota Agr. Coll. release the Norland Dark Red Selection, a mutation of Red Norland	1989
Potato variety Carola (K 2244) is discontinued and removed from the National List in Germany ¹⁵¹⁷	1989
Borden is 2 nd behind Frito-Lay market share for U.S. potato chips ¹⁵¹⁸	1989

Robert Plaisted <i>et al.</i> , Cornell, release the Reba variety, from Monona x Allegany ¹⁵¹⁹	1989
U.S. and Canada implement NAFTA, a free-trade agreement (1 Jan) ¹⁵²⁰	1989
McCain Foods Ltd. starts CDN \$25 million reconstruction of Florenceville, NB, potato chip plant after fire ¹⁵²¹	1990
Northeast and Midwest farmers produce 29% of the U.S. potato crop ¹⁵²²	1990
Pacific Northwest farmers produce 65% of the U.S. potato crop ¹⁵²³	1990
Pringles Company of Jackson, TN, produces the world's largest potato chip, 23" x 14.5" ¹⁵²⁴	1990
McDonald's, stung by criticism over amount of cholesterol in its fries, switches to 'pure' vegetable oil ¹⁵²⁵	1990
Idaho Potato Exposition opens at Black Foot, ID, as a museum to promote potato industry ¹⁵²⁶	1990
Cell Agricultural Manufacturing Company (CAMCO) is formed from bankrupt Dahlman, Inc. (Jan) ¹⁵²⁷	1990
Dana Sinkler and Alex Dzieduszycki of Dana Alexander, Inc. create Terra Chips® (Feb) ¹⁵²⁸	1990
Frito-Lay introduces a low-fat version of Ruffles™ potato chips ¹⁵²⁹	1990
Milestone introduces a 60-inch seed cutter capable of cutting 40,000 lbs of seed potatoes/hr ¹⁵³⁰	1990
Idaho Potato Commission (IPC) inaugurates Potato Lover's Month promotions (Feb) ¹⁵³¹	1990
NYS DAM issues Circular 860, "NYS standards for the grading, classifying and sale of potatoes" (Jun) ¹⁵³²	1990
J.G. Hawkes publishes <i>The Potato: Evolution, Biodiversity & Genetic Resources</i> ¹⁵³³	1990
J.G. Hawkes, taxonomist, organizes cultivated potatoes into seven species and seven subspecies ¹⁵³⁴	1990

Hawkes' treatment of the seven cultivated is not universally accepted and is part of a long history of disagreement amount potato taxonomists of the treatment of both cultivated and wild species.

Zósimo Huamán and David M. Spooner, "Reclassification of landrace populations of cultivated potatoes," *Am. J. of Botany*, 2002, 89(6): 947-965.

The CIP and NRSP-6 adopt Hawkes' treatment of the taxonomy of cultivated potaoes ¹⁵³⁵	1990
Carter <i>et al.</i> recognize four <i>P. infestans</i> mtDNA haplotype groups (Ia, Ib, IIa and IIb) ¹⁵³⁶	1990
John S. Niederhauser is awarded the World Food Prize for improving world potato production ¹⁵³⁷	1990
Lamb Weston files federal patent infringement lawsuit against Ore-Ida for curly fries (27 Jul) ¹⁵³⁸	1990
U.S. per capita consumption of frozen potato products surpasses that of fresh potatoes ¹⁵³⁹	1990
Mexican Ministry of Agriculture initiates the International Cooperative Potato Late Blight Project ¹⁵⁴⁰	1990
Mild winters in potato growing areas of N. America result in green peach aphid infestations ¹⁵⁴¹	early 1990s
J.J. Pavek <i>et al.</i> at USDA-Aberdeen release Ranger Russet variety, Butte x A6595-3 ¹⁵⁴²	1991
Carlos M. Ochoa publishes <i>The Potatoes of South America: Bolivia</i> ¹⁵⁴³	1991
Frito-Lay's U.S. market share of snack products falls to 38 percent ¹⁵⁴⁴	1991
Lamb Weston files federal patent infringement lawsuit against J.R. Simplot Co. over curly fries (18 Sep) ¹⁵⁴⁵	1991
Cornell University's College of Ag. & Life Sciences is designated official seed certification agency for NYS ¹⁵⁴⁶	1991
J.S. Niederhauser traces origin of virulent European strains of <i>Phytophthora infestans</i> to Mexico ¹⁵⁴⁷	1991
Potato mop top virus (PMTV) is reported in Canada ¹⁵⁴⁸	1991
NYS closes it's borders to Canadian potatoes due to discovery of PVY ⁿ virus in New Brunswick ¹⁵⁴⁹	1991
Potato mop top virus (PMTV) is found in Canada, but Canadians fail to report it to U.S. authorities ¹⁵⁵⁰	1991-92
Crop losses due to <i>Phytophthora infestans</i> in Middle East and Far East increase dramatically ¹⁵⁵¹	1991-95
<i>P. infestans</i> in NW Columbia Basin changes from US-1 genotype to recombinant genotypes ¹⁵⁵²	1992-95
National Museum of Science & Technology at Ottawa, Canada, opens "The Amazing Potato" exhibition ¹⁵⁵³	1992
Lamb Weston drops curly fry patent infringement suit against J.R. Simplot (10 Feb) ¹⁵⁵⁴	1992
Vice Pres. Dan Quayle fails to correctly spell potato at a Trenton, NJ, elementary school (15 Jun) ¹⁵⁵⁵	1992
Late blight Type A2, <i>Phytophthora infestans</i> strain US-8, is detected in New York ¹⁵⁵⁶	1992
Resistance to benzimidazole fungicides by fungus <i>Fusarium sambucinum</i> is found in United States ¹⁵⁵⁷	1992
McDonald's opens restaurant in Beijing, China ¹⁵⁵⁸	1992
U.S. Potato Genebank (IR-1) is renamed National Research Support Program-6 (NRSP-6) ¹⁵⁵⁹	1992
J.B. Sieczka and R.E. Thornton pub. 2 nd ed. of <i>Commercial Potato Production in North America</i> for PAA ¹⁵⁶⁰	1992
U.S. EPA loses suit challenging its policy of 'negligible risk' versus the Delaney Clause of 'zero risk' ¹⁵⁶¹	1992
Robert H. Johansen of North Dakota releases the Gold Rush variety, from Lemhi Russet x ND450-3 ¹⁵⁶²	1992
The Potato Museum at Washington, DC closes when landlord objects to large numbers of visitors ¹⁵⁶³	1992

Mr. Potato Head receives special award from the President's Council on Physical Fitness & Sports ¹⁵⁶⁴	1992
Late blight Type A2, <i>Phytophthora infestans</i> strain US-8, is detected in Maine ¹⁵⁶⁵	1993
Alan Wilson publishes <i>The Story of the Potato Through Illustrated Varieties</i> in England ¹⁵⁶⁶	1993
The Potato Museum reopens in Albuquerque, NM	1993
NYS SIP acquires seed stock for potato variety Carola (K 2244) from Colorado ¹⁵⁶⁷	1993
Dr. Joseph Sieczka, Cornell U., is elected president of the Potato Association of America ¹⁵⁶⁸	1993
1 st World Potato Congress is held at Prince Edward Island, Canada ¹⁵⁶⁹	1993
J.R. Simplot begins growing Russet Burbank potatoes in China ¹⁵⁷⁰	1993
The term 'couch potato' appears in the Oxford English Dictionary ¹⁵⁷¹	1993
The Prince Edward Island Potato Museum opens in O'Leary, PEI, Canada ¹⁵⁷²	1993
A severe drought impacts the Adirondacks affecting farmers, gardeners and forests ¹⁵⁷³	1993
Monsanto demonstrates genetically modified Russet Burbank has resistance to CPB ¹⁵⁷⁴	1993
U.S. FDA declares that genetically engineered foods do not require special regulation ¹⁵⁷⁵	1993
North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) by U.S., Mexico and Canada takes effect (1 Jan) ¹⁵⁷⁶	1994
Cornell researchers discover 2 nd race of Golden nematode (Ro2) at NYS experimental farm, Long Island ¹⁵⁷⁷	1994
Golden nematode race Ro2 is found to be resistant to Ro1-resistant potato varieties	1994
Leonard Japp, Sr., 90 yro, and family reacquires Jays Foods and reenters the potato chip business ¹⁵⁷⁸	1994
Nutrition Labeling and Education Act sets standards for nutrition labels on most food packaging ¹⁵⁷⁹	1994
Frito-Lay introduces Ruffles™ brand reduced fat potato chips ¹⁵⁸⁰	1994
Late blight (<i>Phytophthora infestans</i>) severely affects potato crops in New York, Maine and Pennsylvania ¹⁵⁸¹	1994
Goodwin <i>et al.</i> , Cornell U., reveal <i>P. infestans</i> clonal lineage US-1 (haplotype Ib) in 13 countries/4 continents ¹⁵⁸²	1994
AGRICO, a Dutch grower-owned seed potato cooperative, establishes Canadian base in North America ¹⁵⁸³	1994
Frito-Lay test markets Baked Lay's™ Potato Crisps, a low-fat baked version of Lay's™ chips ¹⁵⁸⁴	1994
Lamb Weston (ConAgra) buys Universal Frozen Foods to be world's largest frozen potato product purveyor ¹⁵⁸⁵	1994
Monsanto successfully field tests GM Russet Burbank potato with <i>Btt</i> gene for resistance to CPB ¹⁵⁸⁶	1994
S.J. Peloquin, U. of Wisc., unofficially releases Snowden variety, from B5141-6 x Wischip (Spring) ¹⁵⁸⁷	1994
U.S. PVPA is amended to include potatoes; European seed companies eye U.S. markets ¹⁵⁸⁸	1994
NY Potato Growers Cooperative, Inc. declares Chap. 7 bankruptcy and closes its doors (26 Aug) ¹⁵⁸⁹	1994
Borden sells all its salty snack concerns except Moore's and Wise (Fall) ¹⁵⁹⁰	1994
Curtise-Burns Foods, including Snyder of Berlin, is acquired by Pro-Fac Cooperative (3 Nov) ¹⁵⁹¹	1994
2 nd World Potato Congress is held at Harrowgate, UK ¹⁵⁹²	1994
Soil Conservation Service is reorganized as the National Resources Conservation Service in the USDA ¹⁵⁹³	1994
Zebra chip disease is observed in potato plants and chips in Mexico and Central America ¹⁵⁹⁴	1994
Opposite mating Type A2 of <i>Phytophthora infestans</i> are found to reproduce sexually with Type A1 ¹⁵⁹⁵	1995
All infestations of <i>Phytophthora infestans</i> in the U.S. are Type A2 and especially virulent to tomatoes ¹⁵⁹⁶	1995
Mr. Potato Head appears in a supporting role in Disney's feature film <i>Toy Story</i> ¹⁵⁹⁷	1995
Frito-Lay sues Proctor & Gamble for saying Pringle's are healthier than Frito-Lay's potato chips ¹⁵⁹⁸	1995
McDonald's approves use of USDA potato variety Ranger Russet for its French fries ¹⁵⁹⁹	1995
Late blight Type A2, <i>Phytophthora infestans</i> strain US-8, is detected in 23 states ¹⁶⁰⁰	1995
USDA, FDA & EPA approve Monsanto's NewLeaf™ Russet Burbank for commercial production ¹⁶⁰¹	1995
Monsanto introduces NewLeaf™ Russet Burbank with <i>Btt</i> genes against CPB to the US market ¹⁶⁰²	1995
István Sárvári, Sr., noted Hungarian potato breeder and progenitor of Sárpo potato line, dies ¹⁶⁰³	1995
Potato dextrin resist is introduced to American textile artists and designers ¹⁶⁰⁴	1995
S. Bloembergen and R. Narayan patent PLA made from potatoes for moldable products and films ¹⁶⁰⁵	1995
Terrell's Potato Chip Co., Syracuse, NY, buys Jean's Potato Chips ¹⁶⁰⁶	1970
North Dakota Supreme Court notes that harvested potatoes are fungible goods ¹⁶⁰⁷	1995
Late blight, <i>Phytophthora infestans</i> , affects 163,000 acres of potatoes in the Pacific Northwest ¹⁶⁰⁸	1995
University of Wisconsin, Madison, and NASA grow potatoes in space on shuttle <i>Columbia</i> (Oct) ¹⁶⁰⁹	1995
Potato production in U.S. is 1,373,000 acres resulting in 393,867,000 cwt. for avg. of 323 cwt./acre ¹⁶¹⁰	1995
Severe late blight epidemics afflict wild <i>Solanum</i> species near Quito, Equador ¹⁶¹¹	1995-96
Thomasson's Potato Chip Co. is sold to Jones Potato Chip Company (Jan) ¹⁶¹²	1996
Anheuser-Busch exits potato chip trade closing/selling all Eagle plants, keeping only its Cape Cod plant ¹⁶¹³	1996
International Potato Center at La Molina, Peru, calls for a global initiative to combat late blight (GILB) ¹⁶¹⁴	1996

