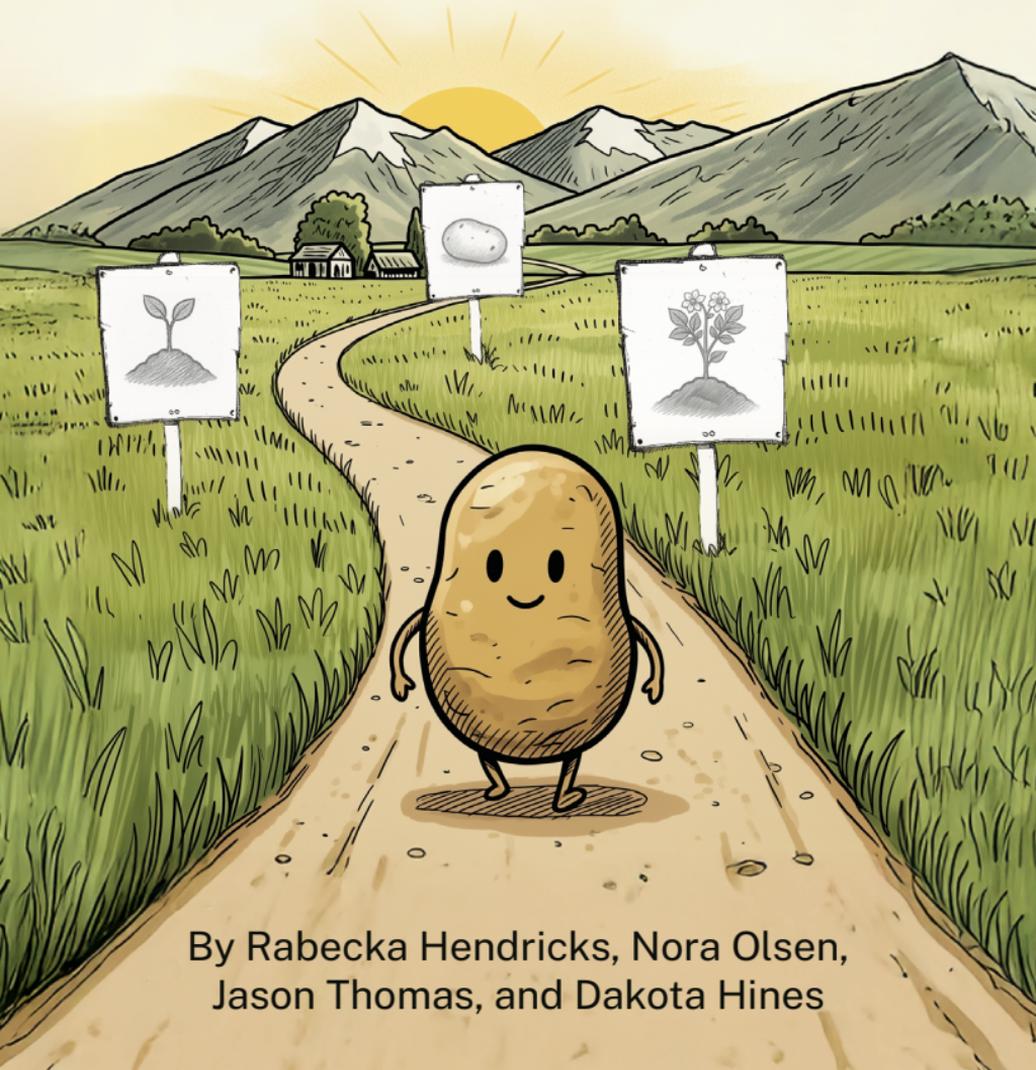


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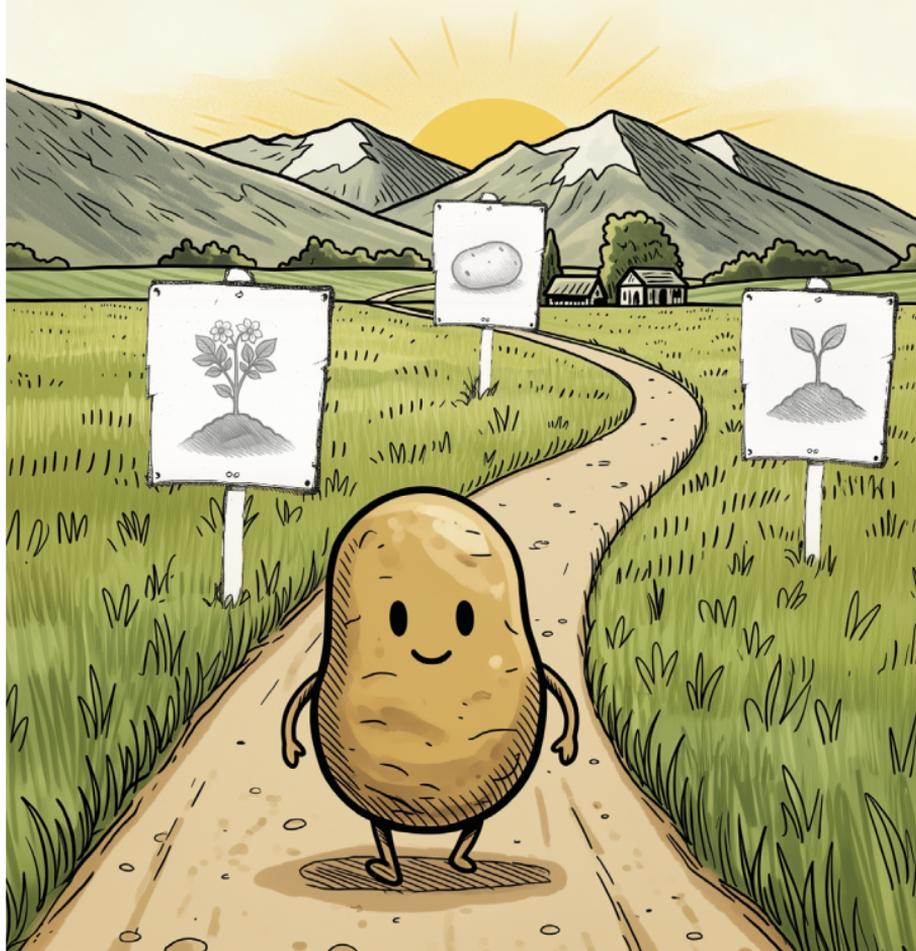
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