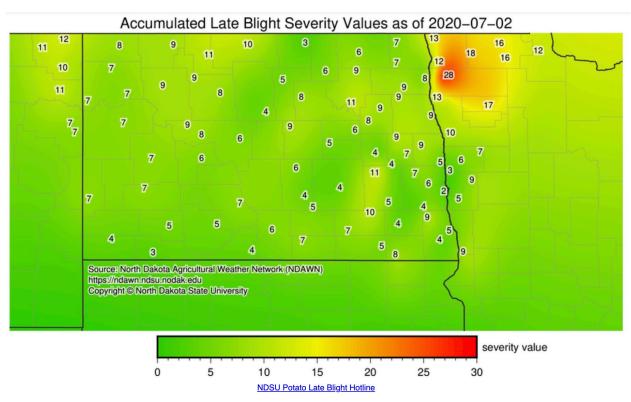


3 July 2020

NDSU Extension and University of Minnesota are excited to introduce a growing season newsletter that will combine information for potato growers. Welcome to Spud Scoop.

Blightline

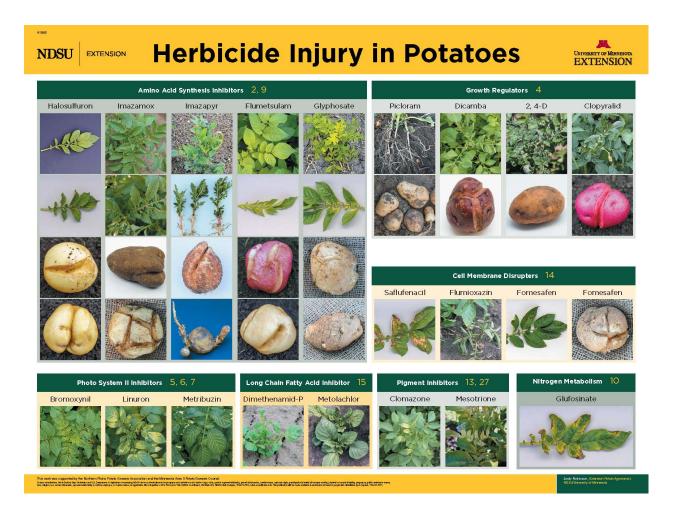
Welcome to the NDSU Potato Blightline for July 3, 2020. Late blight has not been reported in ND, MN or MB. Accumulated late blight severity values are accumulating due to the recent rain. When severity values exceed the threshold value of 15, conditions for late blight have accumulated enough for late blight infection to occur if inoculum is present. Severity values in extreme NW MN are close to or above the late blight threshold value and should be scouted more frequently, especially in areas that remain wet for longer periods, such as along shelterbelts and in low areas. Severity values accumulate most rapidly during cool wet weather. We recommend growers to scout fields for late blight, apply a protectant fungicide just prior to row closure and send suspect late blight samples or photos to us for positive identification.



Herbicide Injury

by Andy Robinson

The number of herbicide injury problems in potato have been more commonplace. Injury from herbicides can be a result of soil carryover, herbicide residues in seed, or exposure of plants to herbicides. At this time of year, drift or tank contamination are concerns for herbicide injury. Symptoms of in-season exposure can be manifested as misshapen leaves, yellowing of leaves, elongated leaflets and cracking or malformed tubers. This poster demonstrates various herbicide injury symptoms, but will not demonstrate all symptoms. Determining if injury is caused by an herbicide or another source will be important in managing and marketing potatoes. If you would like a copy of the poster, you can download it at z.umn.edu/herbicide or pick one up at the NPPGA office or contact Andy Robinson at Andy.Robinson@ndsu.edu. Additionally, the July/August issue of the Valley Potato Grower will have version of this poster that can be removed.



Aphid Alert

by Ian MacRae Greetings - Happy Independence Day!

There was no mail on Friday July 03, we'll keep our eyes open for trap catches that arrive on Monday that should be in this report and update this report.

Traps in 4 locations have reported weekly captures and vector numbers are low to this point but there's no mail on Friday July 03 so we expect more on Monday. Trap capture overall was very low with few aphids being recovered in traps. Only 3 vector aphids were recovered (2 in Lisbon and 1 in Perham) meaning PVY Risk Index remains low. Keep scouting, younger larvae are more susceptible to insecticides than are older larvae or adult beetles.

If you have a field where Colorado Potato Beetle aren't being controlled by insecticides, please let us know. We'd like to get samples of that population to test for insecticide resistance. Contact Ian MacRae at 218-280-9887.

As always, keep on scouting!

