

EVALUATION OF CERTIFIED POTATO SEED

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A potato seed evaluation project was started in 1961 to evaluate certified seed stocks being planted in Eastern Washington. Inspectors of the State Department of Agriculture removed 300 small tubers from each seed lot and these were planted as single drops at the Washington State University Research Farm, Othello. Although all diseases appearing in the crop were recorded, the principal objective was to determine the sources and amount of leafroll. Tables 1 through 4 give the information for the years 1961 through 1964, and a summary of the 4-years' data is given in table 5.

Table 1

Potato Seed Evaluation 1961			
Source	No. samples	No. leafroll	Per cent
Mont.	52	3	6
Ida.	48	7	14
Alta.	5	2	40
Nebr.	2	1	50
B. C.	37	19	51
N. Dak.	7	4	57
Ore.	10	6	60
Minn.	8	5	62
Wash.	23	18	78
	192	65	

Table 2

Potato Seed Evaluation 1962			
Source	No. samples	No. leafroll	Per cent
Mont.	50	6	12
Ida.	48	9	19
N. Dak.	5	1	20
B. C.	6	2	33
Minn.	5	2	40
Wash.	17	12	40
Alta.	1	1	100
Nebr.	1	1	100
	133	33	

Table 3

Potato Seed Evaluation 1963			
Source	No. samples	No. leafroll	Per cent
N. Dak.	3	0	0
Ida.	25	2	8
Mont.	63	8	13
Minn.	6	1	17
B. C.	7	2	28
Wash.	16	7	44
Alta.	2	1	50
Ore.	7	6	86
	129	27	

Table 4

Potato Seed Evaluation 1964			
Source	No. samples	No. leafroll	Per cent
Canada	6	0	0
Minn.	3	0	0
N. Dak.	8	1	12
Mont.	70	10	14
Wash.	17	3	18
Ore.	5	1	20
Ida.	24	5	21
	133	20	

Table 5

Potato Seed Evaluation 1961-64			
Source	No. samples	No. leafroll	Per cent
Mont.	235	27	11
Ida.	145	23	16
N. Dak.	23	6	26
Minn.	22	8	36
B. C.	50	23	46
Alta.	8	4	50
Wash.	73	40	55
Ore.	22	13	59
Nebr.	3	2	67
	581	146	