



# Potato Progress

Research and Extension for Washington's Potato Industry

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## Potato Commission Research Review

Final Research Review, February 15-16, 2011

Best Western Hotel, Pasco

Purpose: Hear results from 2010 potato commission research projects and listen to proposals for 2011 research

Who's Welcome: All Washington potato growers and other potato industry members

Location: Best Western Hotel, Pasco, near the airport

Time: February 15, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm; February 16, 8:00 am - 12:10 pm

Pesticide Re-certification Credits: Will be available both days.

RSVP appreciated for meal planning purposes to Andy Jensen, [ajensen@potatoes.com](mailto:ajensen@potatoes.com) or 509-765-8845.

## IPM Supplies Reminder

The commission is once again offering free supplies to WA growers for trapping leafhoppers and tuberworm. We are also supplying WA growers with free beating sheets. We have both all black and two-sided white and black. The beating sheets are \$25 for non-WA growers and others. These supplies are pictured below.

To receive these supplies, simply call the commission office, or send an email to [ajensen@potatoes.com](mailto:ajensen@potatoes.com) specifying how many fields you need to monitor and/or how many traps you need, and whether you want a beating sheet. For help with insect identification or any other aspect of insect monitoring, call (509-765-8845) or email Andy Jensen at the commission office.



## Online Resources from WSU and the WSPC

As the growing season nears, I thought I'd mention some of the online resources that WSU and the WSPC make available to you. These contain a wealth of information, opportunities, and historical perspective.

### **Potatoes at WSU** (<http://potatoes.wsu.edu/>)

Established by Mark Pavsek and Rick Knowles in the Department of Horticulture & Landscape Architecture, this website is the portal to much of WSU's potato research and extension capability. Just some of the resources available here:

1. Variety trial reports – the annual book-length report on field trials and post-harvest evaluations of advanced breeding selections.
2. Seed lot trial results and information.
3. Links to research on many topics.

### **Potato Insect Pest Survey for the Columbia Basin of Washington**

(<http://potatoes.wsu.edu/survey/PotatoInsectSurvey.html>)

This is an e-mail alert system managed by Carrie Wohleb with Grant/Adams Extension. During the growing season there are weekly updates posted here, and there is also a link here allowing you to sign up for the convenient e-mail version.

### **WSPC Research and Information** (<http://www.potatoes.com/Research.cfm>)

Here is the source for information on the commission's research program, review process, and projects. We also provide here various outreach materials, such as links to our pest/beneficial information cards, guidance on leafhopper and tuberworm trapping, pesticide resistance management, insect/mite management guidelines, and much more. The biggest resource on this site is the "research library." This database includes all past proceedings from the Washington potato conference, all issues of *Potato Progress*, much of the material included in the "grower handbook" that the commission distributed and maintained in the 1980s and 90s, and much more.

### **Insect and Mite Pest Management** (<http://www.potatoes.com/IPM-Home.cfm>)

In cooperation with pest management scientists and extension educators in WA, OR, and ID, the potato commission operates this web resource for pest management and insect trapping/monitoring data. This new portion of the potatoes.com site is partially funded by a large USDA-NIFA grant written and coordinated by WSU's Bill Snyder. The site has a new interactive map interface (improved for 2011!) for reporting of leafhopper, tuberworm, and aphid population data from the insect monitoring project led by Carrie Wohleb, Grant/Adams Extension. It has basic information on pests, beneficials, and insect transmitted diseases. This web resource is a starting point for a continually expanding body of information and management suggestions that will emerge from the current federal grant project and ongoing commission-funded research.