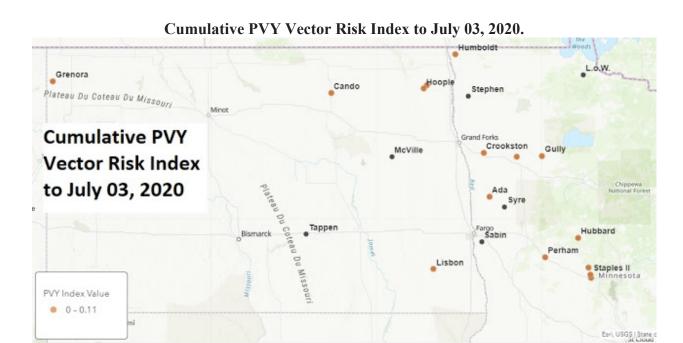
Scouting for aphids in potatoes:

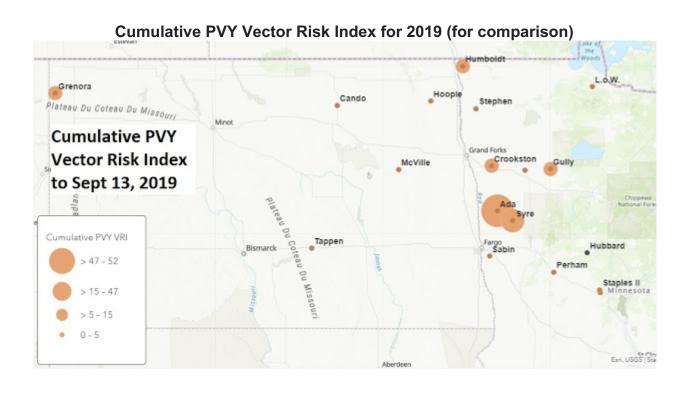
- Select leaves from the lower to mid canopy. Start at the edge of the field.
- Lower, older leaves will have more established colonies and aphids prefer the balance of nutrients found here; aphids are rarely found on leaves in the upper canopy.
- Avoid leaves on the ground or in contact with the soil.
- In seed potatoes there is only a threshold for PLRV (10 aphids/100 leaves), reactive application of insecticides an effective control for PVY.
- The use of feeding suppressing insecticides, such as pymetrozine (Fulfill®) or flonicamid (Beleaf®) and refined crop oils, such as Aphoil and JMS Stylet Oil, at or prior to field colonization by aphids may reduce the transmission of PVY within fields. Some other insecticides, such as clothianidin (Belay®), imidacloprid (Admire Pro® or Provado®), and spirotetramat (Movento®), have also been demonstrated to reduce the transmission of PVY.
- In table stock potatoes, a treatment threshold of 30 aphids /100 leaves should deter yield loss due to aphid feeding.

The PVY Risk Index Index

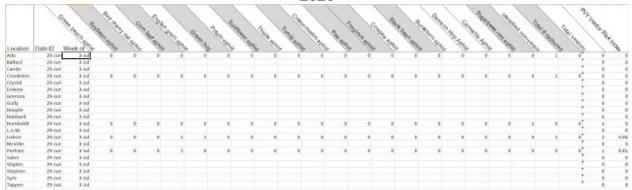
Not all species of aphid are equally efficient at transmitting PVY, some are better than others (green peach being the most efficient vector of PVY). So, the total number of aphids in a trap don't necessarily reflect just how much vector pressure there is at that location. The PVY Vector Risk Index compares aphid numbers, incorporating their relative vector efficiency compared to the Queen of PVY vectors (green peach aphid!). Using averaged reference comparisons from the literature, we multiply the number of each aphid species captured by its efficiency compared to Green Peach Aphid to more accurately depict risk posed by the species being trapped. We then sum the totals. The PVY-VRI values are presented on the tables below but also on maps comparing current cumulative risk to the total risk from the sample sites of last year (to compare with your local winter grow out results).

Check out all the trap data at: aphidalert.blogspot.com





Aphid Species Capture and PVY Vector Risk Index for the week ending July 03, 2020



Cumulative Aphid Species Capture and PVY Vector Risk Index to July 03, 2020.

Row Labels -	Green	Sum of Soybean aphid		Sum of Corn leaf		Sum of Green bug	Petate	Sunflower	Thistle		Sum of Cotton/ melon		Sum of Foxglove aphid	Sum of Cowpea aphid	Sum of Black bean	Sum of Buckthorn aphid	Sum of Damson Hop	Sum of Cannabis Aphid	Sum of Sugarbeet root aphid	identified	Sum of Total # capture	Total	PVY
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