

SOIL BIODEGRADABLE MULCH: AN INTERESTING CROP MANAGEMENT TOOL FOR EARLY FRESH POTATOES

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Abstract:

Early fresh potatoes are well appreciated by consumers in Europe and China in spring and early summer. The earlier in the season the higher the price for the farmer. Soil biodegradable mulch can help to improve the profit for the farmer by improving multiple yield components versus Polyethylene mulch or bare soil and this without risk of soil pollution. Advantages that were noticed are: earlier harvest, bigger tuber size, higher marketable yield, less green tubers, no collection of PE and further recycling needed,