Cornell-Eastern Europe-Mexico International Collaborative Project (CEEM) is organized ¹⁶¹⁵	1996
Woman slips on McDonald's French fry at Wal-Mart, sues, and is awarded \$35,173.22 for broken foot ¹⁶¹⁶	1996
Frito-Lay launches Baked Lay's TM Potato Crisps with Muppets' Miss Piggy and supermodels ¹⁶¹⁷	1996
FDA approves olestra for human consumption (24 Jan) ¹⁶¹⁸	1996
Monsanto introduces NewLeaf TM Russet Burbank with <i>Btt</i> genes against CPB to the Canadian market ¹⁶¹⁹	1996
Mr. and Mrs. Potato Head join League of Women Voters to promote their "Get Out to Vote" campaign ¹⁶²⁰	1996
Frito-Lay tests Wow! brand potato chips made with olestra in three small test markets (May) ¹⁶²¹	1996
Frozen French fries are declared 'fresh' vegetables under PACA ¹⁶²²	1996
Gov. Pataki unveils "Pride of New York" program to promote NYS agricultural products (22 Aug) ¹⁶²³	1996
BASF Plant Science initiates approval process for Amflora potato variety with European Union (Aug) ¹⁶²⁴	1996
Monsanto's GM variety NewLeaf TM Russet Burbank enters food chain in Canada ¹⁶²⁵	1996
Proctor & Gamble begins selling fat-free Pringles TM made with olestra (Sep) ¹⁶²⁶	1996
P.R. Zelus <i>et al.</i> pub. J.R. Simplot biography: <i>I Just Went to Work: J. R. Simplot and His Business Career</i> ¹⁶²⁷	1996
Steve Bernard buys Cape Cod Potato Chip Co. after Anheuser-Busch dissolves its snack division ¹⁶²⁸	1996
Congress passes federal Food Quality Protection Act eliminating the Delaney Clause ¹⁶²⁹	1996
Martínez-Soriano <i>et al.</i> propose PSTVd are from Mexican import of MPVd in late 19 th century ¹⁶³⁰	1996
Frito-Lay has >50% of U.S. market share of salty snacks; Lay's and Ruffles alone have 34.5% ¹⁶³¹	1996
KRG Capital Partners forms Specialty Agricultural Products, Inc. at Corydon, IN ¹⁶³²	1996
Walt Disney Co. and McDonald's sign exclusive marketing agreement ¹⁶³³	1996
Idaho produces 5.6 million metric tons of potatoes, mostly Russet Burbanks ¹⁶³⁴	1997
Florida potato growers permanently reduce the spring crop by 4000 acres ¹⁶³⁵	1997
NE184 Regional Project is instituted to evaluate new crosses regionally across the Northeast U.S. (Mar) ¹⁶³⁶	1997
Census of Agriculture is transferred from Dept. of Commerce to USDA NASS ¹⁶³⁷	1997
USDA Census of Agric. reports 631 NYS potato farms growing 25,930 acres ¹⁶³⁸	1997
Late blight Type A2, <i>Phytophthora infestans</i> strain US-8, is detected in Idaho ¹⁶³⁹	1997
Of 197 farms (48,200 acres) in Essex County, NY, 25 are dairies, 4 are orchards, and one grows potatoes ¹⁶⁴⁰	1997
Mr. Potato Head is hired as spokespud at Burger King for their "Try the Fry" campaign ¹⁶⁴¹	1997
Peter Lerangis publishes <i>Attack of the Killer Potatoes</i> ¹⁶⁴²	1997
Specialty Agricultural Products, Inc. acquires Harriston Industries, Mayo Mfrg. and Lockwood Mfg. ¹⁶⁴³	1997
Monsanto Company changes its name to Pharmacia and transfers its chemical business to Solutia (1 Sep) ¹⁶⁴⁴	1997
McCain Foods Ltd. buys frozen French fry & appetizer business from Ore-Ida Food Service for \$500 million ¹⁶⁴⁵	1997
3 rd World Potato Congress is held at Durban, South Africa ¹⁶⁴⁶	1997
Russet Burbank variety represents 68% of U.S. potato production ¹⁶⁴⁷	1997
Novy <i>et al.</i> of North Dakota release the Norvalley variety, from Norchip x ND860-2 ¹⁶⁴⁸	1997
USDA study finds 96 billion lbs. of food (27% of total) are lost at retail, consumer and food-service levels ¹⁶⁴⁹	1997
U.S. per-capita consumption of potatoes is 65 kilos ¹⁶⁵⁰	1998
U.S. potato production harvested is 1.388 million acres ¹⁶⁵¹	1998
U.S. potato production is 475.8 million cwt. ¹⁶⁵²	1998
Richard "Dick" McDonald, co-progenitor of McDonald's, dies at 89 yro (14 Jul) ¹⁶⁵³	1998
Mr. Potato Head stars in Sat. morning TV program, <i>The Mr. Potato Head Show</i> , on Fox Children's Network ¹⁶⁵⁴	1998
Homer Simpson of "The Simpsons" TV show posing as the 'potato man' gets backstage at U2 concert ¹⁶⁵⁵	1998
European Union implements <i>de facto</i> moratorium on genetically modified (GM) agricultural products ¹⁶⁵⁶	1998
Larry Zuckerman publishes <i>The Potato: How the Humble Spud Rescued the Western World</i> ¹⁶⁵⁷	1998
PAA changes name of <i>The American Potato Journal</i> to the <i>American Journal of Potato Research</i> ¹⁶⁵⁸	1998
Canada establishes requirements for production and sale of certified garden potato varieties ¹⁶⁵⁹	1998
Frito-Lay launches olestra-containing Wow! line of Ruffles TM and Lay's TM potato chips to national markets ¹⁶⁶⁰	1998
A <i>de facto</i> moratorium on market authorization of genetically modified crops exists in EU countries ¹⁶⁶¹	1998
BASF forms BASF Plant Sciences division to focus plant biotechnology activities ¹⁶⁶²	1998
USDA, FDA & EPA approve Monsanto's NewLeaf Plus TM combining <i>Btt</i> trait with resistance to PLRV ¹⁶⁶³	1998
Production of GM (transgenic) potato varieties peaks in North America at 55,000 acres ¹⁶⁶⁴	1998
Spudnik Equipment Co. introduces 2-, 3- and 4-row potato harvesters and 4-row windrowers ¹⁶⁶⁵	1998
Univ. of Maryland genetically engineers a potato containing vaccine against <i>Escherichia coli</i> ¹⁶⁶⁶	1998
Court of International Trade determines that Frito-Lay's Munchos potato crisps are not potato chips ¹⁶⁶⁷	1998

Alan Westra becomes manager of New York State Seed Improvement Project, NYS seed certifying agency ¹⁶⁶⁸	1998
Miles Willard Technologies converts to employee-owned company upon retirement of Miles Willard ¹⁶⁶⁹	1998
Loma Linda Univ. and Cornell U. genetically engineer a potato containing cholera toxin B vaccine in the lab ¹⁶⁷⁰	1998
McCain Foods Ltd. announces \$70.8 million expansion of Easton, ME, French fry plant ¹⁶⁷¹	1998
Canada surpasses U.S. as world's second largest exporter of frozen potato products ¹⁶⁷²	1998
Some 4,500 persons at Chicago deli get sick from <i>E. coli</i> contaminated potato salad (23 Jun) ¹⁶⁷³	1998
J.J. Pavék <i>et al.</i> at USDA-Oregon, Wash. & Idaho release the Umatilla Russet, from Butte x A77268-4 ¹⁶⁷⁴	1998
McDonald's opens a French fry stand inside a covered wagon in Frontierland at Disneyland ¹⁶⁷⁵	1998
Empire State Potato Club, Inc. is changed to Empire State Potato Growers, Inc. (9 Feb) ¹⁶⁷⁶	1999
Specialty Agricultural Products, Inc.'s Lockwood facility moves from Nebraska to West Fargo, ND ¹⁶⁷⁷	1999
Specialty Agricultural Products, Inc. changes its name to TerraMarc Industries Inc. ¹⁶⁷⁸	1999
Robert Plaisted <i>et al.</i> at Cornell release Keuka Gold variety, Steuben x Norwis ¹⁶⁷⁹	1999
Wolfe Lange releases a new Carola variety (K 3315) from Bundesortenamt in Germany ¹⁶⁸⁰	1999
R. Plaisted <i>et al.</i> at Cornell & Pennsylvania release Eva variety, Steuben x bulk pollen hybrids ¹⁶⁸¹	1999
New York seed growers plant fifty-nine varieties of certified/foundation seed comprising 1126 acres ¹⁶⁸²	1999
Severe drought strikes Northeast, New York and Adirondacks (May-Sep); \$1 billion farm disaster declared ¹⁶⁸³	1999
Uwe Hils publishes <i>World Catalogue of Potato Varieties</i> with 1600 varieties described (Aug) ¹⁶⁸⁴	1999
Carlos M. Ochoa publishes <i>Las Papas de Sudamérica: Perú</i> ¹⁶⁸⁵	1999
Cape Cod Potato Chips is acquired by Lance, Inc. (May) ¹⁶⁸⁶	1999
Mr. and Mrs. Potato Head are featured in Disney's sequel film <i>Toy Story 2</i> ¹⁶⁸⁷	1999
PEI Potato Museum receives Amazing Potato Exhibit from National Mus. of Science & Tech. in Ottawa ¹⁶⁸⁸	1999
USDA, FDA & EPA approve Monsanto's NewLeaf Y™ combining Btt traits with resistance to PVY ¹⁶⁸⁹	1999
Monsanto releases NewLeaf Plus™ & NewLeaf Y™ Russet Burbank and Shepody varieties ¹⁶⁹⁰	1999
Joseph J. Pavék retires from USDA-ARS, Aberdeen; Rich Novy leaves ND to assume his responsibilities ¹⁶⁹¹	1999
U.S. annual production of all NewLeaf™ potato varieties peaks at 55,000 acres ¹⁶⁹²	1999
Utz Quality Foods introduces olestra-containing Yes! brand chips with half the calories of regular chips ¹⁶⁹³	1999
LIHRL is renamed Long Island Horticultural Research and Extension Center (LIHREC) ¹⁶⁹⁴	1999
The Ro2 race of Golden nematode is found in one field of potatoes on Long Island, NY ¹⁶⁹⁵	1999
<i>Erwinia chrysanthemi</i> is reclassified into six pathovars of the genus <i>Erwinia</i> one of which is <i>E. dianthicola</i> ¹⁶⁹⁶	1998
<i>Erwinia carotovora ssp. carotovora</i> is reclassified as <i>Pectobacterium carotovorum ssp. carotovorum</i> ¹⁶⁹⁷	1999
U.S. exports 55,000 tons of fresh and seed potatoes to Mexico ¹⁶⁹⁸	1999
Nematology journal <i>Nematologica</i> is renamed <i>Nematology</i> ¹⁶⁹⁹	1999
Pharmacia agrees to merge with Upjohn, Inc. to become Pharmacia & Upjohn, Inc. (19 Dec) ¹⁷⁰⁰	1999
Per capita consumption of frozen potato products is 5.3 pounds in Japan ¹⁷⁰¹	1999
Hettema B.V./B.V. De ZPC merge in The Netherlands to form HZPC B.V., largest seed exporter in world ¹⁷⁰²	1999
Researchers realize cross-protection is due to activation of a defense system present in plant cells ¹⁷⁰³	1990s
NAFTA ends potato & potato product tariffs, but other factors thwart free-trade to Mex. & Can. ¹⁷⁰⁴	late 1990s
Martin & Blackburn, USDA ARS, isolate <i>Chromobacterium subtsugae</i> sp. nov from hemlock litter ¹⁷⁰⁵	c. 2000
McDonald's Corporation stops buying NewLeaf™ potato varieties ¹⁷⁰⁶	2000
J.R. Simplot Company cancels all contracts with growers for NewLeaf™ potato varieties ¹⁷⁰⁷	2000
Burger King, McCain Foods, Frito-Lay and others quit NewLeaf™ potato varieties ¹⁷⁰⁸	2000
Russet Burbank represents 74 percent of Idaho's total potato production ¹⁷⁰⁹	2000
Potato wart fungus is found in PEI, Canada; U.S. halts imports of potatoes from Canada ¹⁷¹⁰	2000
Pharmacia creates wholly owned subsidiary Monsanto Ag Company (9 Feb) ¹⁷¹¹	2000
Pharmacia becomes Pharmacia Corp.; Monsanto Ag Co. becomes Monsanto Company (31 Mar) ¹⁷¹²	2000
Canadian health agencies reject use of olestra as a food additive in Canada (22 Jun) ¹⁷¹³	2000
Scientists at Cornell Univ. genetically engineer a potato containing Norwalk virus vaccine (11 July) ¹⁷¹⁴	2000
Kathy Haynes est. Frank L. Haynes Graduate Student Research Award Competition at the PAA (27 Jul) ¹⁷¹⁵	2000
Zebra chip disease is observed in Texas potato fields; loads are rejected at processors ¹⁷¹⁶	2000
Monsanto Company 'separates' itself from Pharmacia Corp (1 Sep) ¹⁷¹⁷	2000
Scientists at Cornell Univ. genetically engineer a potato containing hepatitis B vaccine (30 Oct) ¹⁷¹⁸	2000
Mr. Potato Head is inducted into the National Toy Hall of Fame in Rochester, NY ¹⁷¹⁹	2000
Mr. Potato Head is named official travel ambassador for the Rhode Island, the 'Birthplace of Fun' ¹⁷²⁰	2000

