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High Germination 20 Years on from Mr Fothergill's Moneymaker (MRF572)

While staff at Mr Fothergill's seed testing laboratory know tomato seed can be reasonably long-lived when stored in optimum conditions, they were surprised to learn that seed of the ever-popular Moneymaker germinated well for a Kent gardener, despite being packeted more than 20 years ago.

Glynne Hibbert contacted the Suffolk seedsman to report his news "Just to see what the result would be after finding a packet of Moneymaker seed in a seed box at the back of our reserve fridge, I thought you would be interested in the result so far. Years ago on buying petrol from a Murco filling station I was given this promotional packet of seed supplied to the firm by Mr Fothergill's. It was packed in the year ending January 1996.

"At the end of February 2016 I scattered the seeds onto compost in a margarine tub, and believe I have had a near on 99 per cent germination rate. These young seedlings are to be shared with two friends for growing on. The ones I keep will be grown outdoors", says Glynne who lives near Ramsgate.

Mr Fothergill's technical manager Alison Mulvaney said that while tomato seed may remain viable for four or five years, the company had never kept any for 20 years, but she felt such longevity was remarkable.

Mr Fothergill's seeds are available from garden centres and many other retailers throughout the UK. To request a copy of our latest Seed Catalogue 2016, go online at www.mr-fothergills.co.uk, telephone 0845 371 0518 or write to Mr Fothergill's, Gazeley Road, Kentford, Suffolk CB8 7QB.

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