

Table 1. Generalized potato breeding and selection scheme used at the SLV Research Center.

Year	Comments
1	Select parents for crossing and true seed production in the greenhouse.
2	Produce seedling tubers from true seed in the greenhouse.
3	90,000-100,000 seedling tubers planted in the field as single hills. Several thousand tubers are obtained from other breeding programs. Initial selection of this material takes place at harvest. First year of field selection.
4	Twelve-hills of each single-hill selection are planted. Second year of field selection.
5	Preliminary Selections Tier 1 (PT1). Third year of field selection (48 plant tuber-unit seed increase). Initial evaluations for chipping qualities (chip color after various storage regimes and specific gravity) are conducted this year and subsequently.
6	Preliminary Selections Tier 2 (PT2). Fourth year of field selection (96 plant tuber-unit seed increase). Initial evaluations to characterize selections for blackspot bruise potential, storage weight loss, dormancy, and enzymatic browning. Initial evaluations for french fry potential (french fry color and specific gravity) are conducted this year and subsequently. Evaluations for chipping qualities are continued.
7	Intermediate Selections. Fifth year of field selection. Initial data collected on yield, grade, and growth characteristics. Plant a 144 plant tuber-unit seed increase and a 2 rep x 25 plants intermediate yield trial (IYT).
8-14+	<p>Advanced Selections: Includes selections that have advanced from the IYT. Additional selections are included that have graduated from the Southwest Regional and Western Regional Trials. The advanced yield trials for reds, specialty types, and chippers are planted with entries in the Western Regional Red, Specialty and Chip Trials. Selections are in the 6th-12th+ cycles of field selection. All advanced yield trials (AYT) have 4 reps x 25 plants. Sixth and seventh year of field selections respectively have a 400/1,200 plant tuber-unit seed increase. All 8th year selections have up to a 1/3 acre tuber-unit seed increase planted. All 9th year and older selections generally have up to a ½ acre or more of seed increase depending on grower demand.</p> <p>Selections in the sixth year of selection are indexed for viruses and cleanup/micropropagation is initiated. Testing for ring rot and PLRV reaction is also initiated at this stage and continues as needed. Selections in the 7th year of field selection are entered into cultural management trials and postharvest disease reaction (dry rot and soft rot) evaluations.</p>
10	All 8 th year selections are entered in the Southwest Regional Trials (4 locations - CO, TX, two in CA). Cultural management trials and postharvest disease reaction evaluations continue as needed.
11-13	All 9 th -11 th year selections are entered in the Western Regional Trials (4 trials): main (russets and long whites), reds, specialties, and chippers. The Western Coordinating Committee (WERA027) directs these trials at 10+ locations in the Western United States each year. Cultural management trials and postharvest disease reaction evaluations continue as needed.
11+	Grower/industry evaluations. The Colorado Potato Breeding and Selection Project relies on the cooperation of several growers, shippers, and processors to evaluate advanced selections for adaptability and marketability.
14+	Release as a named cultivar.