R. Plaisted <i>et al.</i> , Cornell U. introduces NY121 (E74-7 x N43-288), a <i>P. infestans</i> resistant variety ¹⁷²¹	2000
Thompson & Morgan/Royal Hort. Society display 525 potato varieties at Westminster, England (1 Nov) ¹⁷²²	2000
Netherlands is world's largest exporter of frozen potato products at 1 mmt ¹⁷²³	2000
Idaho potato crop of 520 million cwt. sets record eclipsing 1996 record crop by 2% ¹⁷²⁴	2000
Borden sells Wise Potato Chips to a New York equity firm ¹⁷²⁵	2000
4 th World Potato Congress is held at Amsterdam, Netherlands ¹⁷²⁶	2000
David Douches <i>et al.</i> at MSU develop a potato variety resistant to both CPB and late blight ¹⁷²⁷	2000
A virulent strain of <i>Phytophthora infestans</i> strikes potato crops in Russia, losses run to 4 million tons ¹⁷²⁸	2000
Mexico produces 185,300 acres of potatoes of which 30 percent are resistant to late blight ¹⁷²⁹	2000
Spudnik Equipment Co. introduces 4-, 6- and 8-row, cup-type potato planters ¹⁷³⁰	2000
CIP returns 496 healthy clones of native cultivars to nine farmer communities in central Peru ¹⁷³¹	2000
Hanneman/Ramon cross <i>S. pinnatisectum</i> with derivative of commercial variety for late blight resistance ¹⁷³²	2000
Michigan is the nation's leading producer of potatoes for chip processing (Nov) ¹⁷³³	2000
USDA issues national standards for organically grown agricultural products, including potatoes (20 Dec) ¹⁷³⁴	2000
Japan, at 46% of U.S. export volume, is largest export market for U.S. frozen French fries ¹⁷³⁵	2000
Proctor & Gamble sues Frito-Lay for patent infringement on Pringles [®] process (28 Dec) ¹⁷³⁶	2000
Joseph Sieczka retires as Coordinator of LIHREC (Dec) ¹⁷³⁷	2000
Lamb Weston, McCain Foods Ltd. and J.R. Simplot Co. account for 80% of U.S. frozen French fry market ¹⁷³⁸	2000-01
Idaho potato prices plummet to <\$1/cwt.; farmers give potatoes away or dump them on fields to freeze ¹⁷³⁹	2001
Idaho potato production costs are about \$5/cwt., but are rising due to energy and fuel costs ¹⁷⁴⁰	2001

“The root of our problem is the American potato farmer is too darn efficient.”

Wade Chapman, Operations Manager, Idaho Supreme Potatoes
The New York Times, 17 Mar 2001

Man sues McDonald's for paper in hash browns, loses, and is ordered to pay \$30,000 to McDonald's ¹⁷⁴¹	2001
Utz Quality Foods adds 'russet' potato chips to their potato chip offerings ¹⁷⁴²	2001
McDonald's admits their 'pure' vegetable oil contains a small amount of beef flavoring ¹⁷⁴³	2001
Milestone introduces its 72-inch seed potato cutter with capability of cutting 55,000 lbs/hr ¹⁷⁴⁴	2001
Vegetarians file class-action suit against McDonald's for beef flavoring in French fries ¹⁷⁴⁵	2001
After receiving cold French fries, an angry customer shoots out McDonald's front window with a BB gun ¹⁷⁴⁶	2001
Rusty Wallace begins promoting Utz Quality Foods products on his NASCAR race car and uniform ¹⁷⁴⁷	2001
<i>Consumer Reports</i> taste test finds Utz potato chips are best tasting in the US ¹⁷⁴⁸	2001
Monsanto stops producing NewLeaf [™] Russet Burbank, Atlantic, Superior, Shepody (Mar) ¹⁷⁴⁹	2001
McCain Foods Ltd. buys appetizer-making facilities and food service business of Anchor Food Products Inc. ¹⁷⁵⁰	2001
Christine Graves (editor) publishes <i>The Potato, Treasure of the Andes from Agriculture to Culture</i> ¹⁷⁵¹	2001
Proctor & Gamble voluntarily recalls Pringles [®] made with NewLeaf [™] potatoes from Japan (17 Jul) ¹⁷⁵²	2001
Louie Attebery publishes biography: <i>J.R. Simplot: A Billion the Hard Way</i> ¹⁷⁵³	2001
Abnormally dry weather affects Adirondacks and northern New York (Jul-Sep) ¹⁷⁵⁴	2001
TerraMarc Ind. doubles size of Crary Company and moves Lockwood Mfg. to West Fargo, ND ¹⁷⁵⁵	2001
Jim Davis and Brett Koth create Mr. Potato Head comic strip (summer) ¹⁷⁵⁶	2001
Dr. Qin Chen finds dual resistance to late blight and Colorado Potato Beetle in <i>Solanum pinnatisectum</i> ¹⁷⁵⁷	2001
J.B. Ristaino doubts Irish potato famine was caused by <i>P. infestans</i> haplotype Ib (US-1) in <i>Nature</i> article ¹⁷⁵⁸	2001
James Lang publishes <i>Notes of a Potato Watcher</i> ¹⁷⁵⁹	2001
W.R. Stevenson, <i>et al.</i> , APS pub. 2 nd ed. of <i>Compendium of Potato Diseases</i> ¹⁷⁶⁰	2001
Per capita utilization of frozen potato products in U.S. is estimated at 29.4 pounds per person ¹⁷⁶¹	2001
U.S. Potato Board adopts a Phytosanitary Barrier Initiative (Mar) ¹⁷⁶²	2001
Monsanto's NatureMark [™] subsidiary dissolves ¹⁷⁶³	2001
Z. Huamán and D.M. Spooner suggest reclassification of all landrace populations of cultivated potatoes ¹⁷⁶⁴	2002

These results, combined with their likely hybrid origins, multiple origins, evolutionary dynamics of continuing hybridization, and our classification philosophy, leads us to recognize all landrace populations of cultivated potatoes as a

single species, *S. tuberosum*, with the eight cultivar-groups: Ajanhuiri Group, Andigenum Group, Chaucha Group, Chilotanum Group, Curtilobum Group, Juzepczukii Group, Phureja Group and Stentomum Group.

Zósimo Huamán and David M Spooner,
 “Reclassification of landrace populations of cultivated potatoes,” *Am. J. of Botany*, 2002, 89(6): 947-965.

Mr. Potato Head rings the opening bell at the New York Stock Exchange (12 Feb)¹⁷⁶⁵ 2002
 USDA Census of Agric. reports 530 NYS potato farms growing 22,094 acres of potatoes¹⁷⁶⁶ 2002
 New York State is ranked tenth in the U.S. in potato production with 27,000 acres planted¹⁷⁶⁷ 2002

The top twelve varieties (by acreage) of certified/foundation seed potatoes grown in New York State are Red La Soda, Superior, Monona, La Rouge, Reba, Snowden, Atlantic, Eva, Yukon Gold, Dark Red Norland, Keuka Gold, Kanona.

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Data Collected by the Nebraska Seed Potato Certification Agency

Potato mop top virus (PMTV) is found in Maine and ten other states; Canada/U.S. blame each other¹⁷⁶⁸ 2002
 McDonald’s approves use of USDA potato variety Umatilla Russet for its French fries¹⁷⁶⁹ 2002
 National Potato Promotion Board (NPPB) is renamed United States Potato Board (15-16 Mar)¹⁷⁷⁰ 2002
 Russian scientists & Monsanto modify 3 Russian potato varieties with genes against CPB¹⁷⁷¹ 2002
 CEEM researchers test Cornell-bred NY121 cultivar in Russia for resistance to *P. infestans*¹⁷⁷² 2002
 Swedish scientists find acrylamide in fried starchy foods such as French fries and potato chips (Apr)¹⁷⁷³ 2002
 Edward D. Jones of Cornell Univ. publishes *The Uihlein Farm of Cornell University*¹⁷⁷⁴ 2002
 U.S., Netherlands, and Canada are first, second, and third in world in production of frozen French fries¹⁷⁷⁵ 2002
 Mr. Potato Head turns 50 yro and receives his American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) card¹⁷⁷⁶ 2002
 USDA ERS finds most potential for growth and demand for frozen potato products in China and India¹⁷⁷⁷ 2002
 Cornell releases disease-resistant NY 112 as the Marcy variety for chipping¹⁷⁷⁸ 2002
 Jim Davis and Brett Koth publish book *Mr. Potato Head Unplugged*¹⁷⁷⁹ 2002
 Potandon Produce gets U.S. rights to German variety Rosara, markets it as Green Giant® Klondike Rose¹⁷⁸⁰ 2002
 Summer drought strikes Adirondacks; precipitation at Newcomb is down 10 inches by Sept. (Jul-Sep)¹⁷⁸¹ 2002
 Lamb Weston’s natural chips are introduced¹⁷⁸² 2002
 McDonald’s USA announces plan to reduce trans-fat from French fries (2 Sep)¹⁷⁸³ 2002
 Frito-Lay announces plan to eliminate trans-fat from potato chips (25 Sep)¹⁷⁸⁴ 2002
 Frito-Lay hires Dr. Kenneth Cooper to develop nutrition and fitness messages on snack packaging¹⁷⁸⁵ 2002
 Agway, Inc. files for bankruptcy (Oct)¹⁷⁸⁶ 2002
 USDA’s APHIS conducts national survey of U.S. potatoes for potato mop top virus (PMTV) (Oct)¹⁷⁸⁷ 2002
 Potato wart fungus is found again in two potato fields in Prince Edward Island, Canada (Oct)¹⁷⁸⁸ 2002
 Potato tuberworm moth, a subtropical potato pest, common in California is found at Hermiston, OR¹⁷⁸⁹ 2002
 China leads the world in potato production with 65,052,119 metric tons¹⁷⁹⁰ 2002
 NASS finds 9408 US potato farms; 60% < 5 a., 76% < 100 a., 86% < 250 a., 92% < 500 a.¹⁷⁹¹ 2002
 Raker and Spooner show *S. tuberosum* subsp. *tuberosum* is distinct from *S. tuberosum* subsp. *andigenum*¹⁷⁹² 2002
 U.S. is fourth behind China, Russia, and India in potato production with 21,011,030 metric tons¹⁷⁹³ 2002
 U.S. exports only 6000 tons of fresh & seed potatoes to Mexico due to increased phytosanitary exclusions¹⁷⁹⁴ 2002
 LIHREC refocuses on ornamental crops, but retains small potato program under ‘retired’ Joe Sieczka’ (Jan)¹⁷⁹⁵ 2002
 USDA and Mexico sign pact to allow U.S. to ship potatoes to Mexico pending Mexican gov’t approval¹⁷⁹⁶ 2003
 U.S. ranks fourth in world potato production behind China, Russia and India¹⁷⁹⁷ 2003
 Stephen Joseph sues McDonald’s for misrepresenting reduction of trans-fats in its French fries (Jan)¹⁷⁹⁸ 2003
 Harvard scientists find acrylamide in baked & fried foods does not cause bladder, bowel or kidney cancer¹⁷⁹⁹ 2003
 Stephen Joseph trans-fat suit against McDonald’s is thrown out (Feb)¹⁸⁰⁰ 2003
 Wageningen University has already posted its potato pedigree database online for researchers (Feb)¹⁸⁰¹ 2003

