Potato Breeding, Selection, and Cultivar Development – North Dakota 2012 Summary

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Potato Improvement at NDSU…

• Goal of releasing exceptional, multi-purpose cultivars that meet the needs of potato producers and the industry in ND, MN, the Northern Plains, and beyond
Objectives

• Develop potato (*Solanum tuberosum* Group Tuberosum L.) cultivars for North Dakota, the Northern Plains, and beyond, using traditional hybridization and biotechnological techniques as appropriate, that are genetically superior for yield, market-limiting traits, and processing quality.

• Identify and introgress into adapted potato germplasm, genetic resistance to major disease, insect, and nematode pests causing economic losses in potato production in North Dakota and the Northern Plains.

• Identify and develop enhanced germplasm with resistance to environmental stresses and improved quality characteristics for adoption by consumers and industry.
End of an Era...
Crossing

- 248 families were created
- 139 parental genotypes were used
- New families...
  - 55% included late blight resistance breeding
  - 38% Colorado potato beetle (CPB) resistance breeding
  - 28% chip processing
  - 47% frozen processing with cold sweetening resistance breeding
Seedling and Minituber Production

- Very rapid
- Higher tuber numbers and better size
- Minituber lots
- Seedling crops
  - Summer, fall & winter
Seed Production - 2012

• Absaraka
  • Seed Maintenance and Increase (3 lots)

• Baker, MN
  • Seed Maintenance and Increase

• Langdon
  • Seedling Nursery and Increase Lots
Langdon…

- Long history
- Adaptation
- 94,580 seedlings were planted
- Representing 458 families
  - Cold sweetening, late blight, and Colorado Potato Beetle resistance, among many other traits
- 581 seedlings retained for 2013 evaluation
- Increase lots (27)
  - Minitubers
  - G1s
Research Trial Locations - 2012

- Crystal
  - Fresh Market, NCRPVT Fresh, Preliminary Fresh
- Grand Forks
  - CPB Trials
- Hoople
  - Chip Processing, NCRPVT Chip, NCPT, PreChip
- Inkster
  - NCRPVT Trials, Chip,
- Larimore
  - Processing, NCRPVT Processing, PreProcessing, NFPT, Simplot Trials, Out-of-State Seedlings
- Oakes
  - Processing
- Park Rapids
  - Processing and Acrylamide
- Williston
  - Processing
Evaluations

- Agronomic Characteristics
- Yield and Grade Components
- Quality Parameters
  - Specific gravity
  - Chipping
  - French frying
  - Bruise evaluations
  - Sucrose rating
Screening and Development Trials

- Disease Screening
  - Bacterial Ring Rot
  - Pink Rot and *Pythium* Leak
  - Late Blight
  - *Fusarium* Dry Rot
  - *Verticillium* Wilt
  - Tuber Blemish Diseases
- Insect Resistance Screening
  - Colorado Potato Beetle
- Stress Resistance
  - Cold Sweetening
  - Sugar End
- Cultural Management
  - Metribuzin Tolerance
  - 2,4-D Response
  - Nitrogen, Potassium Requirements
  - Seed Piece Spacing
Potato Innovation Project

- Submitted proposal to ND Specialty Crops Block Grant program
- Grew 770 selections at Larimore
- Diverse germplasm
- Contracts have not been issued
- Samples remain in storage
Advancing Selections...
ND8068-5Russ

- ND2667-9Russ x ND4233-1Russ
- Medium vine size
- Very early vine maturity
- Medium to high yield potential
- Dual-purpose
- High specific gravity
- Good storability with low sugar accumulation and excellent frozen processing quality after 7 months storage
- Russet Norkotah fertility regime
ND070927-2Russ

- AH66-4x ND860-2
- Medium vine size
- Medium-late vine maturity
- Medium to high yield potential
- Dual-purpose
- High specific gravity
- Good storability with low sugar accumulation and good French fry processing quality
- Early in evaluation process for cultivar specific management information, including fertility rates, within row spacing and disease resistance evaluations
ND071079-2Russ

- ND6242-10Russ x Dakota Russet
- Medium-large vine size
- Medium-late vine maturity
- High yield potential
- Dual-purpose
- High specific gravity
- Good storability with low sugar accumulation and excellent processing quality
- Early in evaluation process for cultivar specific management information, including fertility rates, within row spacing and disease resistance evaluations
WND8625-2Russ

- W2699-1Russ x Silverton Russet
- Medium-large vine size
- Medium vine maturity
- Medium to high yield potential
- Dual-purpose
- High specific gravity (+1.087 across ND and MN irrigated locations)
- Good storability with low sugar accumulation and good frozen processing quality after 7 months storage
- Early in evaluation process for cultivar specific management information, including fertility rates, with-in row spacing and disease resistance evaluations
AND97279-5Russ

