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SSPGA MANDATE

To promote the use of high quality production techniques by industry members.

- ◆ to inform grower/members and industry stakeholders of issues of importance to the industry and to provide, where possible, educational programs for new growers.
- ◆ to promote the use of high quality, locally produced, early generation seed by Saskatchewan's commercial potato industry.
- ◆ to foster the development of export markets for Saskatchewan grown seed potatoes.
- ◆ to keep grower/members and other stakeholders informed on seed potato regulation issues.
- ◆ to represent Saskatchewan seed growers' interests in the areas of federal and provincial policy and program development and in regulatory issues.
- ◆ to co-operate fully with federal and provincial efforts towards eradication of Bacterial Ring Rot and the control of other pests and pathogens of potatoes.
- ◆ to promote and support industry research and development.

EVALUATION OF BIOCIDES AND DISINFECTION PROCEDURES FOR THE EFFECTIVE SANITATION OF POTATO STORAGES AND EQUIPMENT

A research project was initiated in February 2009 to determine the effectiveness of ten commercial disinfectants with the potential to be used within the potato industry to eradicate surface contamination of *Clavibacter michiganensis* subsp. *sepedonicus* (*Cms*), the causal agent of Bacterial Ring Rot (BRR), a destructive bacterial disease of potato tubers. The goal of the study was to generate new information that would aid in eliminating infestations from storages, equipment, machinery and other contaminated surfaces on farms, in processing plants and warehouses, and other facilities producing or handling potatoes. Since previous disinfection studies have dealt mainly with *Cms* in its planktonic (free cell) form, relatively little research has been performed on the pathogen as a biofilm (aggregated cell form), which corresponds to the “cheesy ooze” or “slime” produced by infected tubers. Biofilms that have been deposited on surfaces and have dried down are very difficult to eradicate with disinfectants.

Some of the key results from the first year of this study are summarized below:

1. Stable biofilms of *Cms* were generated utilizing MBEC™ assay plates containing balsa wood pegs, a temperature of 23°C, and seven days of gentle agitation in a nutritive broth. Once this was demonstrated, the process was duplicated using the BEST™ plate assay to generate *Cms* biofilms on coupons of both hard and porous materials common to potato handling equipment and storage facilities, i.e. plywood, mild steel, stainless steel, concrete, aluminum, galvanized tin, foam padding, spray-on foam insulation, humidicell paper, polyethylene sheeting, and rubber belting.

2. Testing was initiated on nine of the ten biocides to be evaluated during the study, including Bleach, Virkon, Menno Florades, General Storage Disinfectant (GSD), SaniDate, Hyperox, KleenGrow, Dutrion and Thymox. These products were tested against *Cms* biofilms using MBEC™ and BEST™ plates containing coupons of the materials listed above. To date, the most effective biocides have been Bleach, Hyperox, Virkon and SaniDate; however, relative effectiveness varied depending on the surface being disinfested and the duration of exposure to the chemicals.
3. Evaluation of the biocides against planktonic cultures has not been initiated at this time, but is planned to commence later in 2009. Previous studies at CDC South have shown that free cells of *Cms* are much more sensitive to biocides than biofilms.
4. Evaluation of the biocides against transferred biofilms will commence in early 2010. In this phase of the study, natural biofilms of *Cms* grown in culture plates or obtained from BRR-infected tubers will be transferred to coupons of the various surfaces listed above and challenged with the biocides. Earlier studies in our laboratory have shown that transferred biofilms, especially those from tubers, are very difficult to eradicate.

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Project Overview

The main objectives of the project are to:

1. Identify disinfectants effective at destroying *Clavibacter michiganensis* subsp. *sepedonicus* (Cms), the causal agent of Bacterial Ring Rot.
2. Assess the effectiveness of disinfectants, both registered products and newly identified products, on various potato storage and equipment surfaces contaminated with the ring rot pathogen.
3. Determine if the efficacy of disinfectants can be enhanced by the addition of foaming agents, adjuvants, etc.
4. Convey the results of this study to the potato industry through a variety of technology transfer activities.

