# Vanguard Russet (TX08352-5RUS)

Pedigree: TXA549-1RUS x Reveille Russet

**Developers:** crossed and selected by Texas A&M University

**Plant Variety Protection:** In Process

#### **MORPHOLOGY**

Plant: Semi-erect growth habit

**Tubers:** Uniform oblong tubers, small to medium tuber size,

medium russet skin

#### **AGRONOMICS**

Maturity: Medium

Yield Potential (US#1) cwt/A\*: 397 (222 - 624)

**Utilization:** Fresh market, early processing

**Specific Gravity\*:** 1.061 (1.055 - 1.074)

**Seed Spacing:** 10 to 11 inch in-row seed spacing is recommended

**Dormancy:** Moderate

**Strengths:** Good type and uniform tuber shape, resistant to common scab and Fusarium dry rot. Few oversize tubers.

Weaknesses: Lower SG and solids, susceptible to Verticillium wilt

and early die, shatter bruise.

### **UTILIZATION**

This fresh market russet has early process potential but is not recommended for processing out of storage. In Michigan, at 10 inch in-row spacing, it has an average yield potential with few oversized tubers and over 10 percent undersize potatoes. Higher yield was observed under field management practices consistent with Russet Norkotah. The skin finish is more similar to that of Russet Burbank, while the tubers are oblong and not as long as Russet Norkotah.





Tubers from the 2016 Walther Silverton Russet management trial

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<sup>\*</sup>Data reflects the mean with range in parenthesis from 26 trials in two years.

## **Vanguard Russet Data Sumary**

Category	# Trials	Average	Range
US # 1 Yield (Cwt/A)	26	397	222 - 624
Total Yield (Cwt/A)	26	492	327 - 741
% US No. 1	26	79	67 - 95
% B Size <sup>1</sup>	26	16	5 - 35
% A Size <sup>1</sup>	26	69	50 - 88
% Oversize <sup>1</sup>	26	11	0 - 30
% Pickouts	26	4	1 - 12
Specific Gravity	26	1.059	1.044 - 1.074
Common Scab <sup>2</sup>	25	0.4	0.0 - 1.5
Vine Vigor <sup>3</sup>	25	2.6	1 - 4.5
Vine Maturity <sup>4</sup>	24	2.4	1.5 - 3.7
% Hollow Heart	26	1	0 - 10
% Vascular Discoloration	26	16	0 - 60
% Internal Brown Spot	26	0	0 - 10
% Brown Center	25	2	0 - 50

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$ B size < 4 oz., A size 4 - 10 oz., Oversize > 10 oz.

This variety was evaluated in 2016 and 2017.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Common Scab Rating Scale from 0 (no scab) to 5 (severe scab)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Vine Vigor Rating Scale from 1 (slow emergence) to 5 (early emergence)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Vine Maturity Rating Scale from 1 (dead vines) to 5 (vigourous, flowering vines)