W. De Jong <i>et al.</i> , Cornell U. release purple-skinned, purple fleshed Adirondack Blue (N40-1 x NY96) ¹⁸⁰²	2003
New York potato farmers plant 22,200 acres of potatoes, down 1 % and 6% from 2002 and 2001 ¹⁸⁰³	2003
New York potato farmers cease planting Green Mountain variety for certified seed ¹⁸⁰⁴	2003
NYS Certified Seed Directory for 2003 lists eleven certified seed growers, raising 54 varieties ¹⁸⁰⁵	2003
Sales in 50 lb. bags account for 21.1% of total potatoes sold by New York potato farmers ¹⁸⁰⁶	2003
Bulk sales account for 50% of total potato sales sold by New York potato farmers ¹⁸⁰⁷	2003
New York potato farmers (38.6%) report direct-to-consumer sales accounting for only 8.3% of total sales ¹⁸⁰⁸	2003
U.S. Potato Board meets with processors to develop plan to emphasize nutrition of potatoes (7 Jul) ¹⁸⁰⁹	2003
Iowa survey finds institutional potato buyer incur 1155 food-miles versus 75 food-miles for local sources ¹⁸¹⁰	2003
BASF re-applies to European Commission for approval to cultivate its GM potato variety Amflora ¹⁸¹¹	2003
Uwe Hils publishes 2 nd edition of the <i>World of Potato Varieties</i> ¹⁸¹²	2003
Five Ohio potato chip manufacturers team up to make the world largest bag of potato chips: 1,082.5 lbs ¹⁸¹³	2003
A severe drought affects Europe ¹⁸¹⁴	2003
Two National Cancer Institute studies reinforce that 2,4-D does not present cancer risk to users ¹⁸¹⁵	2003
USDA amends PACA rules to include the ‘Batter Coating Rule’ for French fries (2 Jun) ¹⁸¹⁶	2003
Miles Willard Technologies develops water-free process for potato flakes ¹⁸¹⁷	2003
Michigan Seed Potato Association revises nomenclature to clarify actual years seed has been ‘in the field’ ¹⁸¹⁸	2003
Frito-Lay eliminates trans-fat from all of its snack chip brands (Sep) ¹⁸¹⁹	2003
<i>Consumer Reports</i> testing shows that McDonald’s French fries are still being made with trans-fats (Nov) ¹⁸²⁰	2003
Mexican inspectors find Columbia root rot nematode and bacterial ring rot in U.S. potatoes at border ¹⁸²¹	2003
Potato wart fungus is found in PEI six miles from site of initial discovery in 2000 ¹⁸²²	2003
Jiwan Palta (UW) & John Bamberg (ARS) find <i>S. gourlayi</i> and <i>S. microdontum</i> are calcium accumulators ¹⁸²³	2003
Spudnik Equipment Co. introduces hillier-diker cultivating machine ¹⁸²⁴	2003
Grimme Potato Equipment Co. of Germany buys Spudnik Potato Equipment Co. of Blackfoot, ID ¹⁸²⁵	2003
ARS scientists activate systemic acquired resistance (SAR) in potato plants with salicylic acid spray ¹⁸²⁶	2003
U.S. experiences first ever potato trade deficit: exports \$646 MM against imports of \$682 MM ¹⁸²⁷	2003
Dry rot caused by <i>Fusarium graminearum</i> is identified in North Dakota ¹⁸²⁸	2003-04
Potato markets slow, prices drop; Dr. Atkins, South Beach & other low carbohydrate diets are blamed ¹⁸²⁹	2003-04
New York farmers plant 61.9% round white potatoes, 7.7% red-skin, 4.8% yellow-fleshed, <1% russet ¹⁸³⁰	2004
Jays Foods files bankruptcy and enters agreement for purchase by Willis Stein, owners of Roundy’s Inc. ¹⁸³¹	2004
W. De Jong <i>et al.</i> , Cornell U., release red-skinned, red-fleshed Adirondack Red (N40-2 x Q155-3) ¹⁸³²	2004
Jays Foods is sold to Willis Stein & Partners under parent company, Ubiquity Brands (May) ¹⁸³³	2004
Utz Quality Foods acquires New England distribution rights of Bachman Company ¹⁸³⁴	2004
Utz Quality Foods begins making sweet potato kettle chips and low-carbo baked crisps from soy flour ¹⁸³⁵	2004
Low-carbohydrate diets vilifying the consumption of potatoes promoted by Dr. Atkins <i>et al.</i> peaks (Feb) ¹⁸³⁶	2004
5 th World Potato Congress is held in Kunming, Yunnan Province, China (24-30 Mar) ¹⁸³⁷	2004
Sweden approves GM potato for starch production for paper industry, but not human consumption (Apr) ¹⁸³⁸	2004
Idaho potato growers form cooperative: United Fresh Potato Growers of Idaho (future UPGA) (Nov) ¹⁸³⁹	2004
WPVGA forms ‘Powered by Potatoes’ triathlon team to promote potatoes ¹⁸⁴⁰	2004
NYS DAM awards grant to Steuben Co. for unique packaging for Keuka Gold & Reba variety potatoes ¹⁸⁴¹	2004
J.R. Simplot Co. introduces Infinity Fry™, a zero-grams trans-fat frozen French fry (17 May) ¹⁸⁴²	2004
P.A.W. Martin <i>et al.</i> (ARS) identify <i>Chromobacterium</i> as pathogen of CPB ¹⁸⁴³	2004
Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI) petitions FDA to ban trans-fats in deep-fried foods (May) ¹⁸⁴⁴	2004
Univ. Florida & HZPC, a Dutch seed supplier, promote a low carbohydrate potato, SunLite (25 May) ¹⁸⁴⁵	2004
NYS potato growers plant 19,885 acres of potatoes, lowest since 1915 ¹⁸⁴⁶	2004
Foster Family Farm, Sagapanack, LI, begins producing Tiger Spud Potato Chips (Feb) ¹⁸⁴⁷	2004
Martin Sidor Farms, Mattituck, LI, begins producing North Fork Potato Chips at Cutchogue, NY	2004
Golden nematode infestation is discovered near Port Byron, Cayuga County, New York (9 Jun) ¹⁸⁴⁸	2004
USDA, under PACA, declares batter-coated, frozen French fries to be ‘fresh’ vegetables (15 Jun) ¹⁸⁴⁹	2004
NGI forms PGSC to elucidate the complete DNA sequence of potato genome (840 Mb) by 2010 ¹⁸⁵⁰	2004
<i>D. solani</i> is identified in Europe as a virulent pathogen of potato causing blackleg ¹⁸⁵¹	2004
J.B. Ristaino identifies <i>P. infestans</i> haplotype Ia, distinct from US-1, as cause of late blight in Irish famine ¹⁸⁵²	2004
K.J. May/J.B. Ristaino propose origin of <i>P. infestans</i> in S. Am., not Mexico, implying 2 divergent lineages ¹⁸⁵³	2004

Tri-State Potato Variety Development Program releases late-blight resistant, long-white variety, Defender ¹⁸⁵⁴	2004
4 th International Potato Exhibition is held at Aisne, France (1-2 Sep) ¹⁸⁵⁵	2004
The <i>de facto</i> moratorium on market authorization of genetically modified crops in EU countries ends ¹⁸⁵⁶	2004
Frito-Lay renames its Wow! line of Ruffles™ and Lay's™ potato chips as 'Light' (Sep) ¹⁸⁵⁷	2004
McDonald's phases out Supersize drink and French fry options after criticism regarding health and obesity ¹⁸⁵⁸	2004
Potato World, a museum and showcase for potato industry, opens at Florenceville, New Brunswick (Sep) ¹⁸⁵⁹	2004
Utz Quality Foods rules Baltimore-Wash. market, only major chip market not dominated by Frito-Lay ¹⁸⁶⁰	2004
U.S. Russet Burbank acreage declines 20% in 5 years as newer varieties take increased market share ¹⁸⁶¹	2004
Thieves steal giant potato sculpture from top of 62-foot tower, North Hennepin, MN (Oct) ¹⁸⁶²	2004
R.C. Lindsay & S. Jang file patent to lower acrylamide in French fries and potato chips (11 Nov) ¹⁸⁶³	2004
Stolen potato sculpture is found, abandoned in a MN park, with some damage to the gold leaf (17 Dec) ¹⁸⁶⁴	2004
New York potato farmers harvest 19,200 acres of potatoes at 270 cwt/acre ¹⁸⁶⁵	2004
Production value of hay crops in surpasses potatoes \$557 million to \$554 million ¹⁸⁶⁶	2004
J.R. Simplot donates his hilltop mansion to the state of Idaho for its governor's residence (21 Dec) ¹⁸⁶⁷	2004
Hasbro, Inc. introduces Darth Tater, a new Mr. Potato Head figure (Jan) ¹⁸⁶⁸	2005
Harvard & Swedish scientists find acrylamide in coffee & fried potatoes does not raise breast cancer risk ¹⁸⁶⁹	2005
Jays Potato Chips relabels its chips as 'no trans fats' even though its chips never contained trans-fats ¹⁸⁷⁰	2005
United Potato Growers of America cooperative is formed to balance potato supply with demand (9 Mar) ¹⁸⁷¹	2005
Mr. Potato Head adopts healthy lifestyle to become fit and strong; USPB hires him as 'spokespod' (Mar) ¹⁸⁷²	2005
California's OEHHA proposes warning labels for foods containing acrylamides (Apr) ¹⁸⁷³	2005
New York seed growers plant fifty-six varieties of certified/foundation seed comprising 786 acres ¹⁸⁷⁴	2005
British potato farmers protest Parliament to take 'couch potato' from Oxford English Dictionary (20 Jun) ¹⁸⁷⁵	2005
BASF resubmits GM potato variety Amflora to EC for approval ¹⁸⁷⁶	2005
AMPCO Distribution Services Mgmt, Riverhead, LI, partners with CSX to form Railex LLC ¹⁸⁷⁷	2005
Zebra chip disease is causing significant economic damage to potato industry in Texas ¹⁸⁷⁸	2005
<i>Erwinia chrysanthemi</i> is reclassified into 6 species of new genus <i>Dickeya</i> , one of which is <i>D. dianthicola</i> ¹⁸⁷⁹	2005
USDA ARS and others begin investigation of zebra chip disease in Texas at request of FritoLay ¹⁸⁸⁰	2005
NYS potato growers plant 20,500 acres of potatoes for fall harvest; harvest is forecast at 20,100 acres ¹⁸⁸¹	2005
TerraMarc Industries, Inc. sells Mayo Manufacturing and Harriston Industries to their employees ¹⁸⁸²	2005
U.S. potato growers plant 1.11 million acres of potatoes, lowest (four season total) since 1866 (Jul) ¹⁸⁸³	2005
David Spooner, using DNA markers, reports a single center of origin for potato in southern Andes of Peru ¹⁸⁸⁴	2005
McDonald's signs world-wide marketing agreement with DreamWorks Animation (Jul) ¹⁸⁸⁵	2005
Wise Potato Chips become the 'official potato chip' of the New York Mets baseball team ¹⁸⁸⁶	2005
Special bags identifying Reba and Keuka Gold potatoes are unveiled in Steuben Co., NY markets (Jul) ¹⁸⁸⁷	2005
Drought occurs in central New York, water conservation measures are implemented in Ilion (Aug) ¹⁸⁸⁸	2005
Atkins Nutritionals files for Chap. 11 reorg. with \$300 million in debt (1 Aug) ¹⁸⁸⁹	2005
U. Hils/L. Pieterse pub. <i>World Catalogue of Potato Varieties</i> , 3 rd ed., with more than 4000 varieties (Aug) ¹⁸⁹⁰	2005
Potato tuberworm (PTW) moth is found in southwestern Idaho (26 Aug) ¹⁸⁹¹	2005
California AG files suit to force acrylamide warning labels on potato chips and French fries (26 Aug) ¹⁸⁹²	2005
Residents of Grand Forks, ND eat 4,518 lbs of French fries in a single serving for world record (15 Sep) ¹⁸⁹³	2005
Maine amends rules governing certification of seed potatoes to eliminate Generation 4 starting 2007 ¹⁸⁹⁴	2005
Record setting October rains in Northeast make potato harvest long and difficult ¹⁸⁹⁵	2005
The <i>Healthy</i> Mr. Potato Head balloon debuts in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade at NYC ¹⁸⁹⁶	2005
Abnormal rainfall during season in Tasmania causes potato shortages in supermarkets (Nov) ¹⁸⁹⁷	2005
United Nations (UN) declares 2008 as the International Year of the Potato (22 Dec) ¹⁸⁹⁸	2005
Over half of all McDonald's U.S. frozen French fries are supplied by J.R. Simplot Co. ¹⁸⁹⁹	2005
Export of U.S. potatoes and potato products reaches 52,762,181 cwt. ¹⁹⁰⁰	2005-06
Frito-Lay is notified of CSPI lawsuit for marketing 'Light' potato chips without olestra labeling ¹⁹⁰¹	2006
Hinerwadel's files suit on Rapasadi & Sons for salt potato counterfeiting & trademark infringement ¹⁹⁰²	2006
United Potato Growers of Canada is formed as 'sister' organization of UPGA (15 Feb) ¹⁹⁰³	2006
After 25 yrs of discussion, Japan lifts import ban & authorizes limited import of U.S. potatoes (Feb) ¹⁹⁰⁴	2006
North Dakota settles suit for \$600K after certifying Norland Red Strain 72 as Norland Red (16 Feb) ¹⁹⁰⁵	2006
Homer Simpson of "The Simpsons" TV show displays his tattoo 'Eat Maine Potatoes' as a reminder (Feb) ¹⁹⁰⁶	2006