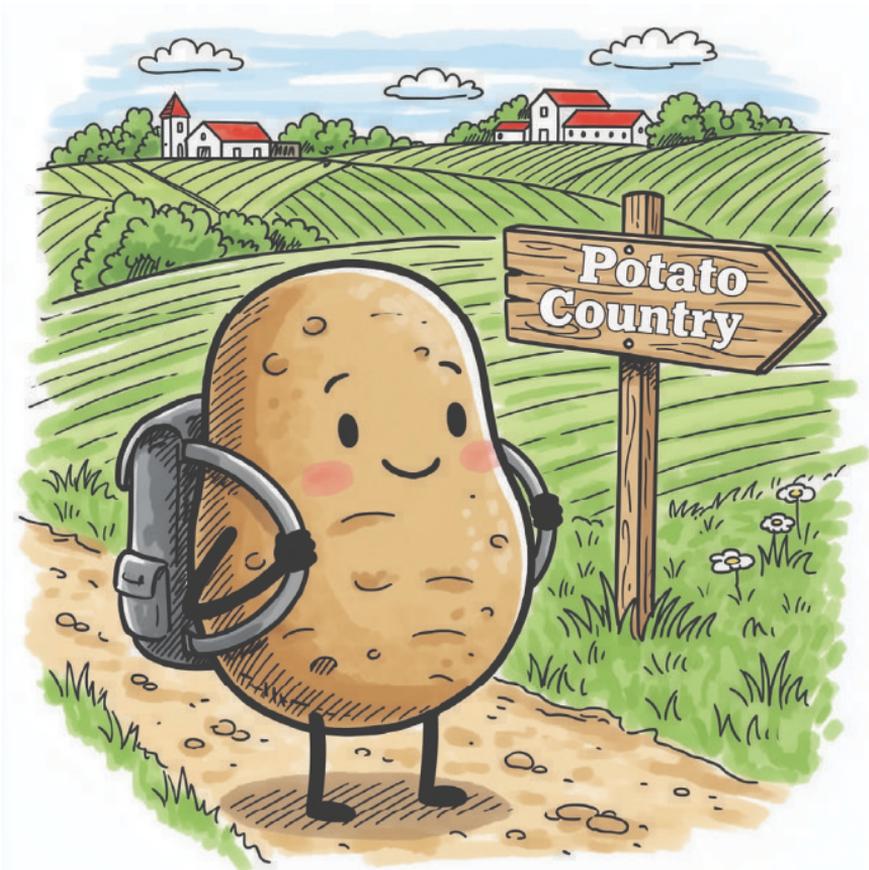
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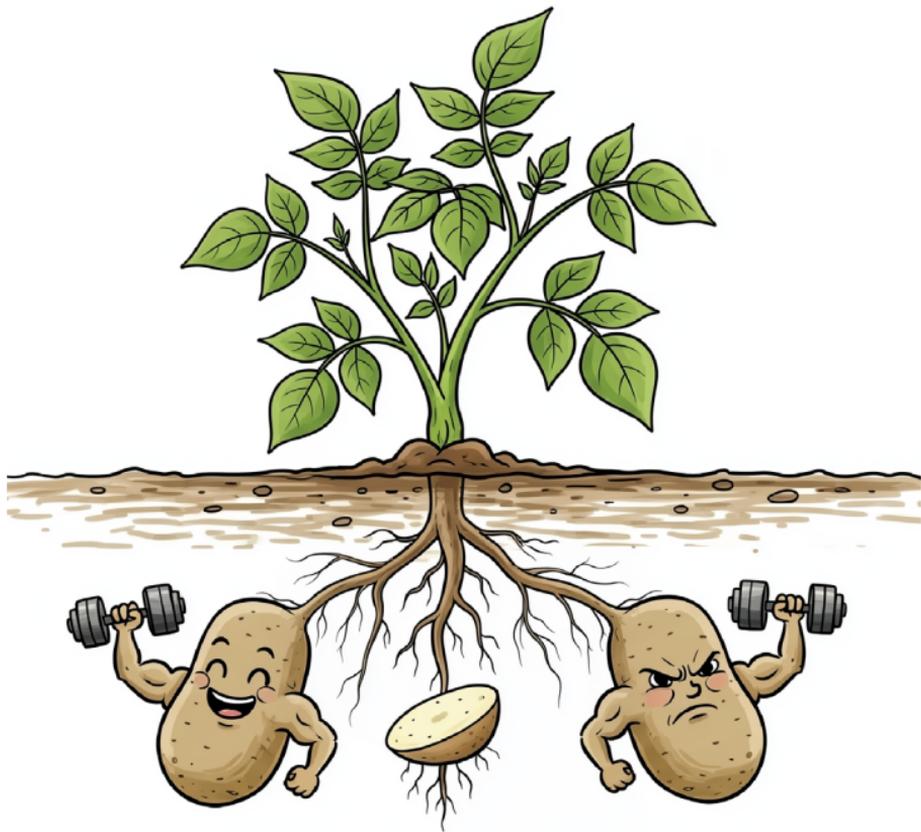




