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We often get asked if we sell roots and the answer is no, we do not. We only grow what we need for sprouting and do not grow extra. Thanks for understanding.

Our Sweetpotato collection is close to 300 varieties. We will try to rotate different ones each year, but will not have all of them available every year.

We don't usually add descriptions of the particular flavor or sweetness of the varieties as we have not even begin to sample all the varieties in our collection. So please don't ask or you will probably get a generic answer. Our recommendation is to research the varieties and see what others are saying on the internet. Better yet, trial a few different varieties and let us know what you think.

Updated 04/29/14

I haven't been too efficient in updating the availability and updates for this year so I thought I'd better get going. We are fast approaching the shipping season which begins around May 12. Hopefully I will be able to get some orders out, but depending on the variety, it might be another couple of weeks. We are experiencing another cold spring and the sweetpotatoes are not progressing as fast as I would like. We are going to get down into the 30's the first of May which is ridiculous..... I would love to get a heated greenhouse to grow slips earlier, but we use Propane here at the farm. If you didn't experience the price increase on propane this past winter, consider yourself blessed. Propane went to \$4.50 a gallon and in some cases, a lot more, a whole lot more...

We are having a crop failure on the New Jersey Red, if you ordered that one, expect a substitute. NJR is worthy of growing, but is a lousy slip producer and we need to trial a better sprouting method.

We have sold out of many varieties, but check back as we may be able to relist some of them later in the season.

The purple fleshed varieties remain to be very popular. We had to take them off the availability until we see that we will have more. Check back to see if more become available after June.

Updated 12/23/13

We hope you will like our new website design. Please be patient as we work out any bugs.

2013 was another challenging year for growing sweets here in Oklahoma. Varieties that did good, did real good, Varieties that were bad, were real bad. However we should have enough varieties and slips to meet expected demand.

We are looking forward to another growing season

Updated 06/30/13

Our shipping season for 2013 has ended. We hope to have our website updated by December for 2014 shipping season. We will have all our varieties that we hope to offer planted by July 4th and this is already looking like a better season than the past two years.

Thanks again for another great year.

Updated 05/20/13

This has been a trialing year with the cold weather keeping the sweets from sprouting. Things are progressing along now with the warmer temps but at a slow pace. I have decided to take a year semi-off in 2014 and not offer so many varieties. I unexpectedly lost my Father on May 8 and I have an aging mother that needs my attention.

I will concentrate on some of the best selling varieties that are dependable slippers. I will still maintain the extensive collection of over 300 varieties and try to re-offer a large selection in 2015. I will also continue my breeding program for Purple Flesh. I have a few nice purple fleshed seedlings now and hopefully I will have more this fall when I harvest the next generation. I have a new batch of seedlings already sprouting in the greenhouse.

Updated 04/29/13

**We are still running way behind schedule this year due to the record cold temps. This is the latest we have seen the cold and the sweets aren't slipping yet. We will try to get to all orders as soon as possible, but expect delays especially for the early orders
Sorry for the inconvenience**

Updated 4/16/13

We are currently running way behind schedule. Slips are not sprouting very fast this year due to the cold weather we are experiencing. If you ordered with a shipping preference of ASAP it probably won't be shipped until (hopefully) Mid May. Please understand that weather conditions effect our production. Please check back here for updates. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Updated 3/21/13

We are running behind in bedding our sweets this year due to the unusual cold weather so their might be some delay for shipping the early order requests

We have updated out shipping prices on our order form to reflect the zones. This may change when the post office postage rates go up

We are temporally sold out of Korean Purple. These may come back into stock when we start getting slips so please check back later

Updated December 2012

We Are Taking Orders Now for 2013 shipping. We usually begin shipping around May 15th and will continue through June 2013.

The 2013 Season is upon us and it's time to get your sweetpotato order reserved as many varieties will be in very short supply again this year.

2012 was even worse weather wise than 2011 here in Oklahoma. We are still in severe drought. Last years summer heat set records again. Sweetpotatoes like hot weather, but they need moisture to develop, especially when they are developing their storage roots which is about 6 to 8 weeks after planting.

Please note that not all varieties will produce slips at the same rate, some are slow and shy while others are fast and prolific slip producers. So your order will be shipped when all the varieties are ready to fill your order. An example is 8633 which is slow and shy about producing slips for us. Red Wine Velvet is sometimes slow also.

We will only have a limited availability of Okinawa Purple and will be limited to 25 slips (or less) per order. We had good success with these this year here in Oklahoma, but we planted earlier and left them in the ground longer due to our extra long season. They were also on drip irrigation.

Our 2013 catalog is now updated with the varieties we plan to offer barring a crop failure.

Please remember that we consider ourselves a sweetpotato conservator and not a sweetpotato mass marketer, so we won't have most of the listed varieties in large quantities.

If you need large quantities, please see our wholesale list for the varieties we offer. This has been updated for 2013.

<http://duckcreekfarms.com/pdfs/SweetWholesale13.pdf>

Purple Fleshed Varieties

These varieties have been around for years in China and South American but are just now gaining in popularity here in the US. They are very trendy to grow right now. Hybridizers are taking note and we should have better or sweeter tasting ones in the next few years. We have even started our own breeding program and have started crossing purple fleshed varieties to other varieties that will bloom. Sweetpotatoes do not normally bloom very much during the outdoor growing season, but will bloom in the greenhouse in the winter and early spring.

Most purples are a bit on the dry-fleshed side and not as sweet as some people like. The Okinawa is one of the sweetest, but it is not a good variety for everyone to grow as it takes such a long season to produce. It is very (if not impossible) to sprout making propagation very difficult.

We recommend that you try a few purple fleshed varieties to see what you like. They can always be used in sweetpotato pies or casseroles.