J.R. Simplot Co.'s food unit broadens focus to include low-fat, fresh and natural foods ¹⁹⁰⁷	2006
PGSC selects RH89-039-16 (RH), a diploid, heterozygous potato variety to begin sequencing the genome ¹⁹⁰⁸	2006
Netherlands funds PGSC to begin sequencing chromosome I of potato genome at WUR (31 Mar) ¹⁹⁰⁹	2006
Under enormous pressure California OEHHA halts planned labels for acrylamide-containing foods (3 Apr) ¹⁹¹⁰	2006
C&C announces sale of Tayto (Apr) ¹⁹¹¹	2006
USDA APHIS announces discovery of PCN in soil at an Idaho potato grading facility (19 Apr) ¹⁹¹²	2006
Canada, Korea, Mexico ban Idaho potatoes and soils after PCN is found at Idaho grading plant (20 Apr) ¹⁹¹³	2006
Japan re-imposes ban on U.S. potato imports after PCN discovery in Idaho (21 Apr) ¹⁹¹⁴	2006
Frito-Lay, Inc. lowers saturated fats in Lay's and Ruffles potato chips 50% with switch to sunflower oil ¹⁹¹⁵	2006
NYS potato farmers plant 20,500 a., harvest 20,100 a. of potatoes; production is 5,226,000 cwt. ¹⁹¹⁶	2006
NYS DAM gives grant to Steuben County, NY to develop special packaging for Andover variety potatoes ¹⁹¹⁷	2006
NYS seed potato growers enter 867 acres for certification ¹⁹¹⁸	2006
Carlos Ochoa & Alberto Salas receive Order of Merit of the Diplomatic Service of Peru (5 Jun) ¹⁹¹⁹	2006
USDA and APHIS find PCN in potato fields in Bingham County, ID (13 and 19 Jun) ¹⁹²⁰	2006
Frito-Lay's Kirkwood, NY, potato chip plant is closed for 5 days due to flooding of Susquehanna River ¹⁹²¹	2006
European potato futures double under stress of extreme hot weather and drought ¹⁹²²	2006
W.Va's Mister Bee potato chip sales drop 6% at change to cotton-seed oil; old trans-fat recipe is restored ¹⁹²³	2006
Potato psyllids (<i>Bactericera cockerelli</i> (Sulc)) are implicated as vectors in zebra chip disease in Texas ¹⁹²⁴	2006
Wendy's International Inc. eliminates 95% of trans-fat from its menu offerings (Aug) ¹⁹²⁵	2006
USDA APHIS places Idaho's PCN-infested potato fields and surrounding areas under quarantine (Aug) ¹⁹²⁶	2006
6 th World Potato Congress at Boise, ID, first in N. America, brings world's experts together (20-26 Aug) ¹⁹²⁷	2006
Walt Disney Co. and McDonald's end 10-year old marketing agreement ¹⁹²⁸	2006
Kettle Foods builds 'green' (energy-efficient) potato chip plant at Beloit, WI ¹⁹²⁹	2006
Lion Capital (UK) buys Kettle Foods, Salem, OR (Aug) ¹⁹³⁰	2006
Golden nematode is found on farm east of Montreal; US restricts Quebec agricultural products (15 Aug) ¹⁹³¹	2006
W. Bengal, India, restricts PepsiCo from planting potato-wart susceptible Atlantic variety for chips (Aug) ¹⁹³²	2006
Hinerwadel's and Rapasadi & Sons settle suit over counterfeit potatoes & trademark infringement (Aug) ¹⁹³³	2006
CCE's FMNP and Pride of New York host best-tasting potato contests at NY farmers' markets (Aug-Sep) ¹⁹³⁴	2006
USDA—APHIS est. PCN quarantine area of 10,000 a. (3,500 a. of potatoes) at Shelley, ID (3 Sep) ¹⁹³⁵	2006
Railex distribution centers at Walla Walla, WA & Rotterdam, NY open for potatoes, apples, onions ¹⁹³⁶	2006
Harriston Industries and Mayo Manufacturing merge to become Harriston-Mayo ¹⁹³⁷	2006
Stray potato chip bag attracts 3-yro girl to fall 75 feet off hiking trail; would-be rescuer is killed, Provo, UT ¹⁹³⁸	2006
McDonald's reduces salt content of French fries in Ireland by 50 percent (Sep) ¹⁹³⁹	2006
McCain Foods Ltd. buys Jon-Lin, Inc., of Colton, CA, a mfg of potato-vegetable based appetizers ¹⁹⁴⁰	2006
McCain Foods Ltd. begins CDN \$70 million expansion and upgrade of its Florenceville, NB, potato plant ¹⁹⁴¹	2006
Sen. H. Clinton flies Wash. Co., NY, Adk Blue & Adk Red potatoes to Wash., DC for fundraiser (19 Sep) ¹⁹⁴²	2006
Frito-Lay's Kirkwood, NY, plant begins shipping trans-fat free potato chips (27 Sep) ¹⁹⁴³	2006
Penn State & Utz Quality Foods select Adirondack Blue for its Nittany Lions blue and white potato chips ¹⁹⁴⁴	2006
A. Fire/C. Mello receive Nobel Prize for finding mechanism of RNA interference, i.e. gene silencing ¹⁹⁴⁵	2006
NSF funds PGSC to begin sequencing chromosome VI of the potato genome at TIGR (1 Oct) ¹⁹⁴⁶	2006
USDA and APHIS find PCN in three more fields in Bingham County, ID (6 Oct) ¹⁹⁴⁷	2006
Potato shipments to and from Quebec, Canada, after discovery of Golden nematode, are resumed (11 Oct) ¹⁹⁴⁸	2006
Railex's express train with 15 cars of potatoes arrives in Rotterdam, NY, fifty hours early (22 Oct) ¹⁹⁴⁹	2006
USDA and APHIS find PCN in single fields in Bingham County and Bonneville County, ID (30 Oct) ¹⁹⁵⁰	2006
USDA suggests national survey for PCN in all potato-producing states ¹⁹⁵¹	2006
USDA APHIS finalizes SNHP Memorandum of Understanding for standardization of potato certification ¹⁹⁵²	2006
NYS potato farmers plant 20,600 a., harvest 19,000 a. of potatoes; production is 5,700,000 cwt. ¹⁹⁵³	2006
NASS forecasts Russet Burbank share of US fall potato production at 45.8% of acres planted ¹⁹⁵⁴	2006
UPGA est. data-sharing agreements with PMANA, UPGI, United Potato Growers of Canada, <i>et al.</i> ¹⁹⁵⁵	2006
Dr. Mahesh Upadhyia, Edmonton, AB, Canada, dies ¹⁹⁵⁶	2006
Farmers in Asia and Europe produce 80% of the world's potatoes ¹⁹⁵⁷	2006
T. Osumi <i>et al.</i> , USDA, receive US Patent for late blight resistance gene from <i>S. bulbocastanum</i> (12 Dec) ¹⁹⁵⁸	2006
EU votes to deny BASF approval to grow Amflora potato solely for industrial starch purposes (Dec) ¹⁹⁵⁹	2006

J.R. Simplot, 97 yro, crashes scooter at Boise U. football game, Phoenix, recovers after surgery (2 Jan) ¹⁹⁶⁰	2007
Scientists find increased flavonoid antioxidants in fruits and vegetables grown under adverse conditions ¹⁹⁶¹	2007
PepsiCo Board of Directors elects Indra Nooyi to replace S. Reinemund as chairman when he retires ¹⁹⁶²	2007
A. Proctor/V. Jain <i>et al.</i> (U. of Ark.) convert soy oil to conjugated linoleic acid (C.L.A.) (9 Feb) ¹⁹⁶³	2007
Japanese Agriculture Ministry lifts ban on potato imports from U.S potato growing states, except Idaho ¹⁹⁶⁴	2007
Popchips™ an all-natural line of popped potato chips are launched at Natural Foods Expo (Mar) ¹⁹⁶⁵	2007
NYS value of potatoes is up 11%, production is up 8% from 2005 (4 Mar) ¹⁹⁶⁶	2007
W. DeJong/B. Christ (Cornell/Penn State) release NY-126 (Keuka Gold x Pike) as Lehigh variety (Mar) ¹⁹⁶⁷	2007
K. Haynes, USDA ARS <i>et al.</i> release purple-skinned, yellow-fleshed Peter Wilcox for gourmet markets ¹⁹⁶⁸	2007
U.S. – Canada Seed potato shipments require soil tests for PCN and Golden nematode (21 Mar) ¹⁹⁶⁹	2007
Box of ‘potato chips’ FedExed from OR contains hallucinogenic mushrooms; owner is arrested (24 Mar) ¹⁹⁷⁰	2007
Short supply doubles European potato prices; processors cut back production (Apr) ¹⁹⁷¹	2007
USDA Eastern Regional Research Center, Wyndmoor lab becomes National Historic Chemical Landmark ¹⁹⁷²	2007
USDA NASS drops Ohio and Pennsylvania from its potato stocks program (Apr) ¹⁹⁷³	2007
USDA Census of Agriculture reports 15,014 potato producing farms in U.S. ¹⁹⁷⁴	2007
Census of Agric. reports 860 NYS potato farms growing 18,911 a.; 166 larger than 5 a. w/ 18,257 a. ¹⁹⁷⁵	2007
Census of Agric. reports 16 potato farms growing 617 a. in Franklin Co., NY, all fresh market or seed ¹⁹⁷⁶	2007
Hasbro awards Outstanding Marketing Partner of the Year to USPB for <i>Healthy Mr. Potato Head</i> (Apr) ¹⁹⁷⁷	2007

One way to differentiate yourself from Idaho Russets (Russet Burbank) is to grow different potatoes, and there are, for a lot of purposes, much better eating than Idaho potatoes.

John Eveland, Gathering Together Farm
Corvallis, OR¹⁹⁷⁸

D.M. Spooner <i>et al.</i> finds potatoes from <u>both</u> Chile and the Andes were in Europe long before 1845 (May) ¹⁹⁷⁹	2007
British VAT & Duties Tribunal rules that P&G’s Pringles® are potato chips and subject to VAT (23 May) ¹⁹⁸⁰	2007
NYS seed potato growers enter 905 acres for certification ¹⁹⁸¹	2007
Univ. of Maine releases report on economics of making plastics (polylactic acid) from potato starch (Jun) ¹⁹⁸²	2007
Zebra chip disease is observed in Neb., Colo., Kansas, New Mex., Ariz., Nev., Calif. ¹⁹⁸³	2007
Scientists at U. of Guelph, Canada, find enzyme, pyruvate decarboxylase, to make light-colored chips ¹⁹⁸⁴	2007
USDA adds \$500,000 funding for PCN surveillance and eradication program in Idaho (9 Jul) ¹⁹⁸⁵	2007
P.A.W. Martin <i>et al.</i> , ARS, patent <i>C. subtsugae</i> sp. nov, metabolites & supernatants as insecticide (17 Jul) ¹⁹⁸⁶	2007
EU in 2 nd vote denies BASF approval to grow Amflora potato solely for industrial starch purposes (Jul) ¹⁹⁸⁷	2007
S.C. Johnson & Son, Inc. markets Ziploc® Zip ’n Steam™ Microwave Steam Cooking Bags (11 Aug) ¹⁹⁸⁸	2007
Harvard scientists find no correlation between dietary acrylamide and breast cancer in women (21 Aug) ¹⁹⁸⁹	2007
Steuben County growers offer Andover variety potatoes for sale in Andover brand bags (Aug) ¹⁹⁹⁰	2007
Kettle Brand becomes a gluten-free producer of potato chips (Aug) ¹⁹⁹¹	2007
Wisconsin promotes its potatoes as preferred choice at every dinner table east of Mississippi River (Aug) ¹⁹⁹²	2007
Kroger’s, Westerville, OH inaugurates The Chippery to make on-the-spot-customized potato chips (Oct) ¹⁹⁹³	2007
PCN is identified on two Edmonton, AB, seed potato farms; US halts import of Alberta potatoes (Oct) ¹⁹⁹⁴	2007
Gary Johnston of Univ. of Guelph, breeder of Yukon Gold potato variety, dies (9 Oct) ¹⁹⁹⁵	2007
Wageningen Univ. (Netherlands) announces online potato pedigree resource for researchers 12 Oct) ¹⁹⁹⁶	2007
On World Food Day, the UN launches its International Year of the Potato (18 Oct) ¹⁹⁹⁷	2007
New Ice, Inc., Durango, CO, manufactures compostable packaging made from potato starch (7 Nov) ¹⁹⁹⁸	2007
ARS licenses commercial use of bacterium, <i>C. subtsugae</i> spp. nov, with toxicity to immature CPB ¹⁹⁹⁹	2007
USDA revises WIC nutrition program to include fresh fruits and vegetables, but removes fresh potatoes ²⁰⁰⁰	2007
Certified seed acreage of French Fingerling variety grows 91% in two years, mostly in Wisconsin ²⁰⁰¹	2007

The top twelve varieties (by acreage) of certified/foundation seed potatoes grown in the U.S. are Russet Burbank, Norland (including all Norland, Dark Red Norland and Red Norland strains), Ranger Russet, Russet Norkotah selections (includes seven line selections), Russet Norkotah, Atlantic, Shepody, Yukon Gold, Red LaSoda, Alturas, Rio Grande Russet, French Fingerling.

