

## NDSU and UMN Potato Blightline

27 June 2020

Welcome to the NDSU Potato Blightline for June 27, 2020. Late blight has not been reported in ND, MN or MB. Accumulated late blight severity values remain low in single digits, except for extreme northwestern MN where severity values have reached the threshold value of 15 (based on the estimated emergence date of 5/26 and row closure date of 6/26). When severity values exceed the threshold value of 15, conditions for late blight have accumulated enough for late blight infection to occur if inoculum is present. Severity values accumulate most rapidly during cool wet weather. We recommend growers in this area to scout fields for late blight, apply a protectant fungicide just prior to row closure and send suspect late blight samples to us for positive identification.

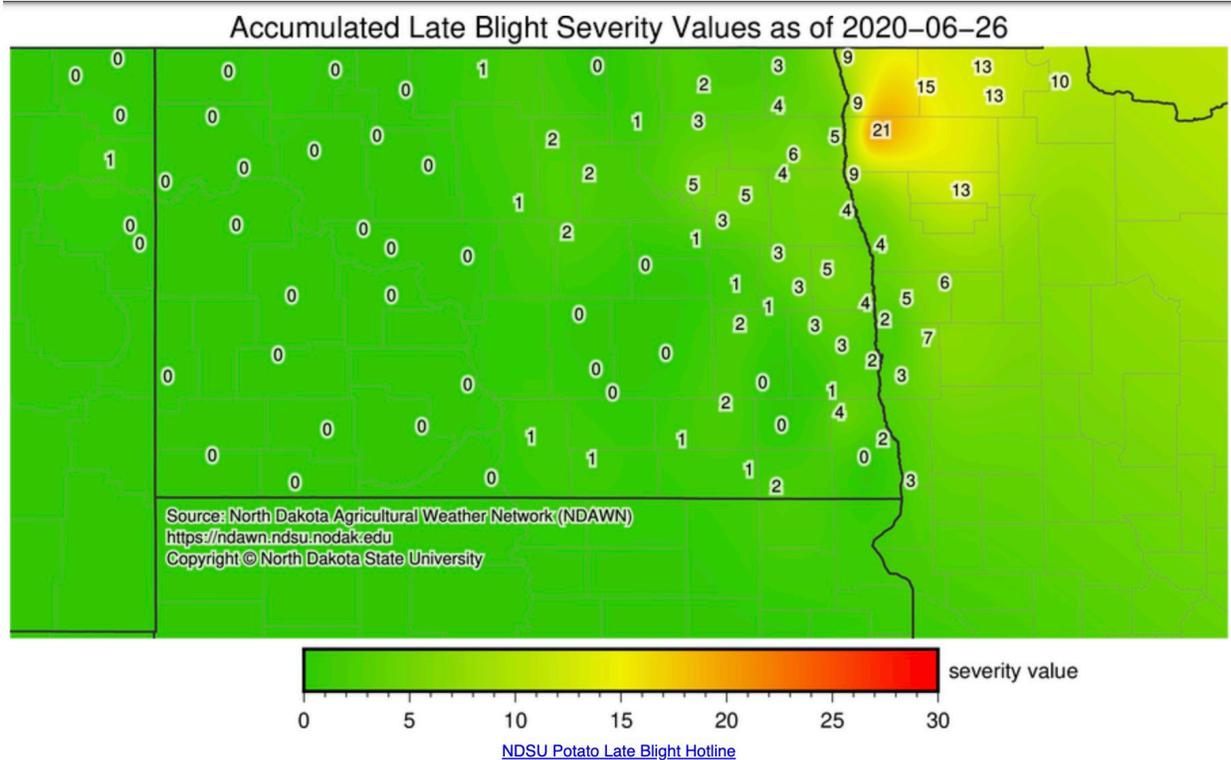




Figure 1. Late blight lesions expand rapidly into large, dark brown or black lesions, often appearing greasy.