RED MARIA

Released by the New York State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell University to Foundation Seed Growers in 2010.

Pedigree: The cross was made in 1994. The female was N38-1 and the male was ND2225-1R. Red Maria was first evaluated as T11-2, then as NY129.

Market Features: Red Maria is a tablestock clone that produces large, round, uniform tubers with red skin, shallow eyes, and white flesh. The skin tends to be netted. Tubers have few internal defects or pickouts. Tubers remain firm and do not darken after boiling. Specific gravity is similar to Chieftain.

Production Features: Late maturity. Full season marketable yield is excellent, averaging 112% of Chieftain in 54 trials. Tubers are resistant to skinning and tuber dormancy is about three weeks longer than Chieftain.

Reaction to Diseases: Excellent resistance to common scab. Resistant to race Ro1 of the golden nematode.