Data from Rob Davidson, Colorado State University, Nov. 2007

D.M. Spooner, USDA ARS, suggests DNA molecular markers be used to classify potato taxonomy ²⁰⁰²	2007
Jays Foods files bankruptcy (11 Oct), is bought by Snyders of Hanover; Chicago chip plant closes (5 Dec) ²⁰⁰³	2007
Ireland has 600 potato farms, half that of 10 yrs earlier; consumption of potatoes falls 14% in one year ²⁰⁰⁴	2007
Revised US FDA potato nutritional labeling goes into effect (1 Jan) ²⁰⁰⁵	2008
NZ scientists pub. <i>Candidatus Liberibacter</i> as causal agent of a new tomato-pepper disease (4 Jun) ²⁰⁰⁶	2008
NZ potato breeder connects symptoms in potatoes re. <i>Candidatus Liberibacter</i> and potato psyllids ²⁰⁰⁷	2008
Oregon landslide postpones extra Railex train between Wallua, WA and Rotterdam, NY (19 Jan) ²⁰⁰⁸	2008
Long Island Spirits, Inc. begins making LiV™ vodka with 9000 lbs of potatoes in each batch (6 Mar) ²⁰⁰⁹	2008
EPA Science Advisory Board sets safe exposure to acrylamide at 3 µg/day instead of 0.2 µg/day (Mar) ²⁰¹⁰	2008
With high wheat prices, Peru's military, prisons, schools, Plaza Veja stores offer potato bread instead ²⁰¹¹	2008
USDA AMS issues revised United States Standards for Grades of Potatoes (21 Apr) ²⁰¹²	2008
<i>Dickeya dianthicola</i> is reported in Washington State potatoes ²⁰¹³	2008
John Reader pub. <i>Propitious Esculent: The Potato in World History</i> (May) ²⁰¹⁴	2008
Svalbard Global Seed Vault (Doomsday Vault) opens with potato seeds from CIP, Lima, Peru (26 Feb) ²⁰¹⁵	2008
John Richard (J.R.) Simplot dies (25 May) ²⁰¹⁶	2008
Fredric J. Baur, organic chemist and designer of the Pringles® container, dies and is buried in one (May) ²⁰¹⁷	2008
Chile disputes D.M. Spooner's research, arguing that its Chiloe Island was the origin of the potato ²⁰¹⁸	2008
PopChips™ wins <i>Health</i> magazine's "America's Healthiest Food Award" (11 Jun) ²⁰¹⁹	2008
Red River Valley Fresh Potato Growers Cooperative joins UPGA as its tenth member cooperative ²⁰²⁰	2008
ESPG promotes Virginia potatoes at New York State's Empire State Farm Days ²⁰²¹	2008
Porter Seed Farm, Maine, erects advanced greenhouse and begins growing minitubers hydroponically ²⁰²²	2008
USDA-APHIS issues first edition of its "Golden Nematode Program Manual" (Jul) ²⁰²³	2008
British court rules in P&G lawsuit: Pringles® are not potato chips and are exempt from VAT (4 Jul) ²⁰²⁴	2008

Pringles don't look like a chip, don't feel like a chip, and don't taste like a chip. . . .the snack isn't made like a chip since it is cooked from baked dough, not potato slices.

Potato chips 'give a sharply crunchy sensation under the tooth and have to be broken down into jagged pieces when chewed'. It is totally different with a Pringle, indeed a Pringle is designed to melt down on the tongue."

P&G lawyers at May hearing

Lumley, James, "Pringles Are Not Potato Chips, Judge Says in Tax Case (Update1)," (4 Jul '08). Bloomberg.com

BASF Plant Science sues Euro. Court of First Instance for not acting on Amflora potato variety (24 Jul) ²⁰²⁵	2008
McCain Foods Ltd. opens refurbished and expanded potato processing plant at Florenceville, NB, Canada ²⁰²⁶	2008
Allison Hansen (UCR) discovers <i>Candidatus Liberibacter psyllaourous</i> as cause of psyllid yellows (11 Aug) ²⁰²⁷	2008
Spudnik introduces raised-bed potato planters ²⁰²⁸	2008
Japan begins marketing potato chips according to its carbon footprint (19 Aug) ²⁰²⁹	2008
PGSC begins sequencing doubled monoploid DM1-3 516R44 (DM) to complement original diploid line ²⁰³⁰	2008
Railex introduces weekly refrigerated produce train from Delano, CA to Rotterdam, NY (Oct) ²⁰³¹	2008
P&G initiates online 'Can Creator' program for consumers to design Pringles® can labels (Oct) ²⁰³²	2008
Dirk E. Burhans publishes <i>Crunch! A History of the Great American Potato Chip</i> (Nov) ²⁰³³	2008
Three shareholder groups petition McDonald's to reduce pesticides in its supply chain (Dec) ²⁰³⁴	2008
Lebanese farmer near Tyre finds 25 lb potato in his field (Dec) ²⁰³⁵	2008
NYS Certified Seed Directory for 2008 lists eleven certified seed growers, raising 70 varieties ²⁰³⁶	2008
NYS potato harvest yields 320 cwt./a., the highest ever in NYS (Nov) ²⁰³⁷	2008
For 1st time since records are kept, US potato prices remain high for 4 consecutive years Jul '05-Dec '08 ²⁰³⁸	2008
Popchips™ begins expansion to markets in eastern U.S. (Jan) ²⁰³⁹	2009
Jim Tucker offers 3-credit course "The Humble Spud" at Paul Smith's College (Jan) ²⁰⁴⁰	2009
Lamb Weston (Con-Agra Foods) ends long-standing agreements with independent potato growers (Feb) ²⁰⁴¹	2009
Glazier Packing Co. introduces Sustain Brand to the Adirondacks at NCCC food show (27 Feb) ²⁰⁴²	2009
McDonald's agrees to take preliminary steps to reduce pesticide use by its potato suppliers (31 Mar) ²⁰⁴³	2009
The potato is designated a 'food hero' at World Potato Congress in Christchurch, NZ (31 Mar) ²⁰⁴⁴	2009

Railx begins operating 2 nd weekly produce train between California (Delano) and Rotterdam, NY (3 May) ²⁰⁴⁵	2009
Railx begins operating 2 nd weekly train (60+ railcars each) between Walla Walla and Rotterdam, NY ²⁰⁴⁶	2009
British Supreme Court of Judicature says P&G's Pringles [®] are potato chips and subject to VAT (20 May) ²⁰⁴⁷	2009
Mexico buys \$83 M worth of frozen potato products annually from U.S. (mostly from Washington state) ²⁰⁴⁸	2009
Popchips [™] introduces sour cream & onion and cheddar flavored PopChips (3 Jun) ²⁰⁴⁹	2009
M. McGrath reports late-blight infected commercial fields on Long Island (23 Jun) ²⁰⁵⁰	2009
Cornell plant pathologist K. Perry finds late blight-infected tomato plants at Lowe's store, Ithaca (23 Jun) ²⁰⁵¹	2009
Late blight-infected tomato plants are found in big-box stores MA, ME, NY, NH, OH and PA (23-24 Jun) ²⁰⁵²	2009
Late blight is found in four potato fields in Monteregie area, south of Montreal, Quebec (29 Jun) ²⁰⁵³	2009
Late blight is found in two New York potato fields, Genesee and Wayne Counties (30 Jun) ²⁰⁵⁴	2009
Saratoga Specialties Co. is est. at Saratoga Springs to market Moon Brand Saratoga Chips [™] potato chips ²⁰⁵⁵	2009
Bonnie Plants, AL-based plant wholesaler, recalls tomato plants from MA, ME, NY, NH, CT, RI (1 Jul) ²⁰⁵⁶	2009
Late blight is reported in commercial potato fields near Malone, Franklin County, NY (14 Jul) ²⁰⁵⁷	2009
Late blight is found in SC, NC, VA, WV, OH, MD, DE, NJ, PA, NY, CT, RI, MA, NH, VT, MA (Jul) ²⁰⁵⁸	2009
Previously unidentified late blight strain emerges from tomato transplants ²⁰⁵⁹	2009
Oversight of Maine Seed Potato Board is transferred from Maine Dept. of Agric. to the Maine Potato Board ²⁰⁶⁰	2009
NYS Appellate Court rules Adirondack farm structures do not need APA permits (16 Jul) ²⁰⁶¹	2009
NY Gov. Paterson asks federal aid for 17-county crop losses from late blight & cool, wet weather (27 Jul) ²⁰⁶²	2009
B. Huffaker says N. American potato growers plant 1.439M a., 500 a. above lowest ever reported (27 Jul) ²⁰⁶³	2009
NASS reports 17,100 acres of potatoes planted in New York State, 5% less than 2008 (Jul) ²⁰⁶⁴	2009
Popchips [™] are introduced in Canada (25 Aug) ²⁰⁶⁵	2009
ARS scientists identify bacterium, <i>Candidatus Liberibacter</i> , as cause of zebra chip disease (Aug) ²⁰⁶⁶	2009
Cornell Nutrient Analysis Laboratory (CNAL), the gold standard for NYS soil testing, is closed (16 Aug) ²⁰⁶⁷	2009
Agro-One, a part of Dairy One, takes over soil testing for NYS farmers and homeowners (17 Aug) ²⁰⁶⁸	2009
Carroll Lincoln Haines of Haines Equipment Co. dies (4 Sep) ²⁰⁶⁹	2009
USPB reports record export of potatoes and potato products at 53.8 M cwt (17 Sep) ²⁰⁷⁰	2009
PGSC releases first draft sequence of the potato genome (22 Sep) ²⁰⁷¹	2009
Saratoga Specialties Co. receives FDA approval for NFS to extend shelf life of its potato chips (23 Sep) ²⁰⁷²	2009
USDA launches 'Know your farmer; Know your food' program to promote local/regional food (24 Sep) ²⁰⁷³	2009
Snyder's of Hanover announces acquisition of Utz Quality Foods, Inc. (Oct) ²⁰⁷⁴	2009
Utz Quality Foods, Inc. backs out of sale to Snyder's of Hanover (Nov) ²⁰⁷⁵	2009
Saratoga Specialties Co.'s Moon Brand Saratoga Chips [™] are reviewed in <i>The Nibble</i> (2 Dec) ²⁰⁷⁶	2009
Saratoga Specialties Co.'s Moon Brand Saratoga Chips [™] are featured on Rachael Ray's TV show (7 Dec) ²⁰⁷⁷	2009
Stellar Idaho growing season with high yields drives Russet Burbank prices below production costs (Nov) ²⁰⁷⁸	2009
PepsiCo opens research lab to develop healthier foods & beverages near Yale, New Haven, CT (Dec) ²⁰⁷⁹	2009
Maine Dept. of Agric. turns management of Porter Seed Farm over to Maine Potato Board (1 Jan) ²⁰⁸⁰	2010
United States Potato Board unveils its <i>Potato Nutrition Handbook</i> at the 2010 Potato Expo (5-7 Jan) ²⁰⁸¹	2010
Sustain Brand Adirondack begins making potato chips at Malone, NY using local potatoes (Feb) ²⁰⁸²	2010
Diamond Foods (CA) buys Kettle Foods (Salem, OR; Beloit, WI) from Lion Capital (31 Mar) ²⁰⁸³	2010
European Union approves BASF's GM potato cultivar Amflora for cultivation (2 Mar) ²⁰⁸⁴	2010
Saratoga Specialties begins shipping Moon Brand Saratoga Chips [™] to troops in Iraq/Afghanistan (Feb) ²⁰⁸⁵	2010
Mr. and Mrs. Potato Head appear in Disney's <i>Toy Story 3</i> ²⁰⁸⁶	2010
Lake Placid Spirits issues 46 Peaks Vodka using Adirondack local water, potatoes & filter media (Apr) ²⁰⁸⁷	2010
BASF grows 500 hectares of GM cultivar Amflora in Germany, Sweden, Czech Rep. ²⁰⁸⁸	2010
NYS Dep. of Agr. announces strategy to detect & eradicate late blight at retail level (29 Apr) ²⁰⁸⁹	2010
J.R. Simplot Co. scientists pub. nutritional advantage of ring fries over french fries (3 May) ²⁰⁹⁰	2010
Arizona H.S. students set Guinness world record by launching 17 potatoes from spudgun in 3 min (May) ²⁰⁹¹	2010
George Lerner is given the TAGIE Award in memoriam for having invented Mr. Potato Head ²⁰⁹²	2010
USDA ARS scientists identify <i>S. verrucosum</i> as a source of resistance to late blight (Jun) ²⁰⁹³	2010
New York seed growers plant seventy varieties of certified/foundation seed comprising 808 acres ²⁰⁹⁴	2010
Brigiotta's Farmland Produce & Garden Ctr, Jamestown, NY, sues UPGA for fixing potato prices (18 Jun) ²⁰⁹⁵	2010
Todd Simon <i>et al.</i> sue UPGA in Idaho federal court for fixing potato prices as per Brigiotta (23 Jun) ²⁰⁹⁶	2010
John Benbenek finds 34 inch long curly-fry in his order at Taffy's Hot Dog Stand, Buffalo, NY (Jul) ²⁰⁹⁷	2010