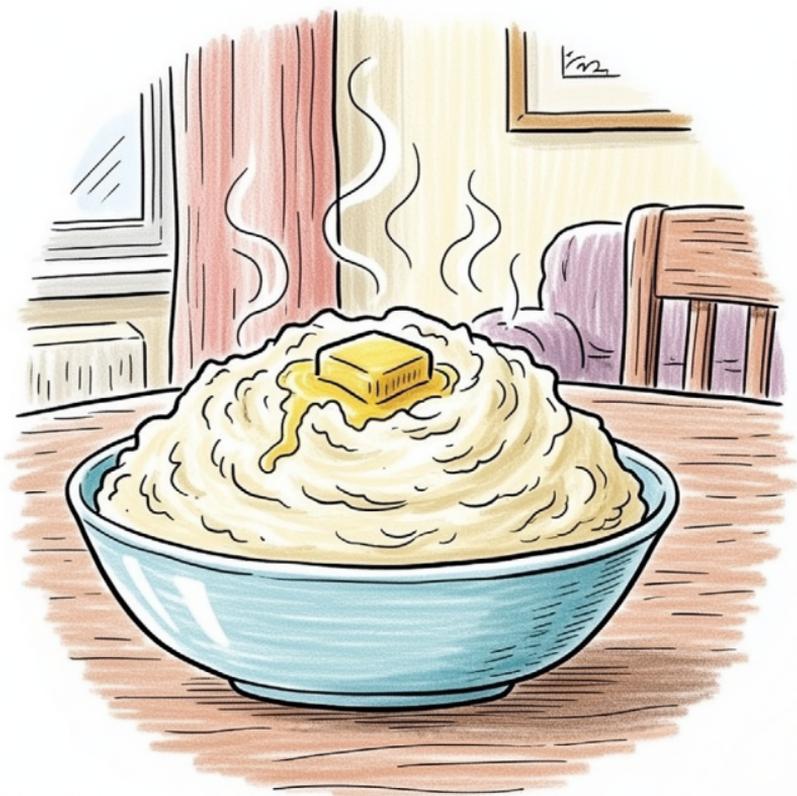
Today we're going on a journey to learn where potatoes come from!