We have several new purple fleshed varieties for the 2013 season.

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We always appreciate hearing from our customers about their harvest. We always read each email but sometimes we don't have time to respond to each one....

From previous season 2012

Updated 07/10/12

This will be the last update for 2012 until the fall. We will try and have our new listing for 2013 up by November or December. We are trying to figure out how to make the website more “buyer friendly”.

We are closing our shipping season for 2012 shipping. If you haven't received your order, please let us know ASAP.

We began planting our seed stock the last week of June and finished on July 2. We have been in the triple digits, but the sweets are growing nicely. We planted mostly URC's this year. We planted them directly out with as much of the stem in the ground following with a drip line irrigation and keeping them wet until established. They are doing great. Hopefully we will have a better season than last year, but it's not starting out that way. We have a good drip system and hope that will take care of the water needs but we desperately need rain here in Oklahoma.

Thanks for a great Season and wishing you all the best with your sweetpotato harvest

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Updated 05/24/12

We are about to finish up with the shipping season a bit early. We still have assortments and end of season specials available.

We are suspending sales of most of the specialty varieties until further notice. We are not getting the production we had hoped, but things change very fast as the days grow longer and they start to grow. So we will post the availability here when they are back in stock.

[ORDER Sweet Potato Plants \(ORDER FORM\)](#) click on the link below

2012

Sweet Potato slips/plants Availability and **UPDATES 2012** **Please reload with each visit**

Our shipping season for 2012 will begin about May 14th. We sometimes ship earlier if we have the varieties you ordered ready, but do not expect earlier shipment. Please circle ASAP on the order form if you can take them early.

The summer of 2011 was one of the worst summers on record for heat and drought here in Oklahoma. We have so many varieties that were basically crop failures so we will have limited stock on many varieties for 2012.

We used to think that sweet potatoes could take all the heat nature could give them, but now realize that too many days above 100 with no rain can be a bit too much even for them. We hope to get our stock in the ground earlier this year to have plenty of seed roots for 2013.

We are trying to maintain as many sweetpotato varieties as possible, but it is very difficult and time consuming. Some varieties do not produce slips very fast and others are very shy about producing any at all, so please be patient as we are doing the best we can. If we were only offering a dozen or so varieties things would be different, but are trying to maintain 200+ varieties. We are always interested in finding varieties that are not in our collection. We consider ourselves a Sweetpotato conservator and not a sweetpotato mass marketer.

Purple flesh varieties are very trendy right now and we get more orders than we can usually fill. Please keep in mind that the purples are not as sweet and usually a drier type flesh. We are trying to locate different cultivars with purple flesh, but it is a challenge as there are not many here in the states. Sweetpotato breeders are taking note and we should have some newer, better tasting cultivars soon.

A note about our growing practice. While we do not use hazardous chemicals on our crops and grow as naturally as possible, we are not certified Organic. If you must have certified organic slips please visit Sand Hill Preserve's website as they are certified. Sandhillpreservation.com

We will respond to email questions, but please be patient as we are very busy during the growing season. If you don't hear back in a timely manner, Please email again. **Our tentative schedule is to "try" and be available for phone calls on Wednesdays or Thursdays, May 3-June 28 between 1:00 and 4:00pm central time.** We cannot take credit cards and we don't bill (invoice). 918-827-5067. If you don't receive an answer, try again, we can't return calls as our phone is not set up to make long distance calls.

We supply some of our varieties as **Un-Rooted Cuttings (UNC)**. An un-rooted cutting is essentially a slip that is cut above the soil line without roots.

Plant these with as many nodes under the soil as possible with only the tip showing. Provide some shade if it is hot. Keep very moist until rooted. Sweetpotato cuttings root very fast and can sometimes even be planted directly out and they will root in a few days if kept moist.

They can also be placed with the bottom two to three nodes in water to begin the rooting process and then planted out as usual. Change water daily. Do not crowd the cuttings. Cut off any leaves below water level or they will rot and sour. Plant out when roots are about an inch long.

Sweetpotato Plant availability updated

We are booked for *Okinawa purple* for the first three weeks of May shipping. If you order this variety, please note that it will be shipped when available. If Production picks up and we can offer earlier, we will update this list. These are also often sent as URC.

Golden Sweet will be in very short supply and are booked until the Last week in May.

Please check for updates later

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We are always looking for sweet potato varieties not in our collection.

Below is a list of our most wanted varieties.

- Any Heirloom Variety
- *Camote Morado* (purple flesh)... received from a NC grower... thanks!!!!
- Coppergold
- Costal Red
- Earligold
- Earlyport
- Earlysweet
- Golden Belle
- Kandee
- Lakan
- OklaMex Red
- Onolena
- Orlis
- Ranger

- **Red Nancy**
- **Red Velvet (Texas heirloom)** We received one called Texas Porto Rico, which matched the old descriptions exactly, so is probably the same.
- *Redmar* Jack Osman found this for us....Thanks so much! should have some 2015
- *Ruddy* ... received from a NC grower, will be available 2014...thanks!!!!
- **Tango**
- **Tanhoma**
- **Virginian**

Evangeline sweetpotato update

I have received requests for the Evangeline variety. Evangeline is a patented variety from the LSU sweetpotato research. Covington is another patented variety from NCSU.

I was basically told that I was too small of a grower and wasn't worth their time to deal with so wasn't granted a license to grow and sell the slips.

I think it is a shame that our federal tax dollars that you and I pay which subsidize the development of new varieties financially benefits only the large corporate growers. Robbing the poor to help the rich. This is not what the Smith-Lever Act of 1914 was all about. I am a firm believer in equal opportunity and treatment by government agencies. I'll get off my soapbox now....