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Press Release

Two New Mayan Potatoes Added to Range

In 2007 Thompson & Morgan exclusively introduced Mayan Gold potatoes. Unlike modern European potatoes, the Mayan varieties are a 'phureja' species which have their roots firmly planted in the foothills of the Andes of Peru, where the Incas once farmed the varieties' ancestors.

In contrast to their European cousins, the Mayan varieties have stunning yellow flesh and a unique nutty flavour. Mayan Gold has become extremely popular, with chefs across the country demanding supplies for their restaurants. Because of its extremely creamy but dry texture, the variety produces wonderful chips, mash and jacket potatoes and has been endorsed by celebrity chef Anthony Worrall-Thompson.

Already established as a firm favourite by home potato growers, Thompson & Morgan is delighted to add two further varieties from the Mayan series to its potato range for 2009. The **New and Exclusive 2009** varieties have been bred and selected by the Scottish Crop Research Institute with Greenvale AP.

Mayan Queen has the same rich yellow flesh as Mayan Gold. The long, oval, pale yellow skinned tubers have deep, pale red eyes with tubers that are slightly broader than Mayan Gold, but with a similar maincrop maturity. **Mayan Queen** is the perfect choice used for wedges or as baked potatoes.

Mayan Twilight is a unique red and white skinned tuber with deep yellow, dense flesh. The flavour of **Mayan Twilight** is best described as being both sweet and moreish and is ideal as a salad potato, whether eaten either hot or cold with the skin on. It is sure to create a talking point at dinner parties.

All of the Mayan varieties are best cooked in their skins, sautéed, steamed or microwaved. Thompson & Morgan strongly advises customers against boiling the Mayan varieties as boiling will make the tubers quickly disintegrate and they will go mushy.

Whichever Mayan variety is grown, they will all produce a high number of long and oval tubers, showing good resistance to skin blemishes such as common and powdery scab.



Mayan Queen



Mayan Twilight



Mayan Gold - Popular with chefs

Mayan potato varieties are priced from £2.49 for 5 tubers.

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