

NDSU Potato Blightline 22 July 2019. Late blight has not been reported in ND, MN or MB. Late blight has been reported in the Columbia Basin of WA and in central WI. Late blight severity values (DSV's) in all potato growing areas have exceeded 15, the critical risk value at which late blight infection will occur if inoculum is present. The cool weather and morning dew are conditions that favor late blight infection. All growers and consultants should be actively scouting fields for late blight and apply a protectant fungicide at 7 to 10 day intervals beginning at row closure. P-Day values are over 400, a critical threshold for early blight management and a protectant fungicide should be applied. Remember to send suspect late blight samples to us for positive identification. Let us know if you have questions or suggestions. Gary