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Psyllid/Insect Trapping and Identification Workshops

There are several psyllid/zebra chip/insect recognition workshops planned this spring in Oregon, Idaho, and Washington. Please see specifics below, and note that the Oregon workshops have a different format from those in Idaho and Washington.

Oregon

The Rondon entomology lab will be offering a workshop on zebra chip (ZC) and potato psyllid identification this spring. The workshop will be designed to help those in potato production prepare for or review psyllid monitoring techniques and potato psyllid identification. The workshop will have plenty of opportunities for hands-on identification and demonstrations, and will be offered on two different dates. Registration is required (Max 12 per session. Cost: \$30/person). Contact the Hermiston Ag Research and Extension Center to register: Annette Teraberry at annette.teraberry@oregonstate.edu or 541-567-6337.

May 15, 1 – 3:00 p.m., Hermiston Ag. Research and Extension Center, 2121 South First Street

May 24, 9 – 12:00 p.m., Hermiston Ag. Research and Extension Center, 2121 South First Street

Idaho and Washington

The workshops in Washington and Idaho will have an open format, and we ask people to come any time that fits their schedule during each session. This will allow more personal attention and access to specimens and samples as people come and go. This open format also allows us to serve more people per session, answer individual questions in one-on-one conversations, etc. If you have your own traps from the field, and would like help evaluating them as part of the workshop, please bring them.

<u>Washington</u> (we'll help with beet leafhopper and tuberworm traps also, if desired)
June 3, 2:30 – 5:00 pm, Eltopia, Ag Development Group Research Farm, 2621 Ringold Rd.

June 4, 10:00 - 12:30 pm, Moses Lake, Potato Commission office, 108 S Interlake Rd.

Idaho

May 28, 1:00 – 3:00 pm, Parma Research and Extension Center, 29603 U of I Lane, Parma

May 29, 10:00 – noon, Miller Research LLC, 426 East 200 North, Rupert

May 30, 10:00 – noon, Idaho Falls R & E Center, 1776 Science Center Dr.

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2013 WA Commercial Seed Lot Pick Up & Trial Information

Info also available each year at: www.potatoes.wsu.edu

Commercial potato seed samples are requested for the 2013 Washington Seed Lot Trial. **Two hundred whole (single drop) seed is an acceptable sample size, or 50 lbs of 4 oz single drop seed.**

Requested: 50 lbs of 2-4 oz whole seed, no seed treatments. We want a representative sample - if applicable, include a representative amount of ROTTEN TUBERS!

(Seed over 6 oz is not acceptable)

A representative sample is needed. Sampling the first (or last) 300 seed from the truck is not likely to provide a representative sample of the lot. Sample tags may be obtained by calling the Potato Commission at 509-765-8845.

Your assistance with collection and drop off of seed samples is needed. Seed samples may be taken to the WSU Othello Research Unit (509-488-3191); located on Booker Road ¼ mile south from State Highway 26 and about five miles east of Othello. For sample pick up and any questions regarding the seed lot trials please call:

South Basin: Tim Waters (509-545-3511), Mark Pavek (509-335-6861), or Zach Holden (509-335-3452).

North Basin: Carrie Huffman Wohleb (509-754-2011), Mark Pavek (509-335-6861), or Zach Holden (509-335-3452).

In the North Basin, one seed "drop-off" has been established. It is located at Qualls Ag Labs (Mick Qualls, 509-787-4210 ext 16) on the corner of Dodson Road and Road 4; come to front office between 8 am and 5 pm. Please call the numbers below to arrange additional pick up sites. Samples will be picked up at 2:00 pm the day before each planting date (below) to be included. Growers planting in early March should drop their samples off at the Othello Research Center or store the samples and call the numbers below for pick up. For all alternative pick up locations or questions please call Mark Pavek at 509-335-6861 or Zach Holden at 509-335-3452.

PICK UP DATES ARE ONE DAY PRIOR TO THE PLANTING DATES BELOW

Remaining seed lot planting dates for 2013 are: 3rd April 23 4th (Late) May 7

WSU Potato Field Day - Thursday June 27

OSU Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center Potato Field Day: Wednesday, June 26, 8:00 am to noon.