Mr. and Mrs. Potato Head appear in Disney's <i>Toy Story</i> 3 ²⁰⁹⁸	2010
W.H. Bohl and S.B. Johnson pub. 3 rd ed. of <i>Commercial Potato Production in North America</i> for PAA ²⁰⁹⁹	2010
Snyder's of Hanover merges with Lance, Inc. to become Snyder's-Lance (22 Jul) ²¹⁰⁰	2010
NYS Senate defeats legislation giving farmworkers overtime pay and other workplace rights (3 Aug) ²¹⁰¹	2010
USDA NASS reports potato acreage planted is down 4% nationally and 8% in Pacific NW (Aug) ²¹⁰²	2010
Dr. K. Hironaka, Obihiro Univ., increases potato tuber antioxidants w/ ultrasound or electricity (22 Aug) ²¹⁰³	2010
Chris Verschueren produces 15,000 orders of french fries in 83 hrs for world record (10 Sep) ²¹⁰⁴	2010
NYS DAM cuts back farm products grading program (Sep) ²¹⁰⁵	2010
X. Wang <i>et al.</i> USDA ARS, Ithaca, NY, pub. molecular diagnostic test to distinguish PCN species (Oct) ²¹⁰⁶	2010
Frito Lay stops use of 'green', compostable PLA film packaging for SunChips, for being too noisy (6 Oct) ²¹⁰⁷	2010
PepsiCo sets 5-year target to halve water usage and carbon emissions in UK potato production (Oct) ²¹⁰⁸	2010
Chris Voigt, WSPC, eats nothing but 20 potatoes, olive/canola oil & flavorings for 60 days (Oct-Nov) ²¹⁰⁹	2010
Inst. of Med. tells USDA Food & Nutrition Service not to add potatoes to WIC nutrition program (22 Oct) ²¹¹⁰	2010
Wendy's launches redesigned French fries: natural-cut (skin-on) with sea salt (10 Nov) ²¹¹¹	2010
NYS potato harvest from 16,100 a. is projected at 5.07 million cwt., up 2% from 2009 (11 Nov) ²¹¹²	2010
NYS potato harvest averages yields of 315 cwt./a., second highest ever for New York (11 Nov) ²¹¹³	2010
USDA-APHIS removes Genesee County, NY, from Golden nematode quarantine regulation (22 Dec) ²¹¹⁴	2010
Pres. Obama signs FDA Food Modernization Act amending Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (4 Jan) ²¹¹⁵	2011
Saratoga Specialties introduces six kinds of shake-on flavorings for its potato chips ²¹¹⁶	2011
USDA proposes reducing use of potatoes in school breakfast and lunch programs (13 Jan) ²¹¹⁷	2011
U.S. potato consumption and consumer attitudes return to 'pre-Atkins' levels (Jan) ²¹¹⁸	2011
MI Agr. Exp. Sta, a.k.a., Montcalm Research Center, changes its name to MSU AgBioResearch (30 Jan) ²¹¹⁹	2011
W. De Jong, Cornell Univ./Uihlein, releases chipping variety Lamoka (NY120 x NY115) (Feb) ²¹²⁰	2011
W. De Jong, Cornell Univ./Uihlein, releases chipping variety Waneta (Marcy x NY115) (Feb) ²¹²¹	2011
PCN is discovered in 164 a. potato field, Bonneville County, ID, (18 Mar) ²¹²²	2011
H. De Jong, J.B. Sieczka, W. De Jong pub. <i>The Complete Book of Potatoes</i> (23 Mar) ²¹²³	2011
USPB surveys reveal that consumers cannot differentiate between various potato types ²¹²⁴	2011
Railex handles 150 railcars of produce, beer, wine and other goods per week at Rotterdam, NY (Apr) ²¹²⁵	2011
USDA proposes to limit starchy vegetables, incl. potatoes, from school lunches and breakfasts (Apr) ²¹²⁶	2011
U.S. Potato Board launches video series to promote the seven types of potatoes (12 May) ²¹²⁷	2011
Wallace McCain, co-founder of McCain Foods, Ltd, dies (14 May) ²¹²⁸	2011
Sen. S. Collins, Maine, begins fight to restore potatoes in school lunches and breakfasts (17 May) ²¹²⁹	2011
Exceptionally wet weather delays planting in New York (and US Northeast) (May-Jun) ²¹³⁰	2011
USPB debuts video series "Potato Types and Tips" to increase sales by potato type (12 May) ²¹³¹	2011
U.S. Supreme Court denies all appeals for use of carbofuran on potatoes (31 May) ²¹³²	2011
USDA AMS revises "U.S. Standards for Grades of Potatoes" (3 Jun) ²¹³³	2011
RailexUSA adds a third weekly refrigerated produce train from Delano, CA, to Rotterdam, NY ²¹³⁴	2011
Specialty varieties of potato are increasing average market share of 2-3 percent annually ²¹³⁵	2011
Russet varieties of potato are losing market share at rate of 0.5 to 1 percent annually ²¹³⁶	2011
UW-Madison scientists develop low-acrylamide potato lines by suppressing the <i>VInv</i> gene (14 Jun) ²¹³⁷	2011
Late blight is reported in tomatoes and potatoes, Suffolk County, LI (17 Jun) ²¹³⁸	2011
Harvard scientists pub. 20-year study: French-fried potatoes & potato chips are fattening (23 Jun) ²¹³⁹	2011

"Duh! . . . regularly eating any kind of food irresponsibly can lead to weight gain and health problems."

C.L. Otter, Idaho Governor,
in defense of potatoes²¹⁴⁰

Survey of kettle cooked chips by KitchenDaily finds Lays Kettle Cooked Original™ taste best (6 Jul) ²¹⁴¹	2011
PGSC pub. analysis of more than 39,000 genes in the potato genome in <i>Nature</i> (10 Jul) ²¹⁴²	2011
NY growers plant 16,500 acres of potatoes, up 2% from 2010 (Jul) ²¹⁴³	2011
Xiaohong Wang, USDA-ARS, Ithaca, creates diagnostic test to distinguish between PCN types (Aug) ²¹⁴⁴	2011
PAA awards David Douches its Researcher of the Year honor for breeding resistant cultivars (Aug) ²¹⁴⁵	2011
PCN is discovered in potato field near Shelley, ID (17 Aug) ²¹⁴⁶	2011

USDOL issues NPRM re. child labor rules affecting safety requirements for youth on farms (2 Sep) ²¹⁴⁷	2011
McDonald's rolls out healthier Happy Meals including smaller portions of French fries (12 Sep) ²¹⁴⁸	2011
PCN is discovered in potato field near Shelley, ID (16 Sep) ²¹⁴⁹	2011
US Senate blocks USDA limits on potatoes in school breakfast and lunch programs (20 Oct) ²¹⁵⁰	2011
Utz Snack Food Co. purchases Wachusett Potato Chip Co. keeping all employees (30 Sep) ²¹⁵¹	2011
USDA NASS eliminates dozens of statistical reports due to budgetary constraints (Nov) ²¹⁵²	2011
P. Glazebrook, Nottinghamshire, UK, grows single 11 lb. Condor variety potato in his garden ²¹⁵³	2011
TS Irene & TS Lee (Aug/Sep) destroy potato crops in Schoharie and Washington Cos., NY (Aug/Sep) ²¹⁵⁴	2011
TS Irene & TS Lee (Aug/Sep) and wet weather in Oct result in extremely difficult NYS potato harvest ²¹⁵⁵	2011
NYS Certified Seed Directory for 2011 lists ten certified seed growers, raising 78 varieties ²¹⁵⁶	2011
NY growers harvest 16,200 a., up 1% (200 a.) from 2010, but abandoning 300 a. in field ²¹⁵⁷	2011
Adverse weather brings in record low NYS potato harvest at 4.05 million cwt, down 21% from 2010 ²¹⁵⁸	2011
BASF applies for EU approval of its late blight resistant transgenic cultivar Fortuna ²¹⁵⁹	2011
NYS potato harvest averages yields of 250 cwt./a., down 70 cwt./a. from 2010 ²¹⁶⁰	2011
Potato chip company, Sustain Brand Adirondack, Malone, NY, ceases operation (Nov) ²¹⁶¹	2011
U.S. farmers suffer more crop losses (\$9 billion) in 2011 than any other year in recorded history ²¹⁶²	2011
Railex, Rotterdam, NY, grows revenue to \$155 million since its inception in 2006 ²¹⁶³	2011

Rising diesel prices, affecting the trucking industry, are making rail a less expensive way to move goods long distances. Also, the New York State Thruway is proposing a 45% increase in tolls for tractor trailers. Railex's freight arriving at its distribution center at Rotterdam Industrial Park is very attractive for local food chains and food distribution companies such as Price Chopper Supermarkets, Hannaford Supermarkets, Sysco Corp., and many others. Railex feeds a trucking industry struggling to control its costs. BBX Inc., a trucking company based in Lockport, Niagara County, moved its Capital Region operations to the Rotterdam Industrial Park in 2008, solely to deliver for Railex.

The Business Review (Albany, NY)
28 Sep 2012

Idaho & Washington produce 58% of US potato production, Oregon is 3 rd with 6% of US production ²¹⁶⁴	2011
US Dist Court rejects UPGA dismissal of Brigiotta's Farmland Produce & Garden Center lawsuit (2 Dec) ²¹⁶⁵	2011
USPB releases revised <i>Potato Nutrition Handbook</i> (Jan) ²¹⁶⁶	2012
USDA rolls out new rules for use of potatoes in school breakfast and lunch programs (25 Jan) ²¹⁶⁷	2012
USDOL re-proposes 'parental exemption' from new child-labor rules after huge public outcry (1 Feb) ²¹⁶⁸	2012
D. Rehberg (R-MT) blasts USDOL for ill-conceived rules proposed for 'child labor in agriculture' (2 Feb) ²¹⁶⁹	2012
PCN is now identified in 17 infested fields, comprising 1916 a., all within 5-mi. radius in Idaho (Feb) ²¹⁷⁰	2012
USDA-APHIS removes areas of Steuben/Livingston Counties from GN quarantine regulation (13 Feb) ²¹⁷¹	2012
All Star Manufacturing & Design LLC takes over Better Built Manufacturing Inc. at Orem, UT ²¹⁷²	2012
Wise Foods is acquired by the Mexican company Arca Continental ²¹⁷³	2012
US House of Representatives hearing on the US Farm Bill is held at Saranac Lake, NY (9 Mar) ²¹⁷⁴	2012
NYS seed grower, Ralph Child, Childstock Farms, Malone, NY, testifies at US Farm Bill hearing (9 Mar) ²¹⁷⁵	2012
Budget cuts force USDA ARS to close 12 research service labs to save \$40M (19 Mar) ²¹⁷⁶	2012
J. Thune/J. Moran bring introduce bill in US Senate to stop USDOL child labor rule changes (21 Mar) ²¹⁷⁷	2012
Under intense pressure, USDOL abandons proposed NPRM re. child labor rule changes (27 Apr) ²¹⁷⁸	2012
M. Greenstone (USDA ARS) pub. use of DNA barcoding to develop biocontrols for CPB (Apr) ²¹⁷⁹	2012
Man flinging McDonald's French fry order in 11-yro stepdaughter's face is charged with assault (22 Jun) ²¹⁸⁰	2012
USPB asks Ardeo-Bardeo, Washington DC restaurant, to make 7-course, 7-variety potato-centric meal (Jul) ²¹⁸¹	2012
CookingLight.com BBQ side dish poll shows potato salad is America's favorite healthy side (2 Jul) ²¹⁸²	2012
US growers plant approx. 1.15 million acres of potatoes despite recommendations from UPGA (Jul) ²¹⁸³	2012
New York potato growers plant 500 acres more than 2011; certified seed is down 10% (Jul) ²¹⁸⁴	2012
Teagasc is given go-ahead to partner with AMIGA re. GM Désirée potato field trials (26 Jul) ²¹⁸⁵	2012
Court dismisses price-fixing suits against UPGA brought by Brigiotta's, Simon, <i>et al.</i> (27 Jul) ²¹⁸⁶	2012
After snowless winter, hot spring, dry summer, 50.3% of US counties are declared disaster areas (1 Aug) ²¹⁸⁷	2012
Potato psyllid carrying <i>Candidatus Liberibacter</i> is positively identified in eight Idaho counties (Aug) ²¹⁸⁸	2012

