

NDSU Potato Blightline 5 August 2019. Late blight has not been reported in ND, MN or MB. Small outbreaks of late blight are reported in WA, WI and PA. The spore-trapping network in ND and MN has not detected spores of *P. infestans*, the cause of late blight. The high humidity, morning dew and rain showers are providing extended conditions that favor late blight infection. We commonly see first late blight infections in the field in early August, so it is important for all growers and consultants to actively scout fields for late blight, especially near pivots, shelterbelts and other areas that stay wet for longer periods. Growers should continue protectant fungicides at 7 to 10 day intervals on irrigated fields and 10 to 14 days on non-irrigated fields. Remember to send suspect late blight samples to us for positive identification. Let us know if you have questions or suggestions. Remember NPPGA field days at Larimore, Inkster and Hoople are August 22. Gary