

# Potato Progress

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## 2016 WA Commercial Potato Seed Lot Pick up & Trial Information

Info also available each year at: www.potatoes.wsu.edu

Commercial potato seed samples are requested for the 2016 Washington Seed Lot Trial. **Two hundred whole** (single drop) seed is an acceptable sample size, or 50 lbs of 4 oz single drop seed.

Requested: 50 lbs of 2-4 oz whole seed, no seed treatments (Seed over 6 oz is not acceptable) We want a representative sample - if applicable, include a representative amount of rotten tubers!

A representative sample is needed. Sampling the first (or last) 300 seed from the truck is not likely to provide a representative sample of the lot. Sample tags may be obtained by calling the Potato Commission at 509-765-8845.

Your assistance with collection and drop off of seed samples is needed. Seed samples may be taken to the WSU Othello Research Unit (509-488-3191); located on Booker Road ¼ mile south from State Highway 26 and about five miles east of Othello. For sample pick up and any questions regarding the seed lot trials please call:

**South Basin:** Tim Waters (509-545-3511), Mark Pavek (509-335-6861), or Zach Holden (509-335-3452). **North Basin:** Carrie Huffman Wohleb (509-754-2011), Mark Pavek (509-335-6861), or Zach Holden (509-335-3452).

Westside: Don McMoran (360-428-4270), Mark Pavek (509-335-6861), or Zach Holden (509-335-3452).

In the North Basin, one seed "drop-off" has been established. It is located at Qualls Ag Labs (Mick Qualls, 509-787-4210 ext 16) on the corner of Dodson Road and Road 4; come to front office between 8 am and 5 pm. Please call the numbers below to arrange additional pick up sites. Samples will be picked up at 2:00 pm the day before each planting date (below) to be included. Growers planting in early March should drop their samples off at the Othello Research Center or store the samples and call the numbers below for pick up. For all alternative pick up locations or questions please call Mark Pavek at 509-335-6861 or Zach Holden at 509-335-3452.

#### PICK UP DATES ARE ONE DAY PRIOR TO THE PLANTING DATES BELOW

The seed lot planting dates for 2016 are: 1st (Early) March 22

2<sup>nd</sup> April 5 3<sup>rd</sup> April 19

4th (Late) May 3



# **POTATO VIRUS DETECTION TRAINING JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2016**

OTHELLO, WA

For growers, inspectors, regulators and anyone interested in learning more about detection of PVY, PMTV and TRV in field applications. The workshop will be held at the WSU Othello Agricultural Research & Extension Center, 1471 W. Cox Rd., Othello, WA from 9am-3:30pm. Lunch will be provided. For those who can spend more time, you are also welcome to attend the WSU Commercial Seed Lot Evaluation June 21st and WSU Potato Field Day on 23rd, both in Othello, as well as the OSU Potato Field Day at the OSU Research Center in Hermiston, OR on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Come and make a week of it! Register for the event at http://bit.ly/wsu-potatovirusworkshop. For more information about the event email pbg-potatovirus@cornell.edu.



Field identification of PVY (strains O, N-Wi and NTN) on 40 popular cultivars

**Tuber symptoms** of PVY, PMTV and **TRV** 

Learn about new diagnostic assays for viruses and their vectors

Talk with experts from the USDA, UID, MTSU, WSU and UWI

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FOR MORE INFORMATION pbg-potatovirus@cornell.edu