Wisconsin Potato Growers Auxiliary pub. <i>Delicious Wisconsin Potato Recipes</i> (Aug) ²¹⁸⁹	2012
Accidental death rates in farming are 9 times higher than all other industries combined (Sep) ²¹⁹⁰	2012
Florida police seek woman who assaulted restaurant manager after receiving cold mashed potatoes (24 Sep) ²¹⁹¹	2012
Despite the nationwide drought and proposed UPGA curbs, U.S. fall potato crop is up 8% over 2011(Nov) ²¹⁹²	2012
New York growers harvest 16,500 acres of potatoes, up 300 acres from 2011 (Nov) ²¹⁹³	2012
USDA NASS reports 36,000 farms operating in NYS, same as in 2011, despite declining national trend ²¹⁹⁴	2012
NYS REDCA awards Railex \$1M to expand refrigerated rail terminal for produce, Rotterdam, NY (20 Dec) ²¹⁹⁵	2012
USPB report reports why supermarket sales of fresh potatoes is declining while household use is up ²¹⁹⁶	2013
J.R. Simplot Co. petitions USDA APHIS to deregulate 5 new transformed potato varieties (1 Mar) ²¹⁹⁷	2013
The Lumper potato variety is re-introduced to Ireland after 170 years' absence since the famine (11 Mar) ²¹⁹⁸	2013
AWG files suit in Kansas against UPGA <i>et al.</i> for fixing potato prices in violation of antitrust laws (17 Apr) ²¹⁹⁹	2013
Scientists from UK, Germany, US analyze 170 & 120 yro herbaria samples of blight-killed potato plants ²²⁰⁰	2013
DNA sequencing shows extinct strain of <i>P. infestans</i> , HERB-1, caused Irish potato famine (28 May) ²²⁰¹	2013
NYS seed growers enter 637 acres of seed potatoes for certification ²²⁰²	2013
AWG suit against UPGA <i>et al.</i> is joined w/ Brigiotta & Simon & moved to Idaho for expediency (10 Jun) ²²⁰³	2013
U.S. House rejects Farm Bill reflecting shift of population and influence from rural to urban areas (20 Jun) ²²⁰⁴	2013
U.S. Rep. Bill Owens visits Cornell-Uihlein Seed Farm at Lake Placid to learn about seed potatoes (24 Jun) ²²⁰⁵	2013
Saratoga Specialties Co. acquires financial backing to expand 'Saratoga Chips' to national distribution (Jul) ²²⁰⁶	2013
Frito Lay enters air-popped chip market with Lays Air Pops (Jul) ²²⁰⁷	2013
Potandon Produce files counterclaim on AWG alleging violations of Kansas Restraint of Trade Act (25 Jul) ²²⁰⁸	2013
Alan Westra, fmrlly NY Seed Improvement Project, takes helm of Idaho Crop Improvement Assoc. (1 Aug) ²²⁰⁹	2013
Cornell Inst. for Climate Change & Agri. is est. to enrich NE agriculture in the face of climate change (Sep) ²²¹⁰	2013
Railex moves corporate/sales staff from Rotterdam to Schenectady to free up space for distribution (Nov) ²²¹¹	2013
Phil Adkins joins NYSIP as Manager of NY Foundation and Certified Seed Programs (15 Nov) ²²¹²	2013
Mr. and Mrs. Potato Head appear in TV commercial for Lay's potato chips, "Our little secret, okay?" (Feb) ²²¹³	2014
USDA makes permanent its ban of fresh potatoes from WIC nutrition program (28 Feb) ²²¹⁴	2014
Ken White, Saranac Valley Farms, NYS double-certified grower, ceases growing seed potatoes (spring) ²²¹⁵	2014
Maine strengthens law requiring all potato seed planted in Maine in lots > 1 a. to be certified (16 Mar) ²²¹⁶	2014
Man 'armed' with a potato tries to rob convenience store in RI; clerk stops him with baseball bat (22 Apr) ²²¹⁷	2014
NPC discredits USDA ban of fresh potatoes from WIC program as being based upon obsolete data (7 May) ²²¹⁸	2014
Scientists determine center of origin for <i>P. infestans</i> as the Toluca Valley of central Mexico (Jun) ²²¹⁹	2014
Railex opens a fourth distribution center at Jacksonville, FL (Jun) ²²²⁰	2014
Saratoga Chips replaces regular salt with Mountain Pure Himalayan pink salt in its potato chips (3 Jul) ²²²¹	2014
USDA APHIS removes areas of Orleans, Nassau, Suffolk Cos., NY, from GN quarantine (17 Sep) ²²²²	2014
Edilberto S. Tenorio, Pres. of Corpapa, is nabbed at JFK smuggling 5 kilos of potatoes to food show (Oct) ²²²³	2014
USDA deregulates Simplot's Innate™ potato varieties allowing it to be grown and sold in the US (7 Nov) ²²²⁴	2014
McDonald's announces it will not use Simplot's Innate™ potato varieties (13 Nov) ²²²⁵	2014
USDA APHIS releases 2,094 acres from regulation for pale cyst nematode in Idaho (29 Dec) ²²²⁶	2014
USDA APHIS reports 3 more Idaho fields totaling 994 acres infested with pale cyst nematode (PCN) (Jan) ²²²⁷	2015
PCN is now identified in 26 infested potato fields encompassing 2,897 acres in Idaho (Jan) ²²²⁸	2015
Man is charged with assault for hurling potatoes at pedestrians from moving car, Clydebank, Scot. (9 Jan) ²²²⁹	2015
Idaho Potato Commission (IPC) expands Potato Lover's Month promotions from 4 to 8 weeks (Feb-Mar) ²²³⁰	2015
FDA approves Simplot's Innate™ potato varieties 'as safe & nutritious as conventional potatoes' (20 Mar) ²²³¹	2015
Lamb Weston (ConAgra) and McCain's say they will not source GMO potatoes due to customer demands ²²³²	2015
Gov. Cuomo eliminates NYS's 'nuisance' seed potato inspection fees from NYSDAM (15 Apr) ²²³³	2015
NYSIP seed potato inspection fees remain in force ²²³⁴	2015
Sen. Schumer, NY, urges USDA to replace nematode lab, Holley Center for Ag. & Health, Ithaca (30 Apr) ²²³⁵	2015
Dr. S. Johnson identifies <i>Dickeya dianthicola</i> as cause of 'blackleg' problems in DE and NJ (Jun) ²²³⁶	2015
Blackleg problems are recognized in Maine certified seed potatoes (14 Jun) ²²³⁷	2015
Several commercial potato fields in Idaho test positive for <i>Dickeya dianthicola</i> ²²³⁸	2015
McDonald's begins closing poor-performing restaurants (Jul) ²²³⁹	2015
JetBlue Airways announces plan to grow blue potatoes at JFK Airport Terminal 5 NYC (8 Oct) ²²⁴⁰	2015
US Chief Judge B.L. Winmill rejects Potandon Produce countersuit against AWG in antitrust suit (12 Nov) ²²⁴¹	2015

NYS seed growers are notified of Cornell U. mandatory 18% tax on all CALS goods and services (20 Nov) ²²⁴²	2015
NYS seed growers account for 58% of all foundation seed potatoes sold at Cornell-Uihlein Potato Farm ²²⁴³	2015
Since 2010, in NYS, APHIS has removed 964,661 acres from PCN quarantine regulation (2 Dec) ²²⁴⁴	2015
In NYS, 312,708 acres remain under PCN quarantine regulation in 8 counties (2 Dec) ²²⁴⁵	2015
Since 2007, in Idaho, APHIS has regulated 55,000 acres and de-regulated 45,000 acres (2 Dec) ²²⁴⁶	2015
In Idaho, 2,897 a. (26 fields) are regulated, associated fields are 7,417 a., all within 7.5 mi radius (2 Dec) ²²⁴⁷	2015
G. Secor reports positive ID of <i>D. dianthicola</i> in FL, NC, ON, MD, ND, ID, MN, CO & ME (2 Dec) ²²⁴⁸	2015
US Chief Judge B.L. Winmill approves \$25M settlement against USGA <i>et al.</i> re. antitrust lawsuit (14 Dec) ²²⁴⁹	2015
Maine potato crop is sold thusly: 68% chip and fry processing; 20% seed potatoes; 12% tablestock ²²⁵⁰	2015
Andrew Taylor, Melbourne, Australia, starts one-year diet of potato & sweet potato w/ seasonings (1 Jan) ²²⁵¹	2016
NPPB updates its mission and changes its informal name from USPB to Potatoes USA (17 Mar) ²²⁵²	2016
NYSIP moves ‘winter tests’ for certification from Florida to Hawaii ²²⁵³	2016
USDA APHIS ranks potato blackleg pathogen <i>D. dianthicola</i> as non-reportable/non-actionable (17 May) ²²⁵⁴	2016
Inaugural potato chip festival is held in Saratoga Springs, NY (16 Jul) ²²⁵⁵	2016
McDonald’s approves PVMI potato variety Blazer Russet for its French fries (May) ²²⁵⁶	2016
McDonald’s approves HZPC Holland potato variety Ivory Russet for its French fries (May) ²²⁵⁷	2016
Cornell Uihlein Seed Farm announces cessation of field-produced seed potatoes with spring 2018 season ²²⁵⁸	2016
McDonald’s approves PVMI potato variety Clearwater Russet for its French fries (13 Sep) ²²⁵⁹	2016
Gov. Cuomo vetos bill giving tax credit to NYS farmers for food donated to food banks (30 Nov) ²²⁶⁰	2016
Andrew Taylor, Melbourne, Australia, ends one-year diet of potato & sweet potato w/ seasonings (1 Jan) ²²⁶¹	2017
Union Pacific RR buys Railex LLC, including its food distribution warehouse in Rotterdam, NY (3 Jan) ²²⁶²	2017
Texas selections TXNS112, TXNS278, TXNS296 rank 3 rd in top 50 varieties accepted for seed certification ²²⁶³	2017
Union Pacific RR orders 1000 new refrigerated freight cars for its Cold Connect service (Sep) ²²⁶⁴	2018
Cornell-Uihlein Seed Farm announces its closure after distribution of minitubers in Spring 2020 (14 May) ²²⁶⁵	2019
Cornell-Uihlein Seed Farm ceases all field operations; greenhouse operations for minitubers continue (Jun) ²²⁶⁶	2019
NYS certified seed potato growers begin scrambling to find new sources of low field generation seedstock ²²⁶⁷	2019
Union Pacific shuts down its special Cold Connect produce operations (formerly Railex) (8 May) ²²⁶⁸	2020

At the time, Union Pacific cited COVID-19 for the shutdown, but at the same time fuel prices had dropped and trucking was once again competitive with rail. UP was maximizing its economies of scale to minimize business losses. In a world where normal freight was hauled in two-mile long trains, it no longer made sense to haul produce in special 55-car trains (and one-way at that, produce growers in the Northeast never did ship much to the West Coast—UP’s special produce train often returned west empty). Bottom line: Railex is no more.

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COVID-19 pandemic seems to increase on-farm pick-up of tablestock and seedstock potatoes (spring) ²²⁶⁹	2020
Cornell-Uihlein Seed Farm, T. of North Elba, ceases all operations and closes its doors (30 Jun) ²²⁷⁰	2020
USMCA goes into effect, replacing NAFTA (1 Jul) ²²⁷¹	2020
Dry growing season affects all potato growing areas in the Northeast, esp. Maine; yields are down ²²⁷²	2020
NYS Certified Seed Directory 2020 lists eleven certified seed potato growers, raising 124 varieties (Jan) ²²⁷³	2021

Other useful and interesting webpages:

- <http://www.cup.org/books/kiple/potatoes.htm>
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- <http://www.lgu.umd.edu/project/outline.cfm?trackID=1379>
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- <http://www.uga.edu/vegetable/potato.html>
- <http://www.ars.usda.gov/is/AR/archive/may97/potato0597.htm>
- <http://www.foodproductdesign.com/archive/1996/1296cs.html>

Questions to be answered: Any readers who know the answers to these questions or who can recommend sources who might know the answers to these questions, we at TFI wait anxiously to hear from you or them.

How Cary Hoffman made Yukon Gold the only potato besides Russet Burbank marketed by variety name?
Potato Chip Festival in Saratoga Springs 2016?

When was NE184 Northeast Research Project started?

When and how was US National Potato Day, 19 August, established?

When and how was US National Potato Day, 27 October, established?

When and how was US National Potato Chip Day (14 March) created?

When and how was US National Potato Month (September) created?

When and how was US National Potato Harvest Month created?

When was Bubba's Chips (Daniel Hubbard, d.b.a. Bubba's Chips), a potato chip manufacturer in business at Avoca, NY
Invention of various potato harvesting and handling equipment? Any dates for such not found in the 'potato chronology'
will be gratefully accepted.

Who invented potato spinner developed about 1860?

When did Cyrus McCormick invent a potato planter?

When did Richard Pease invent his potato planter?

When did Allin and William Stiggins invent potato digger in Canada?

Information re. P.D. Smith awarded patent for potato digger 1891?

Information re. George Moody and Sons potato digger?

Information re. Tusco potato pickers?

When did the potato dibber (dibble?) come into vogue?

When did the potato graim come into general usage? (esp. Gr. Brit. And Europe)

When did Joe Marshall begin the seed potato certification program in Idaho?

When was the New York Certified Seed Improvement Cooperative, Inc. formed?

When was the New York State Foundation Seed Stocks Cooperative, Inc. formed?

When was the Yellow Finn (Niku Lapua) variety released?

When did Theodore de Saussure discover the presence of soil minerals in plants?

When was Double L, Inc. founded?

When did Frito-Lay introduce Baked Ruffles?

What was the disposition of the Frito-Lay/Proctor & Gamble lawsuit of 1995?

When was the Potato Anti-Defamation League formed in Massachusetts? (late 1980's?)

When was the Frozen Potato Products Institute formed?

When was the world's largest Styrofoam potato created at Black Foot, ID?

When did Jorge Galindo identify the second mating type A2 of late blight?

When did Deere & Co. exit the potato equipment/machinery business?

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