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FIELD PLANTING EQUIVALENCY TABLE

Region	YEAR IN FIELD					
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
CANADA	PE	E1	E2	E3	E4	F
Alaska	G1	G2	G3	G4	G5	G6
California	N	G1	G2	G3	F	C
Colorado	G1	G2	G3	G4	G5	G6
Idaho	N	G1	G2	G3	G4	G5
Maine	N1	N2	N3	N4	G1	G2
Michigan	N	G1	G2	G3	G4	G5
Minnesota	N	G1	G2	G3	G4	G5
Montana	N	G1	G2	G3	G4	--
Nebraska	N	G1	G2	G3	G4	G5
New York	(Uihlein Farm)		G1	G2	G3	G4
North Dakota	N	G1	G2	G3	G4	G5
Oregon	N	G1	G2	G3	G4	G5
Utah	N(G1)	G2	G3	G4	G5	G6
Washington	N	G1	G2	G3	G4	G5
Wisconsin	E1	E2	G1	G2	G3	G4

Revised January, 1999

Prepared by Certification Section of Potato Association of America

Abbreviations Used:

G = Generation

N = Nuclear

F = Foundation

E = Elite

PE = Pre-Elite

C = Certified

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BENEFITS OF BUYING SASKATCHEWAN SEED POTATOES

- ◆ Seed produced in Saskatchewan originated with pathogen-free nuclear stock.
- ◆ Samples of all Saskatchewan seed for sale are post-harvest tested in the laboratory for Bacterial Ring Rot.
- ◆ Saskatchewan seed potatoes are produced under an abbreviated generation system. Elite III seed has become the main class of seed produced for commercial potato production--from nuclear to commercial planting in four years.



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CANADIAN CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Seed potato certification in Canada is a national program which is administered and implemented by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) branch of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

The regulatory authority of the certification of seed potatoes is contained under Part II of the *Seeds Regulations* (Registered SOR/2002-198, May 23, 2002).

Canada's seed potato certification program is designed to regulate the variety, purity and health of seed stocks. You should know:

- ❶ Disease-Free Nuclear Seed: All seed potatoes produced in Canada originate with nuclear stocks which are produced under sterile conditions from tissue culture that has been subjected to laboratory tests and found free of disease pathogens.
- ❷ Limited Generation: Seed potatoes produced can remain in the certification program for no more than seven years. The first field generation is Pre-elite, which is produced from nuclear stock. Sequentially, the seed annually moves downward through the classification system. This results in a "flush-through" system which minimizes the risk of disease build-up.

The seed classes from the highest to the lowest are as follows:

- a) Nuclear - produced from potato tissue culture material which has been tested in the laboratory and found to be free of all disease pathogens;
- b) Pre-elite - produced from nuclear stock;
- c) Elite I - produced from nuclear stock or Pre-elite seed;
- d) Elite II - produced from nuclear stock or any of the previous classes;
- e) Elite III - produced from nuclear stock or any of the previous classes;
- f) Elite IV - produced from nuclear stock or any of the previous classes;

- g) Foundation - produced from nuclear stock or any of the previous classes;
- h) Certified - produced from nuclear stock or any of the previous classes;

③ **Disease and Variety Purity Standards:** Disease freedom and variety purity are maintained through a program consisting of multiple field inspections, laboratory testing, post-harvest testing and sound agronomic practices.

The Pre-Elite, Elite I, II, III, IV, Foundation and Certified classes of seed must undergo and pass two field inspections. All field inspections are made during a time most opportune for the visual detection of disease symptoms and foreign varieties in the growing plant.

The standards for certification of all classes of seed are set out in sections 47.1.1 - 47.8 of the *Seeds Regulations*. The maximum levels (%) of detectable disease on the final inspection for the main commercial classes are summarized below:

Disease	Elite III	Elite IV	Foundation	Certified
Bacterial Ring Rot	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Potato Spindle Tuber Viroid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total all Viruses	0.20	0.30	0.50	2.00
Total of blackleg, wilts and viruses	0.30	0.50	1.00	2.00
Varietal Mixes	0.05	0.10	0.20	0.50

Note: Inspection for the purpose of certification is made either visually or through laboratory testing of samples, or both. Certification does not constitute a warranty by either the Canadian Food Inspection Agency or the grower that the seed potatoes meet the applicable standards set out in sections 47.1.1 - 47.8 of the *Seeds Regulations*.



