

Updated 04/27/12

Shipping season is approaching and we will begin shipping soon. Our Jewel and 8366 are still not sprouting enough to start harvesting slips, so if you ordered those, please note that it might be a bit longer.

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

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## **ATTENTION**

The warmer than normal temperatures are affecting our sweets and we have a few slips already beginning to spout. If you need an early shipment and want to order the “**Growers Choice**” we might be able to ship sooner. Please circle the **ASAP** on the order form. This is not for individual varieties as not all will slip at the same rate.

# 2012

Sweet Potato slips/plants Availability and **UPDATES 2012**  
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Our shipping season for 2012 will begin about May 14<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://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 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.

OUR WHOLESALE list is now on our website at:  
<http://duckcreekfarms.com/pdfs/SweetWholesale12.pdf>

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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Here is a list of Our Most wanted Sweetpotato Varieties we are looking for. We are also interested in finding any other variety not in our collection.

- Any Heirloom Variety
- Camote Morado (purple flesh)
- Coppergold
- Costal Red
- Earligold
- Earlyport
- Earlysweet
- Golden Belle
- Kandee
- Lakan
- OklaMex Red
- Onolena
- Orlis
- Ranger
- Red Nancy
- Red Velvet (Texas heirloom) not sure if this is the same as the Red Wine Velvet we offer
- Redmar
- Ruddy
- 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 NSU.

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....