

The position of the Specialized Section on vigour of seed potatoes

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- Plant vigour is a very important quality aspect of seed potatoes, especially in the southern regions with higher temperatures.
- Genotype determines loss of vigour; some varieties are very susceptible, while others are more tolerant. Growing and storage conditions, especially temperature, influence plant vigour.
- Determining plant vigour is still very difficult in seed lots.
- The only indirect reference to vigour in the UNECE Standard is a tolerance for shrivelled tubers.
- Stricter requirements for plant vigour cannot yet be prescribed by the Standard.