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Specialty Potato Field Day, Sept. 23

There will be a Specialty Potato field day on September 23 at 10:00 AM-12:00 PM at the Paterson USDA-ARS Systems Research site. This is located about equidistant (approx 5 miles) from Hwy 395 going west or from Hwy 221 going East on Hwy 14.

There will be plots of 110 clones to view and take samples from. Some of these are new results from the USDA-ARS breeding program at Prosser. There will also be a presentation of some technical information. There will be ample opportunity for discussion with researchers and with industry representatives.

Please RSVP to Chuck Brown if you know you are attending.

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Potato Conference Topics

The time has come to put together the program for the Washington State Potato Conference, which takes place February 1-3. If you have a topic you would like to know more about, or think you have something to present yourself, please contact Andrew Jensen at the Potato Commission (ajensen@potatoes.com). If you want a certain topic covered at the conference, we will work to find an appropriate speaker. If you want to make a presentation, please send a 3-4 sentence summary of what you would like to present. The program will be finalized in early October, so please contact us soon with your ideas.

Potato Commission Research Proposals

The potato commission's annual research proposal and review season is fast approaching. The new Request for Proposals is posted on our newly revised web site:

<http://www.potatoes.com/research.cfm>

Those of you who have submitted proposals to us before, please note that there are two new budget forms required this year (and another form no longer required). It is important that you have a look at the RFP to be sure you have incorporated these changes.

Following is the research proposal and review schedule:

1. All proposals due: November 15, 2004.
2. Preliminary Research Review (Moses Lake): December 13, 2004.
3. Revised "new" proposals and progress reports due: January 15, 2005.
4. Final Research Review (Pullman): February 10-11, 2005.

New Potato Commission Web Site

The potato commission recently launched a new and improved web site. The research section of the site now includes a search function such that you can search the text of all *Potato Progress* articles, photos (as we get them online), the Potato Conference Proceedings, and other research-related information. Keep checking back to the site to watch as we add more useful information.

We have also posted the latest potato tuber moth data, with photos, at this site:

<http://www.potatoes.com/research.cfm>

Tuber Moth Numbers Continue to Climb

As you have read in recent issues of this newsletter, potato tuber moth is becoming established in the Columbia Basin. At the beginning of the season, our pheromone traps were catching only one or two moths per week in the region north of Pasco. Catches have been climbing in recent weeks, with 65 moths caught in twelve different traps last week. For complete trap catch information, see the commission's web site, noted above.