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Welcome to the NDSU Potato Blightline for 2016 sponsored by Syngenta Crop Protection. We are up and running for the 22nd 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 is updated weekly or more often if late blight is present, through mid-September. 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.

Current recommendations:

No late blight has been reported in ND or MN. Late blight severity values are beginning to accumulate in northern and eastern ND and northwestern MN. Late has been reported in Walla Walla County in southern Washington on June 1.

It is not too early to remind the potato community to prepare for late blight. We did have late blight in central MN last year, and infected seed could from other areas could act as a source of inoculum for our region. Continuing wet weather will provide conditions favorable for late blight if inoculum is present.

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.