



SWEET POTATO PROGRAM
Yams & Camote

Sweet potatoes and yams are generally started in (3) ways.

1. From Slips that come from beds. These are pulled from the mother potato and have a little root. These slips are then transplanted to a field.
2. From vine cuttings of older plants. These will not have roots and require special attention. Rarely will you find cuttings being used without a transplant solution.
3. It is very rare but in Louisiana in the Mandeville area of Avoyelles parish they establish fields by planting small mother potatoes directly into the row.

FIELD ESTABLISHMENT: Many product opportunities

1. Slips: Use **ORGANIC MATTERS** and Transplant Starter in the Transplant water at the rate of 1.5 fl. oz. per gallon of water each.
2. Cuttings should definitely have the **ORGANIC MATTERS** and **TRANSPLANT STARTER** mix. (Utilize some rates as with slips).
3. Mother Potatoes planted to the row will benefit from an application of 1.0 quart per acre of **ORGANIC MATTERS** sprayed directly into the furrow on the potatoes. This should be tank mixed with 1-1.5 Pints per acre of **CROP POWER-47**.

EARLY FOLIAR SPRAY: Just as the vines begin to run, (about 8-10 inches long), Apply **RADIX PLUS**.

NOTE: If the producer is seeking to produce number one market potatoes as most are, this is the only application they will receive. Late applications tend to make long potatoes, but with a little less quality.

NOTE: I believe we can also include a version of the **BREAK DOWN** at plating to help with some of the rot diseases being encountered in MS. **We Will Have To Discuss Further.**