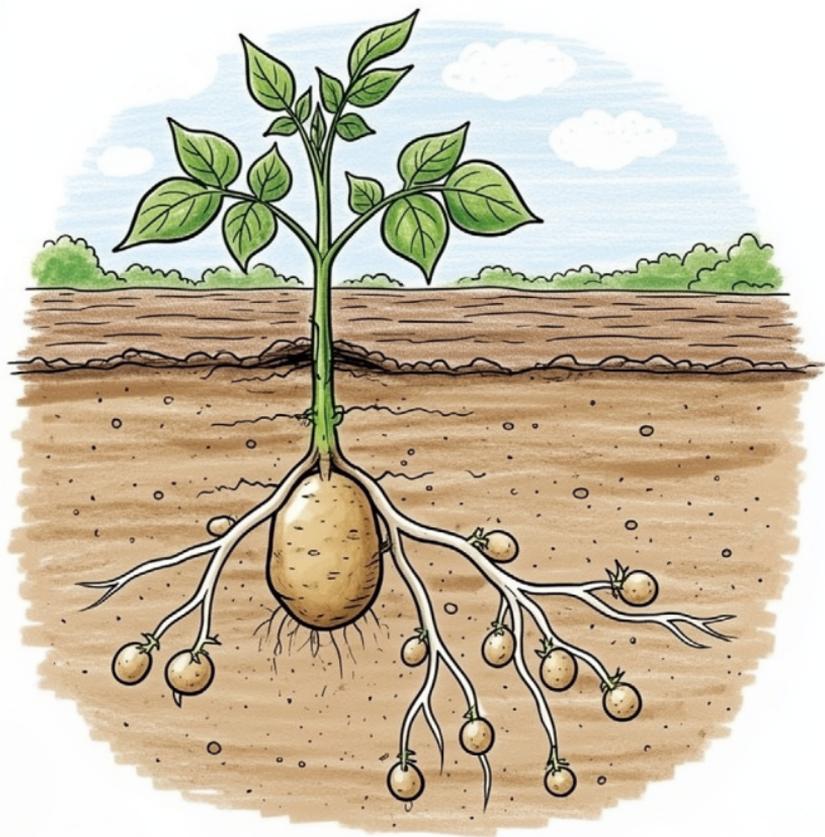
Our journey begins in Idaho, a place that has abundant sunlight, available water, healthy soil, and great weather to grow a potato crop.