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- ORANGE tags identify Elite seed
- WHITE tags identify Foundation seed
- BLUE tags identify Certified seed

All shipments of nuclear seed must be accompanied by a Nuclear Stock Certificate issued by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

Bulk seed sales are identified by Bulk Movement Certificates which are also issued by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

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PROCEDURES TO CONTROL BACTERIAL RING ROT

Every effort is made to prevent contamination of seed stocks by ring rot bacteria. The following mechanisms each contribute to the reduction of the risk of Bacterial Ring Rot:

- ① Maintenance of pedigree records on all seed lots certified by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency. Records are maintained from generation to generation on all seed stocks produced in the province.
- ② All seed potatoes produced originate from disease free nuclear stocks.
- ③ Limited field generation production system (flush-through production).
- ④ Inspections of the growing crop for Bacterial Ring Rot.
- ⑤ Tuber inspections at harvest or in the bin shortly after harvest.
- ⑥ Frequent tuber inspections at shipping point.
- ⑦ Seed trace backs on Bacterial Ring Rot occurrences in commercial potato production.
- ⑧ Laboratory testing of all seed lots for the presence of Bacterial Ring Rot.
- ⑨ Total rejection of all seed produced on a farm where a seed lot is determined to be infected with Bacterial Ring Rot.
- ⑩ Seed grower diligence in preventing Bacterial Ring Rot introduction, which includes disinfecting all equipment and buildings involved in the harvesting, handling and storage of seed potatoes.

POST-HARVEST TESTING

At least 400 randomly selected tubers from each qualifying seed potato lot are collected and sent for post-harvest testing.

The main emphasis of the post-harvest test is the detection of viral infections which may have occurred during the previous growing season through transmission by insects or farm machinery. When infections of this type occur the plants may remain symptomless; however, pathogens can be carried over in the seed tuber to the next season. The post-harvest test attempts to identify where and to what extent these infections have occurred.

The main diseases for which readings are taken include:

- Potato Leafroll Virus;
- Mosaic Virus;

Test results may be obtained from individual growers.



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TUBER QUALITY STANDARDS

All seed potato classes are subject to the same tuber standards--there is only one quality grade for Canada Seed Potatoes. The total allowable disease and defects permitted in a graded seed potato lot are set out in section 48.1, subsections (2) - (10) of the **Seeds Regulations**. The following is a summary of the shipping point tolerances:

Disease or Defect	Tolerance Level (%)
Soft rot or wet breakdowns	0.10
Dry rot	1.00
Scab or Rhizoctonia - light	10.0
Scab or Rhizoctonia - moderate	5.00
Stem-end discolouration due to top-killing, frost, heat, or drought with penetration from 6 - 13 mm	4.00
Tubers malformed or externally damaged	2.00
Total number of tubers affected by disease and defects, not including slight scab and rhizoctonia and stem-end discolouration	5.00

In addition there should be no more than the following levels of foreign varieties: not more than 0.05% in Elite III, not more than 0.10% in Elite IV, and not more than 0.20% in the Foundation and 0.50% in the Certified classes of seed.



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A request for re-inspection of a lot may be made within two working days after receipt of the lot, and the re-inspection shall be carried out by an inspector as soon as possible but no later than five days after receipt of the request.

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SECTION 1: NUCLEAR to ELITE 1

SECTION 2: ELITE 2 to ELITE 4

SECTION 3: PRIVATE VARIETIES

Seed at the four commercial seed classes (Elite III, Elite IV, Foundation, and Certified) are offered for sale to the commercial potato producer. The higher classes are available for other seed potato producers.

