

Welcome to the NDSU Potato Blightline for August 28 sponsored by Syngenta Crop Protection.

Current recommendations:

Late blight has been reported in Benton County, MN, in commercial potatoes and been moving into additional fields in this area as a result of rains, high dew points, and cool weather. Growers in central MN should be scouting fields, applying fungicides to reduce tuber infection and killing fields to prevent further movement. Recommended fungicides to reduce tuber infection include Gavel, Omega and Ranman. Late blight is an explosive disease that can spread quickly in cool wet weather so it is important to keep the foliage protected with fungicides late in the season. We would appreciate receiving samples of late blight for genotype identification.

Late blight continues to move in both southeastern ID and in WI and MI. Frequent rain in ID has been favorable for late blight spread and infection. WI has reported late blight in potatoes and tomatoes grown in organic home gardens. Late blight has been reported in tubers from a field near Hermiston, OR.

Thank you for using the NDSU Blightline