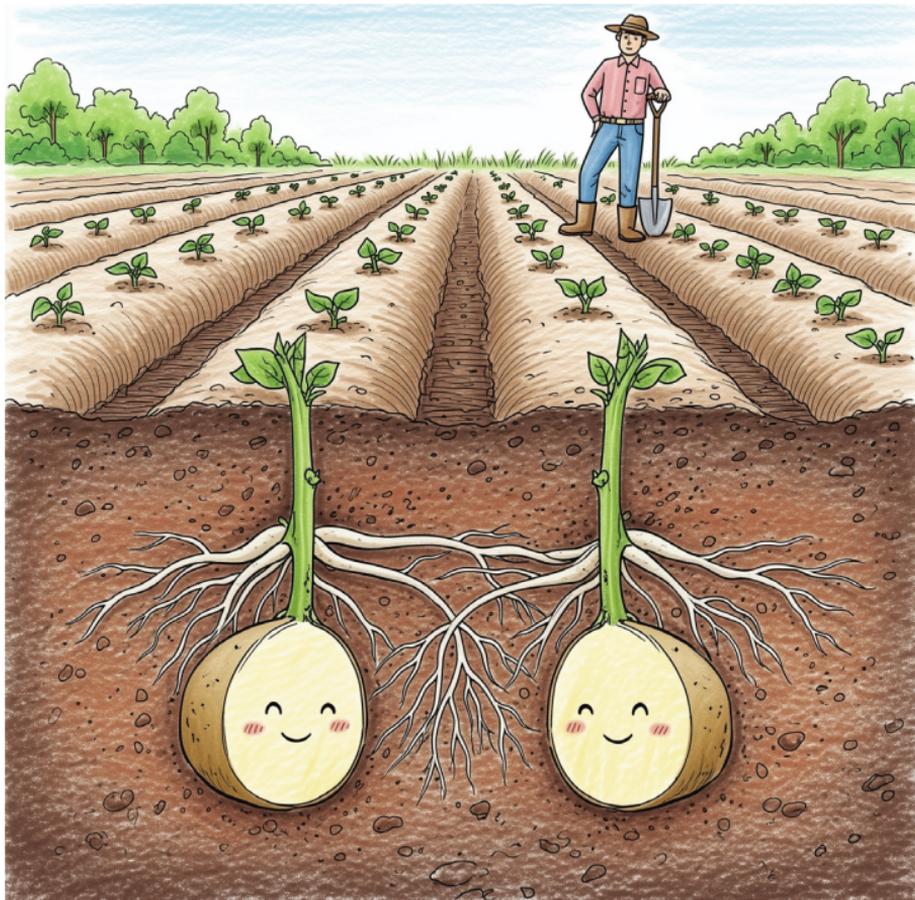
What is a potato? Potato plants grow a special kind of underground stem called a **tuber**. Tubers are full of energy.