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AC Peregrine Red ¹	Meadow Ridge Enterprises	0.02		
	Prairie Dome Potatoes			4.00
	True North Seed Potato Co.		0.10	0.70
AC Ptarmigan ¹	Meadow Ridge Enterprises	0.02		
	Prairie Dome Potatoes			1.30
Agria	Northern Konstar Seed Potatoes			0.70
Aladin	Northern Konstar Seed Potatoes			1.80
Almera	Northern Konstar Seed Potatoes			0.90
	Prairie Plant Systems	0.02		
Alpha	Dutch Potato Farm		0.70	4.70
	Northern Konstar Seed Potatoes			0.70
	Prairie Plant Systems	0.02		
Alpine Russet	Prairie Dome Potatoes			1.40
	True North Seed Potato Co.		0.10	
Atlantic	Dutch Potato Farm		0.50	3.20
Bintje	Northern Konstar Seed Potatoes		0.49	3.00
	Prairie Plant Systems	0.02		
Blazer Russet	Meadow Ridge Enterprises	0.02	0.10	
	True North Seed Potato Co.		0.10	0.60
Cal White	Hyland, Ingrid		0.20	
	Hyland, Thomas			5.20
	Meadow Ridge Enterprises	0.02		
Caribe	Meadow Ridge Enterprises	0.02		
	Prairie Dome Potatoes			0.80
Classic Russet	Meadow Ridge Enterprises	0.02	0.30	0.40
Clearwater Russet	True North Seed Potato Co.		0.10	
Gemstar Russet	Meadow Ridge Enterprises	0.02	0.10	
	True North Seed Potato Co.		0.40	1.50
Gold Rush	Meadow Ridge Enterprises	0.02	0.10	
	Prairie Dome Potatoes			1.10
Highland Russet	Meadow Ridge Enterprises	0.02	0.10	
Kennebec	Meadow Ridge Enterprises	0.02		
	Prairie Dome Potatoes			0.40

SECTION ONE: NUCLEAR to ELITE 1

VARIETY	GROWER	ACRES		
		N	PE	E1
Milva	True North Seed Potato Co.		0.20	0.80
Modoc	Meadow Ridge Enterprises	0.02	0.10	
	True North Seed Potato Co.		0.10	0.40
Norland	Dutch Potato Farm		0.02	
	Meadow Ridge Enterprises	0.04	0.20	
	Prairie Dome Potatoes			0.16
Premier Russet	True North Seed Potato Co.		0.10	16.3
	Assiniboine Valley Seed Potato Ltd.			4.40
	Meadow Ridge Enterprises	0.02	0.20	
Prospect	True North Seed Potato Co.		0.10	0.50
	Hyland, Ingrid		0.70	
	Meadow Ridge Enterprises	0.02		
Ranger Russet	Megli, Wayne		1.10	8.50
	Hyland, Ingrid		0.40	
	Hyland, Tom			3.70
	Meadow Ridge Enterprises	0.02		
Red LaSoda	True North Seed Potato Co.		0.30	2.00
	Dutch Potato Farm			1.00
Red Pontiac	Meadow Ridge Enterprises	0.02		
	Prairie Dome Potatoes			0.90
Russet Burbank	Assiniboine Valley Seed Potato Ltd.		0.07	10.5
	Hyland, Ingrid		0.60	
	Hyland, Thomas			4.40
	Meadow Ridge Enterprises	0.02	1.20	0.80
	Megli, Wayne		2.10	21.7
	Prairie Dome Potatoes			0.8
	Shymanski Farms Ltd.		1.20	11.1
	True North Seed Potato Co.		0.40	2.20
	Hyland, Ingrid		1.70	
Russet Norkotah	Hyland, Thomas			25.9
	Meadow Ridge Enterprises	0.02		
	Megli, Wayne		1.40	9.9

SECTION ONE: NUCLEAR to ELITE 1

VARIETY	GROWER	ACRES		
		N	PE	E1
Sangre	True North Seed Potato Co.	0.02	0.40	1.70
	Meadow Ridge Enterprises			
Shepody	Prairie Dome Potatoes			2.30
	Assiniboine Valley Seed Potato Ltd.			5.00
	Hyland, Ingrid		0.40	
	Hyland, Thomas			4.90
Umatilla Russet	Meadow Ridge Enterprises	0.02	0.04	2.50
	True North Seed Potato Co.		0.20	3.00
	Meadow Ridge Enterprises	0.02	0.50	
	Viking	Meadow Ridge Enterprises	0.02	0.10
Yukon Gem	Prairie Dome Potatoes			1.60
	Meadow Ridge Enterprises	0.02	0.40	
Yukon Gold	True North Seed Potato Co.		0.10	1.00
	Meadow Ridge Enterprises	0.02	0.04	
	Northern Konstar Seed Potato		0.17	
	Prairie Dome Potatoes			2.00
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SECTION TWO: ELITE 2 to ELITE 4

