**Potato Field Day Set**

North Dakota State University and University of Minnesota potato research will be highlighted during the Northern Plains Potato Growers Association field day on Thursday, Aug. 20.

This year, the field day tour will travel to three locations. The day will begin at 7 a.m. with breakfast at Hoverson Farms near Larimore. Research presentations will begin at 8:15 a.m.

Lunch and research presentations will be at the Forest River Colony near Inkster at noon. Also scheduled is a field tour of the irrigated research trials.

The last stop will be at Oberg Farms near Hoople starting at 5 p.m. The final stop will include research presentations and an evening barbecue.

Topics include:

\* NDSU potato breeding, selection and cultivar development, cultivar-specific management, and fresh market and chip processing selections

\* Non-neonicotinoid alternatives for Colorado potato beetle control and Aphid Alert risk maps

\* Effects of glyphosate plus dicamba on potatoes

\* Potato disease management, and late blight and seed treatment trials

\* Highlights of the potato storage research at the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s potato research worksite

\* Red and yellow potato variety trials

\* Slow-release phosphorus studies

“Potato research and Extension activities are occurring throughout North Dakota and Minnesota,” says Andy Robinson, NDSU and University of Minnesota Extension potato agronomist. The research is focused on improving sustainable potato production for North Dakota and Minnesota growers. However, the research also affects production practices throughout the U.S. and the world.”

The work addresses potato breeding, nutrient management, disease, and insect and weed pests.

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