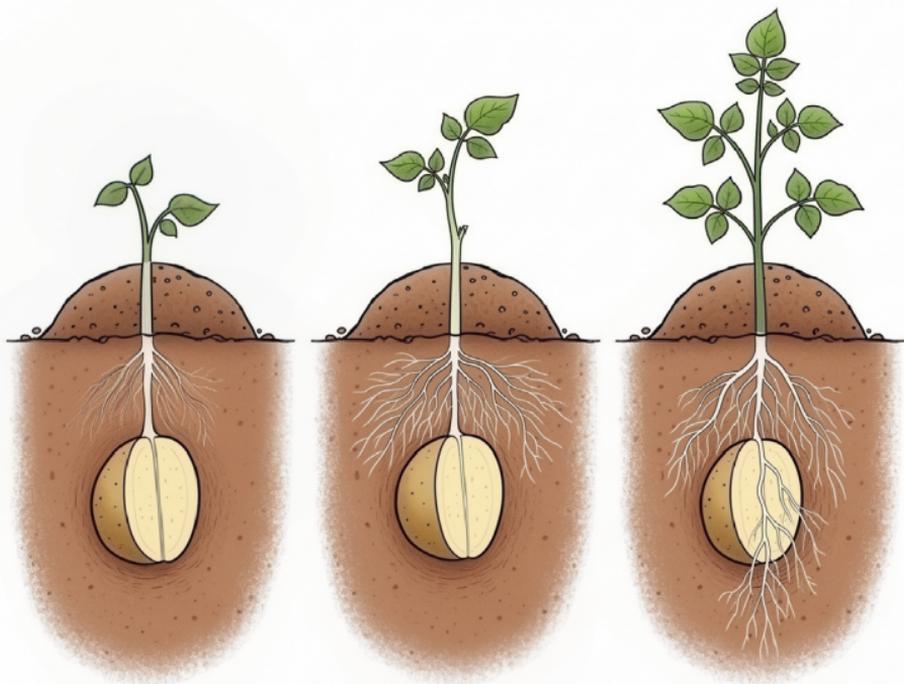
You can eat tubers to fuel your body or . . .



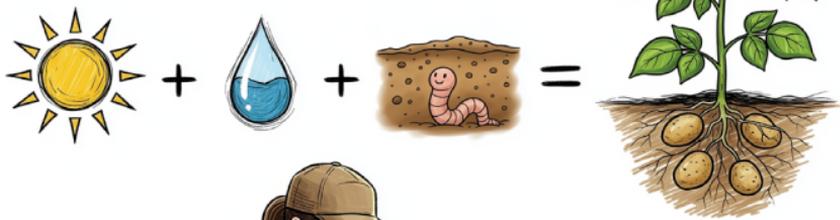
tubers can use that energy to grow another potato plant. That plant makes even more tubers!



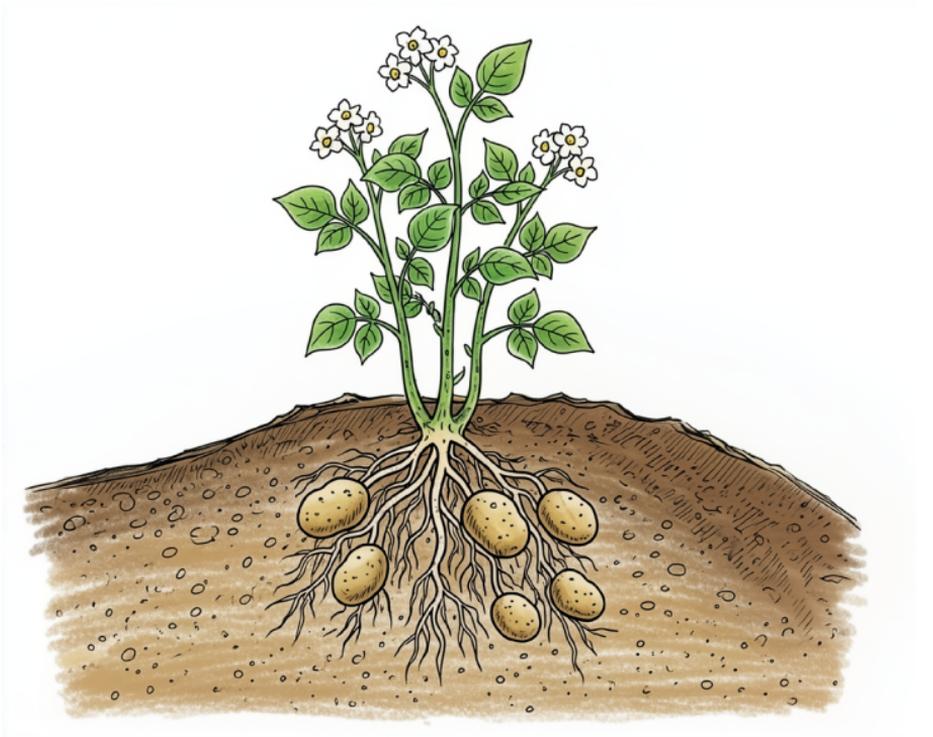
Farmers grow more potato plants by cutting tubers and planting them deep in the soil.