VARIETY	GROWER	ACRES		
		E2	E3	E4
AC Peregrine Red ¹	Prairie Dome Potatoes	16.3		
AC Ptarmigan ¹	Prairie Dome Potatoes	2.2		
Agria	Barrich Farms		16.3	
	Northern Konstar Seed Potatoes			7.7
	True North Seed Potato Co.	3.1		
Aladin	Northern Konstar Seed Potatoes	8.1		
Almera	Northern Konstar Seed Potatoes	7.4		
Alpha	Northern Konstar Seed Potatoes	3.8		99.4
Alpine Russet	Prairie Dome Potatoes	0.3		
Bintje	Northern Konstar Seed Potatoes	32.9	28.7	65.0
Blazer Russet	The Spud Farm	37.5		
Cal White	Hyland, Thomas	20.2		
Caribe	Hyland, Thomas		3.0	
	Prairie Dome Potatoes	6.1		
Chieftan	True North Seed Potato Co.	6.4		
Gem Star Russet	True North Seed Potato Co.	24.0	31.6	
German Butterball	True North Seed Potato Co.	1.6		
Gold Rush	Prairie Dome Potatoes	7.2		
Kennebec	Prairie Dome Potatoes	0.7		
Milva	Barrich Farms		25.0	
Norland	Barrich Farms	110	50.0	
	Dutch Potato Farm	2.0	9.6	
	Hyland, Thomas	11.6		
	Prairie Dome Potatoes	28.8		
	Island Holdings	38.1	378.2	
Prospect	Island Holdings	38.1	378.2	
Ranger Russet	The Spud Farm	11.2		
	True North Seed Potato Co.	23.5	19.8	
Red LaSoda	Dutch Potato Farm	8.6	3.7	
Red Pontiac	Prairie Dome Potatoes	3.5	1.6	
Russet Burbank	Assiniboine Valley Seed Potato Ltd.	73.7		
	Island Holdings	47.9	44.0	
	Prairie Dome Potatoes	1.2	4.3	
	Shymanski Farms	25.3		
	The Spud Farm	29.3		
	True North Seed Potato Co.	19.8	79.1	

SECTION TWO: ELITE 2 to ELITE 4

VARIETY	GROWER	ACRES		
		E2	E3	E4
Russet Norkotah	Hyland, Thomas	32.3		0.7
	Megli, Wayne	69.1		
	True North Seed Potato Co.	46.7	75.1	
Russian Blue	Hyland, Thomas			
	Dutch Potato Farm	4.7	12.4	
	Prairie Dome Potatoes	8.8		
Shepody	Hyland, Thomas	20.8		
	Island Holdings		36.1	
Viking	Dutch Potato Farm		0.7	
	Hyland, Thomas		3.7	
	Prairie Dome Potatoes	12.5		
Yukon Gold	Barrich Farms		12.3	
	Dutch Potato Farm		0.7	
	Prairie Dome Potatoes	5.1		
	True North Seed Potato Co.	6.4		

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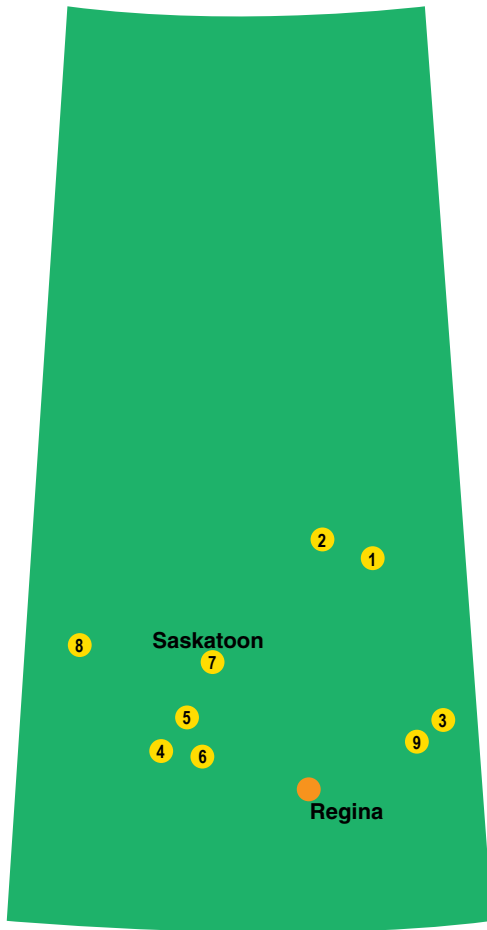
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