## Advantages of APICAL POTATO CUTTING over the normal potato to produce seed potatoes

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The farmer should however avoid using their first clean yield for consumption as it wont be economical. The first three rounds of reproducing from the mother plants are guaranteed of a clean seed. Potatoes recycled over time have less energy, but with this new technology products are ensured to be first generation cuttings.

## Making Apical Cuttings

The process of producing potato cuttings starts from the tissue culture lab where the initiation process starts. Here, materials from the potato mini-tubers are cleaned and put in the media where a plant generates. The plant generates into multiplied potato cuttings which have to be rooted and used as the mother plant.

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## Advantages of Apical Cutting

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When comparing the use of new technology and the recycled seed, the yields of the latter may be less by 1/2 or more. Apical cuttings not only use advanced technology, they also save on costs as they are much more affordable than using the traditional seeds.