Buried tubers sprout, emerge from the ground, and grow new leaves.



Potato plants need sunlight, water, and healthy soil. Farmers must carefully watch to give the plants what they need to grow strong.



Potato plants grow leaves, stems, and even flowers. But the most important part is that healthy plants grow more tubers underground.



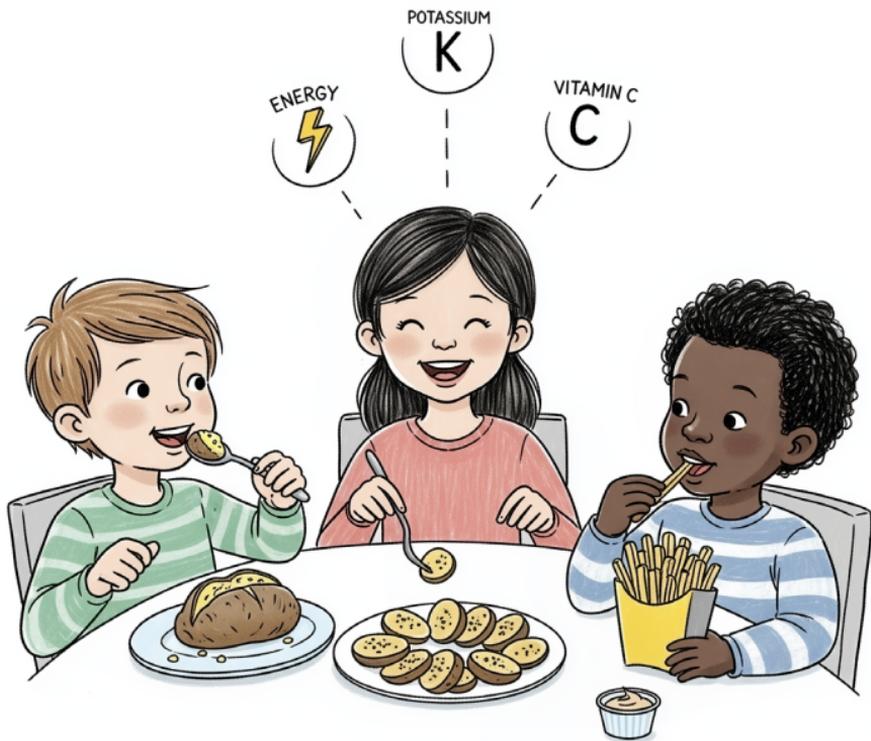
But growing potatoes isn't always easy. Weeds try to take up space, bugs nibble the leaves, and diseases hurt the plants.



When the time is right, big machines or people with tools dig up the potatoes from the ground.



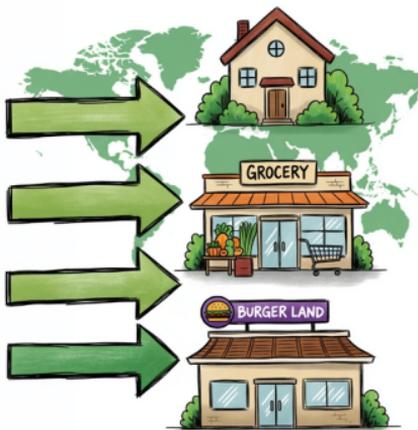
Once potatoes are harvested, they are either sold in stores or carefully put in storage so you can eat them any time of the year.



Potatoes are tasty and good for you. They give us energy and important nutrients like potassium and vitamin C.



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