- A92001-2 x Ranger Russet
- Medium-large vine size
- Medium-late vine maturity
- Medium to high yield potential
- Dual-purpose
- High specific gravity (about 1.087 across ND and MN irrigated locations)
- Good storability with low sugar accumulation and good frozen processing quality
- Early in evaluation process for cultivar specific management information, including fertility rates, within row spacing and disease resistance evaluations.
Dakota Russet x Dakota Trailblazer Hybrids

- Hybrids include ND049546B-10Russ, ND049546B-15Russ, ND049546b-27Russ, ND050032-4Russ, and ND060735-3Russ
- Yield potential for all is medium to high
- Maturity is medium for all
- Specific gravity is midpoint between parents
- All are dual-purpose
- All have excellent French fry quality and low sugar accumulation in storage
- Early in evaluation process for cultivar specific management information
ND4659-5R

- NorDonna x ND2842-3R
- Suited for the fresh market
- Medium vine with red-purple flowers
- Medium maturity
- Medium yield potential
- Bright red, round, smooth tubers with white flesh and shallow eyes
- Medium specific gravity
- No outstanding disease or pest susceptibilities
- Stores well
ND8555-8R

- ND7188-4R x ND5256-7R
- Suited for the fresh market
- Medium maturity
- Medium-large vine size
- High yield potential
- Bright red, round, smooth tubers with white flesh and shallow eyes
- Very uniform tuber size profile
- Medium specific gravity
- Stores well
ND6002-1R

- NorDonna x Bison
- Medium sized vine
- Medium maturity
- Medium yield potential
- Round, smooth, bright red tubers with smooth eyes and bright white flesh
- Medium specific gravity
- Early in evaluation process
ND7132-1R

- ND5002-3R x ND5438-1R
- Medium maturity
- Medium yield potential
- Bright red skinned, oval to oblong tubers with white flesh
- Early in evaluation process
AND00272-1R

- MN17922 x A92653-6R
- Suited for the fresh market
- Medium vine with red-purple flowers
- Medium-late maturity
- Medium yield potential
- Bright red, round to oval, tubers with white flesh, shallow eyes and smooth tuber type.
- Low to medium specific gravity
- No outstanding disease or pest susceptibilities
- Stores well
ND7519-1

- ND3828-15 x W1353
- Medium sized vine
- Medium-late maturity
- High yield potential
- High specific gravity (+1.090 average in ND)
- Chips from 42F storage
ND8304-2

- ND860-2 x ND7083-1
- Medium early maturity
- Small to medium sized vine
- Medium yield potential
  - Nice tuber type, smaller size profile
- High specific gravity
- Chips from 42F storage
  - Excellent cold chipping selection
ND7799c-1

- Dakota Pearl x Dakota Diamond
- Medium vine size
- Medium-late maturity
- High yield potential
  - Nice tuber type and tuber size profile
- Medium to high specific gravity (1.086 average)
- Chips from 42F storage
2012 Highlights
Dakota Russet

- Evaluated as ND8229-3
- Marcy x AH66-4
- Medium maturity
- Medium vine size
- High yield potential
- Good storability and excellent fry color from 45F storage
- High specific gravity
- Resistance to sugar ends, pink rot, *P. nicotianae*, Verticillium wilt, and moderate resistance to Pythium leak
- Tolerant of metribuzin applications
2011 NDSU Tuber Rot Genotype Evaluation - Pink Rot
(Inkster Series 5500)

Penetration (mm/day)

Incidence (%)

Russet Burbank
Red Norland
Classic Russet
Russet Norkotah
Snowden
Atlantic
Dakota Trailblazer
Alpine Russet

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100

MS
MR
R

ND8304-2
ND8555-8R
ND050167C-3R
ND8305-1
ND7519-1
ND060835C-4
ND6956b-13
ND6956b-13
ND8314-1R
ND8068-5Russ
ND8068-5Russ
ND049546b-10Russ
ND049546b-10Russ
AOND95292-3Russ
AOND95292-3Russ
Russet Burbank
Russet Burbank
Russet Norkotah
Russet Norkotah
Snowden
Snowden
Atlantic
Atlantic
Dakota Trailblazer
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Alpine Russet
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2011 NDSU Tuber Rot Genotype Evaluation - Pink Rot
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2011 NDSU Tuber Rot Genotype Evaluation - *P. nicotianae* (Inkster Series 5500)

- **Incidence (%)**
- **Penetration (mm/day)**

- **MS**
- **MR**
- **R**

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Dakota Trailblazer

• A89163-3LS x A8914-4
• Medium-late maturity
• High yield potential
• Good storability and low sugar accumulation in storage.
• High specific gravity
• Resistance to *Vertillium* wilt, pink rot, sugar ends, and late blight (foliar) in field evaluations. Hollow heart and blackspot bruise occasionally noted. Low asparagine clone.
• Tolerant of metribuzin applications.