



### **Mercury Russet (CO99100-1RU)**

**Pedigree:** AC93047-1 x Silverton Russet

**Developer:** Colorado State University

**Plant Variety Protection:** Applied for

**Seed Availability:** San Luis Valley Research Center

### **Incentives for Production**

- ★ Early maturity
- ★ Processing potential
- ★ Attractive tuber type

### **General Characteristics**

**Usage:** Dual market

**Plant:** Small vine size with white flowers

**Maturity:** Very early

**Tubers:** Oblong tubers with medium russet skin and white flesh. Tubers are resistant to hollow heart, blackspot bruise and shatter bruise.

**Yield Potential:** Medium (avg. 358 cwt/acre) and a high percentage of US No. 1 tubers (85%)

**Specific Gravity:** Medium (1.084)

Detailed data summary for Mercury Russet.

Variable	# Trials	Mean	Range	
Total Yield (Cwt/A)	7	358	308-409	
Yield US #1 (Cwt/A)	7	304	271-377	
% US #1	7	85	76-92	
Yield >10 oz (Cwt/A)	7	80	48-121	
Yield <4 oz (Cwt/A)	7	40	25-82	
% External Defects <sup>1</sup>	7	3.9	0.0-9.1	
% Hollow Heart <sup>2</sup>	7	0.2	0.0-0.7	
% Stand	7	99	97-100	
Emergence Uniformity	7	3.2	3.0-3.5	
Vine Vigor <sup>3</sup>	7	3.4	2.8-4.0	
Stems/Plant	7	3.4	2.6-4.2	
Vine Size <sup>4</sup>	7	2.4	2.3-2.5	
Vine Type <sup>5</sup>	9	2.4	2.0-3.0	
Vine Maturity <sup>6</sup>	7	1.4	1.0-2.0	
Blackspot <sup>7</sup>	Bud End	8	4.6	3.8-5.0
	Stem End	8	4.8	4.5-5.0
	Average	8	4.7	
Weight Loss <sup>8</sup>	8	3.5	1.4-5.7	
Dormancy <sup>9</sup>	8	62	49-77	
Enzymatic Browning <sup>10</sup>	8	3.8	3.4-4.6	
Specific Gravity	8	1.084	1.078-1.088	
Fry Color <sup>11</sup>	Harvest	8	0.4	0.0-1.0
	Storage	8	1.4	1.0-2.0
Fry Texture <sup>12</sup>	Harvest	8	3.0	2.0-4.0
	Storage	8	3.3	3.0-4.0

Refer to footnotes on next page.

**Footnotes for Table on previous page:**

- <sup>1</sup>Percent external defects based on the proportion of the total sample weight with significant defects.
- <sup>2</sup>Percent hollow heart calculated as follows: (Weight of tubers >10 ounces with defects/total sample weight) x 100.
- <sup>3</sup>Vine vigor is rated on a 1 to 5 scale, with 5 indicating very vigorous vines.
- <sup>4</sup>Vine size is rated on a 1 to 5 scale, with 5 indicating very large vines.
- <sup>5</sup>Vine type is rated on a 1 to 5 scale, with 5 indicating very upright vines.
- <sup>6</sup>Vine maturity is rated on the following basis: 1=very early; 2=early; 3=medium; 4=late; and 5=very late.
- <sup>7</sup>Blackspot was rated on a 1 to 5 scale, with 5 indicating no discoloration.
- <sup>8</sup>Tubers were stored at 45F for approximately 3 months.
- <sup>9</sup>Days from harvest to first visible growth. Tubers were stored at 45F.
- <sup>10</sup>Degree of darkening rated at 60 minutes after slicing tubers lengthwise. Rated on a 1 to 5 scale, with 5 indicating no discoloration.
- <sup>11</sup>Chip color was rated using the Snack Food Association 1-5 scale. Ratings of  $\leq 2.0$  are acceptable. Reconditioned samples were stored at 60F for three weeks. Fry color was rated on a 0 to 4 scale, with 0 being the lightest or best color. Color ratings of  $\leq 2.0$  are acceptable.
- <sup>12</sup>Fry texture was rated on a 1 to 5 scale, with 5 indicating the cooked flesh was dry and mealy and 1 representing a soggy, wet texture.