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Welcome to the NDSU Potato Blightline for June 16 sponsored by Syngenta Crop Protection. We are up and running for the 20th consecutive year of operation. The Blightline includes disease forecasting and control recommendations for late blight and early blight, and other potato disease and insect information on a local and national basis. The Blightline will updated weekly, and more often as severity values increase or late blight is found in our area. Information and recommendations are available anytime through the toll free number 1.888.482.7286 and the NDSU Potato Late Blightline at www.ndawn.ndsu.nodak.edu for the website, click on applications, select potato, and choose late blight. There is also a link there to the NDSU Plant Pathology Late Blight website at this site.

Current recommendations:

Only a few late blight severity values have accumulated in some irrigated sites so far this season. The risk of late blight now is low, but continuing cool and wet weather is favorable for late blight. No late blight has been reported in our region.

Preventing first sources of late blight is a critical part of late blight management. These sources of initial inoculum are culls, volunteers and seed. Infected seed can be an early source of late blight inoculum, so it is important to scout fields for late blight early and all season.

Thank you for using the NDSU Blightline.