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Press Release

Thompson & Morgan launches ground-breaking, 100% virus free, mini-tubers - the next stage on from microplants

In recent years Thompson & Morgan has been at the forefront of development in the consumer potato market, introducing the blight resistant Sarpo series of potatoes.

Now Thompson & Morgan is delighted to announce the exclusive introduction of clinically produced minitubers with maximum plant protection and 100% free of all potato pathogens.

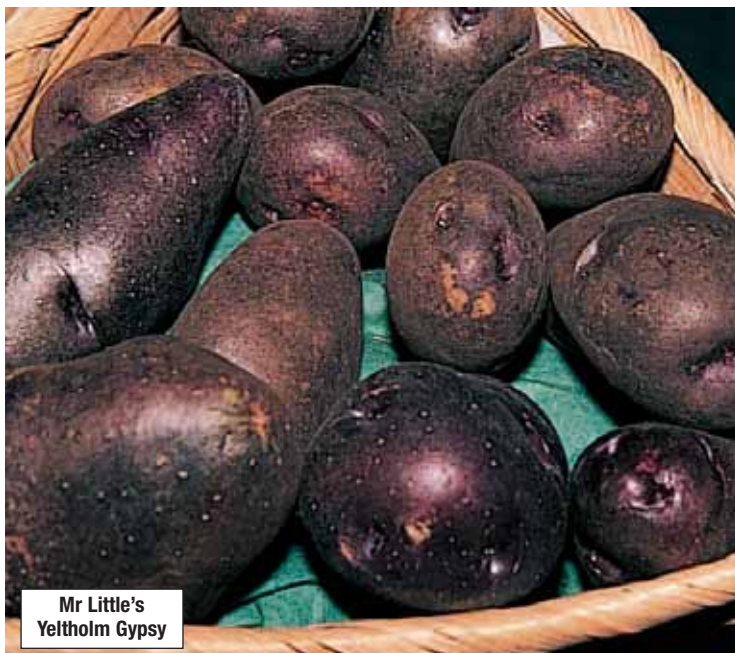
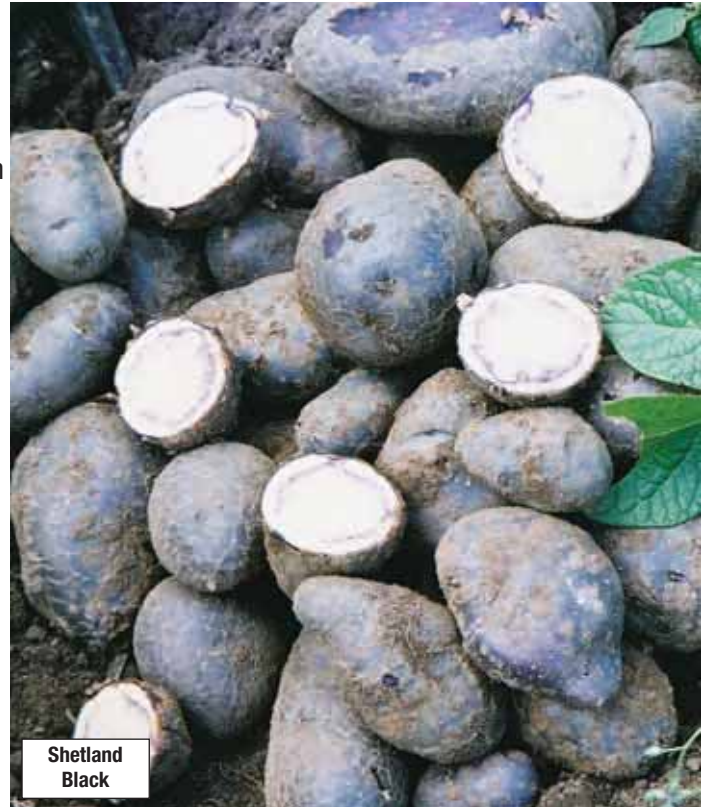
This new technology, developed in association with potato expert, Alan Romans, provides secure long term storage of heritage varieties but also **allows rapid introduction of varieties, old and new**. This is important at a time when many field grown seed varieties worldwide are under increasing pest and disease pressures.

Minituber production commences with laboratory in-vitro micropropagation of the initial microplants grown under stringent quality assurance controls. Nodal cuttings taken from the microplants rooted in sterile nutrient jelly, are moved to a screened compost based or hydroponic growing facility.

Exclusively available to the home gardener through Thompson & Morgan, the Mini-tubers range features ten heirloom varieties including Mr Little's Yetholm Gypsy, Shetland Black and Fortyfold.

Minitubers are exclusively available from Thompson & Morgan priced at £5.49 for 5 tubers or £7.99 for 10 tubers. All Minitubers will be despatched from March 2009.

To place an order call 01473 695225. Or order online at www.thompson-morgan.com/minituber.



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