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GOLD'n GRO Feeds Roots! Sweet Potatoes...Grown in a Pot

I have gardened, as a hobby, for many years. At my home in Reno, Nevada I have focused on flowers, roses, trees, and ornamentals. This past spring, I had an empty pot and found a sweet potato in my pantry that was past the eating stage. I decided to plant the sweet potato, mainly since my sister-in-law plants sweet potatoes every year and the plants are attractive...

...the following is my Sweet Potato story, and of all things, grown in a Pot!

- John Key, user of GOLD'n GRO Liquid Fertilizer!





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The vacant flowerpot I had was a teardrop shaped pot that is 19 inches diameter at the top, 11 inches diameter at the bottom, and 18 inches tall. The pot already had planting media in it, so all I had to do was relocate the pot to the location I wanted it and plant. I cut the potato into 1-inch to 2-inch pieces and only planted the sections that had sprouts already growing inside the clear potato wrapper. I ended up planting three sections. This occurred on May 19, 2023.





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The plant erupted from the growth media within 7-10 days and continued to grow into a beautiful vining plant. Due to the small size of the pot, it required constant watering, at least every two days. The plant would start to wither in extreme heat but recovered quickly to its original status.

I used GOLD'n GRO liquid fertilizer on the sweet potato during planting and throughout the summer. When the sweet potato was planted, I used GOLD'n GRO 8-8-8 as a root feeding fertilizer. Additionally, I used the 8-8-8 as a foliar feed during the first month of growth. After the first month I switched to GOLD'n GRO 6-3-9. The 6-3-9 was used mainly as a foliar feed but I also used it as light root feed.

The feeding schedule was as follows.

May 19	Root fertilization	8-8-8
May 30	Foliar fertilization	8-8-8
June 5	Foliar fertilization	8-8-8
June 12	Foliar fertilization	8-8-8
	Root fertilization	8-8-8
June 22	Foliar fertilization	6-3-9
	Root fertilization	6-3-9
July 11	Foliar fertilization	6-3-9



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I continued with the 6-3-9 as a foliar feed on a two-week interval through mid-September. For the root and foliar feeding of the 8-8-8 and the 6-3-9 I used a concentration of two caps full of fertilizer per gallon of water. The cap was from the ½ pint bottle of GOLD'n GRO.

The pot was totally rootbound, as you can see from the photo, and pure sweetness was awaiting inside!





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Holy-Moly! - I recovered a total of 16 sweet potatoes! Two were baking size, while the balance were smaller potatoes that I have used as sliced skillet potatoes fried in butter.

The crop of sweet potatoes was harvested on October 21, 2023. The potatoes have excellent flavor and I've enjoyed them a lot.





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If you grow it, we can feed it. Using the contact information above, we invite you to discuss your plant nutrition needs with us. We want to grow with you!!!

GOLD'n GRO liquid multi-nutrient fertilizers were developed and are manufactured by Itronics Metallurgical, Inc., based in Reno, Nevada. Sales and distribution managed by the GOLD'n GRO Division. The full fertilizer line may be viewed at www.GOLDnGRO.com.

The fertilizers are for all crops. They are for both soil and foliar application. Here are some categories for potential users to consider: specialty crops, nurseries, green houses, other Horticultural growers including individual home gardeners, vegetable growers, growers of all categories of trees, vines, and shrubs, and of course all categories of farming. We can feed it if you grow it.

Current package sizes include: 2X2.5-gallon, 55-gallon, 250-gallons in a 275-gallon mini-bulk tote, and full truck loads. Quart and Gallon units planned for 2024.

Many consumers, nurseries, and other specialty growers like the 2X2.5-gallon units. The 55's and bulk totes are also popular with medium-sized and larger growers. The Company has a special program for sale of two fertilizers in one package for economy. For example, a 1X2.5-gallon bottle of GOLD'n GRO 8-8-8+4%S and 1X2.5-gallon bottle of GOLD'n GRO 6-3-9+4%S can be purchased for shipment in one case. Similarly mixed cases can be shipped on one pallet for freight economy.