



# Potato Progress

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## WSPC Research Review Process and Meeting Dates Finalized

The potato commission is about to embark on another fall and winter of hard work on reviewing and planning its research program. All documents describing the process are posted on the website:

[www.potatoes.com/research.cfm](http://www.potatoes.com/research.cfm)

Below are a couple excerpts. Check the website for all the details!

### Goals (of the research review and planning process)

1. Build communication, cooperation, and understanding among the commission, other industry members, and the scientific community.
2. Develop an overall research program that is a collaboration between industry and scientists and their institutions aimed to maintain or improve profitability of Washington potato growers.
3. Form strong cooperation among the Pacific Northwest potato commissions and scientists to achieve maximum benefit from all research dollars in the region.

### **2011-2012 Review and Reporting Schedule**

1. **October:** Meetings of subject-matter meetings.

**Plant Protection:** November 2, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, WSPC Office, Moses Lake

**Crop Management:** November 3, 8:30 - 10:30 am, WSPC Office, Moses Lake

**Variety Development/Breeding:** November 3, 10:45 - 12:00 noon, WSPC Office, Moses Lake

**Economic, Sustainable, and Value-Added Research\*\*:** November 3, 12:45 pm - 3:00 pm, WSPC Office, Moses Lake

2. **December:** Proposals due to WSPC office **December 15.**

See [www.potatoes.com/research.cfm](http://www.potatoes.com/research.cfm) or contact Andy Jensen at the commission office for guidance on proposal preparation.

3. **January 15:** Annual progress reports due to the Commission office.

4. **February:** Research results and proposals presentations.

February 15 - 16, 2012, Pasco.

# Early Blight (*Alternaria*) Isolations From Commercial Fields in 2011

**\*\*See below the information and request for help from WSU's Dennis Johnson and Lydia Tymon Putnicki. If anyone would like to submit a sample, but wants help with packing and shipping, please call Andy Jensen at 509-760-4859 or stop by the commission office.**

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We will be determining the relative levels of the two *Alternaria* species (early blight and brown spot) in the Columbia Basin in 2011 and request your help in obtaining leaf samples with early blight type lesions.

## Sampling Protocol

Samples should be from fields with lesions and that are exhibiting early blight symptoms.

Sub-samples per field should be at least 20 paces apart.

Maximum of 8 full leaves per field.

Repeat collecting from the sample field in August or near time of vine kill or harvest.

It is okay to sample next to the pivot road.

## Shipment of samples

Place samples between DRY paper towels, press flat, and place into paper bags. No additional moisture should be added. Bags should be labeled with the following information:

1. Date of collection
2. Field location and ID
3. Cultivar
4. Foliar fungicides applied, rate and dates
5. Collector and contact information. We'll let you know results.

**It is important to deliver samples the same day of collection. Please do not let the samples sit in the sun or leave them overnight in your pickup.**

Samples can be sent to Lydia Tymon Putnicki or Dennis Johnson (overnight delivery is best) at:

Dept. of Plant Pathology  
345 Johnson Hall  
100 Dairy Rd.  
PO Box 646430  
Pullman, WA 99164-6430

Or deliver to Rudy at the Othello Research Center, Tim Waters (WSU Extension, Pasco), or Carrie Wohleb (WSU Extension, Ephrata).

Lydia's contact information: [ltymon@wsu.edu](mailto:ltymon@wsu.edu).