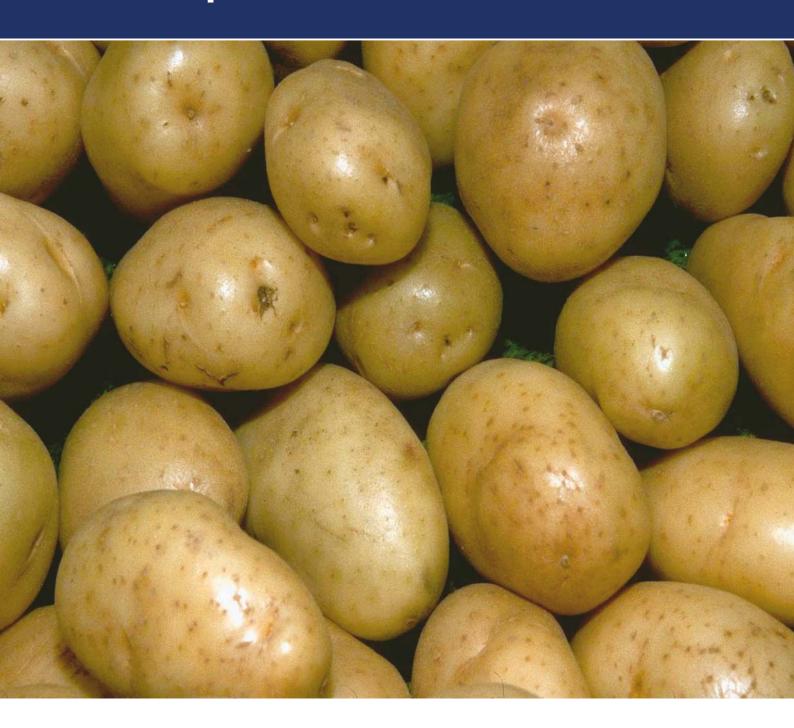


# Increased Yields with Toptex Potato Protection Fabric







### **Properties and Benefits of Toptex**

#### sheds rain water

- thereby protects the potatoes from rainfall

#### permeable to air and moist

- no condensation water
- the potatoes can dry off

#### levels extreme temperature differences

- protects from early frost\*
- avoids excessive heating-up
- reduced decay and germination
- \*) At long-term extreme frost (below -5°C) we recommend an additional foil cover.

#### easily to install and handle

- no ridge channel necessary
- low weight
- can be handled easily even at windy weather

#### highest wind stability

- reduced security measures necessary

#### extremely high tear resistance

- does not tear even when exposed to strong wind

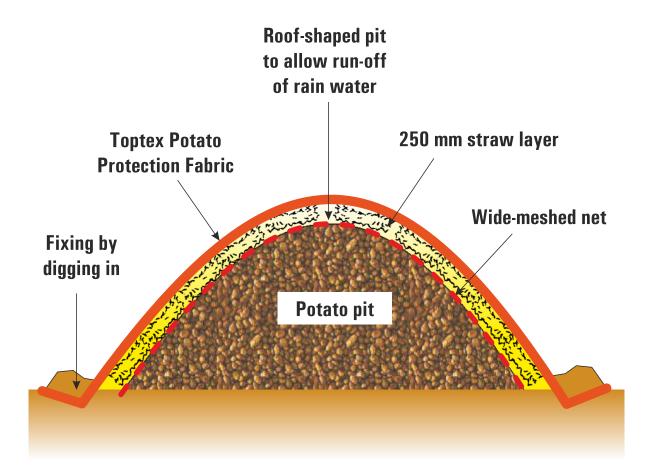
#### longevity

- 5 years life lime under normal conditions \*
- \*) The lifetime can be increased when Toptex is protected from sunlight during storage.



#### **Basic Rules of Pit Construction**

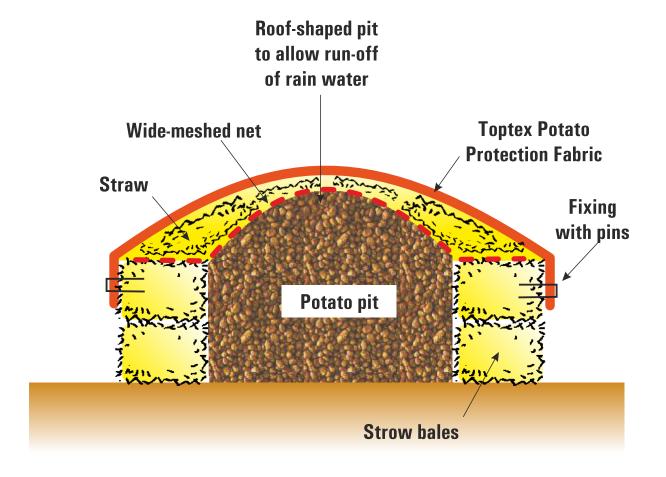
- roof-shaped pit, approx. 1.70 m high, 5 m base width
- avoid depressions in the pit, in which water could cumulate
- level possible unevennesses with a layer of straw
- tighten fabric securely
- at the toes of the pit, dig the fabric in and cover with earth or straw
- in the case of a longer frost period (below -5°C) cover additionally with a foil





#### **Basic Rules of Pit Construction**

- build up the longitudinal straw bale wall not too high
- roof-shaped pit
- level possible unevennesses with a layer of straw
- avoid steps or depressions in the pit, in which water could cumulate
- tighten fabric securely and fix with pins to the straw bales
- in the case of a longer frost period (below -5°C) cover additionally with a foil





# **Practical Experience**

# Practical test of pit covers of the Chamber of Agriculture Weser-Ems / Germany



Pit with Topex nonwoven

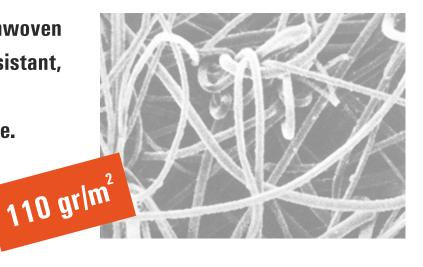


Pits with foil covers are extremely prone to wind attack



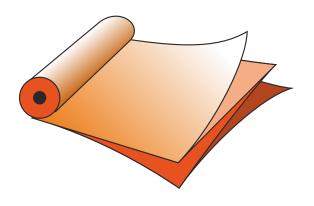
## **Product Description**

Toptex is a respirating nonwoven made from 100% decay resistant, continuous filaments from UV-stabilized polypropylene.



#### **Dimensions**

Width	9,80 m	9,80 m
Roll width	2,45 m	2,45 m
Length	12,5 m	25 m
Roll weight	appr. 17 kg	appr. 35 kg



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