

Welcome to the NDSU Blightline for September 14, 2009 sponsored by Syngenta Crop Protection.

Current recommendations:

No new late blight has been reported in any commercial or seed potato fields the past four days. Our late blight continues to be localized but serious. Growers should watch harvested potatoes for the presence of late blight. While we have not had any tuber samples with late blight, tuber infection could have occurred during the rain storms we have had the past three week. Phostrol is labeled for post-harvest application to control spread of late blight during and after harvest. Fields should be completely dead prior to harvest to prevent late blight infection and spread during harvest. Avoid free water in storage to prevent infection of stored potatoes.

NDSU asks that any field or tuber infections of late blight be sent to NDSU to either Secor or Gudmestad, Plant Pathology Department, NDSU Dept # 7660, P.O. Box 6050, Fargo, ND, 58108-6050.

The Blightline will continue to be updated as needed through at least the middle of September.

Thank you for using the NDSU Potato Blightline.