

The only way to produce a good healthy potato crop is to start with healthy seeds.

That is why, since the beginning of the potato production in Egypt early this century, Egyptian farmer relied 100% on potato seed produced in northern Europe.

The high cost of the imported seed pushed the Egyptian farmer to use his first potato production as a source for a second planting.

Egypt imported in the last 2 years seventy to seventy five thousand tons each year, planted during December, January and February to be harvested in April- May.

After storage of 4 to 5 month a big part of April production was and will be used as seeds.

Due to the high transport cost and in addition to various potato diseases that are more and more spreading in the world.

Daltex decided to start a local seed production system to satisfy daltex needs. This system depends to begin with on tissue culture in the lab and ends up in good quality seed highly adaptable to the Egyptian climate.

We focused as Daltex to start with on none protected varieties and we hope in the future to follow the international system of paying royalties to the breeders and companies interested in cooperating with us.

Daltex seed production

Daltex produce seed in New lands in the desert area, we start unit GO which are 100% virus free are planted in virgin lands that were never planted with potato or any crop of the same family.

The land is isolated.

During the month of growth a qualified technical team from daltex check for off types and any diseases. A special lab for

Daltex has been created to check for viruses, also sample for any suspicious symptom are send to official labs.

Upon harvest seeds are treated with fungicide and stored at low temperature until the next planting season.

The same procedure is followed after planting the second generation, checks for diseases and off types are made to ensure true to type and excellent quality seeds.

In addition to Daltex very strict controls, we rely mainly on the field visits and control of executed by The Central Administration For Seed Testing and Certification headed by the Engineer Salah Moawad and the disease identification and Tests conducted by Dr. Safwat El Haddad, Dr Ali Suleiman to have our seed certified officially.

Daltex aims in the coming years to become a very important supplier of locally produced quality Potato seeds. We will also try to target neighboring countries. This season a pilot trial of our Certified seeds we will be planted in Lebanon and this was done in cooperation with both the Egyptian and the Lebanese Ministries of Agriculture.

We can proudly announce that Egypt is now part of the certified seed producing countries in the world with the best international standers..