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Pacific Northwest Resilient Potato Production Initiative Workgroup

The goal of the workgroup is to collaboratively identify and remove barriers to the adoption of alternative, innovative, non-conventional pest management practices.

While potato is a high-value crop with much potential for profit, production also carries tremendous risk of financial loss. Arguably the most important aspect of risk relates to pest management. At the same time as potato production is struggling to cope with an ever-increasing economically-driven pesticide use intensity, the marketplace is pressuring producers and processors to reduce the total amount of pesticides used.

From an IPM perspective, heavy reliance on pesticides is unlikely to sustain high yields and production quality in the long term. Solutions to this conundrum will require a concerted effort and involvement by all sectors of the potato production, processing, and marketing system.

As a collaborative workgroup, we seek to:

1) *Understand the nature and distribution of risks assumed by each sector across the production chain*;
2) *Address knowledge and information gaps*;
3) *Incentivize innovation and promote IPM adoption*;
4) *Share stories of successful innovation in potato pest management*.

The Resilient Potato Production Initiative Workgroup is representative of multiple sectors across the potato industry, and includes university research and extension personnel, chemical industry representatives, potato processing company representatives, commission staff and members, consultants, and farmers from Washington, Oregon, and Idaho.

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Workshop Speakers

- **Don McMoran**
  WSU Skagit County Extension, Burlington
- **Andy Jensen**
  Northwest Potato Research Consortium
- **Talea Price**
  WSU Skagit County Extension Pest Board, Burlington
- **Ben Diehl**
  WSU Skagit County Extension Pest Board, Burlington
- **Dr. Debbie Inglis**
  WSU NWREC, Mount Vernon
- **Chad Kruger**
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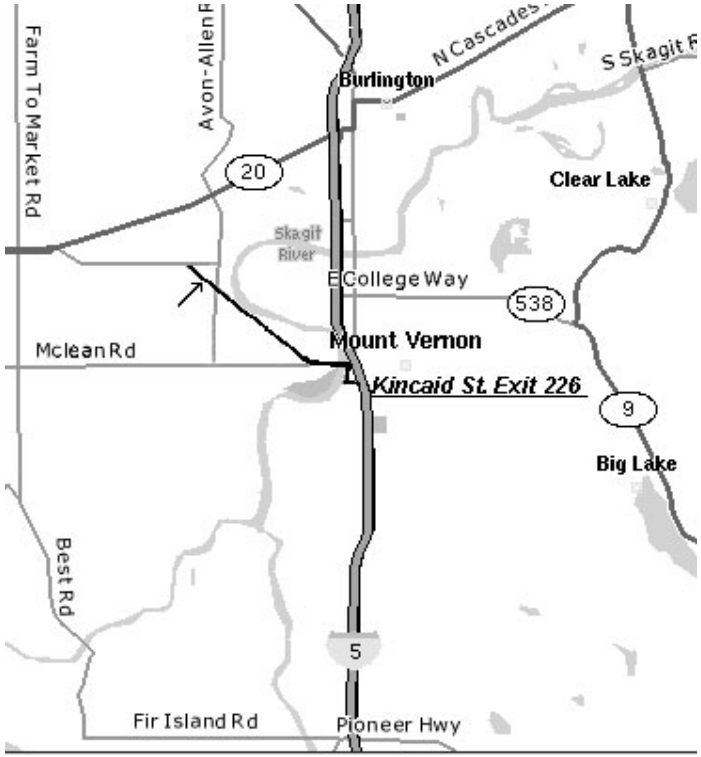
- **Dr. Kasia Duellman**
  UofI-Idaho Falls REC, Idaho Falls, ID
- **Dr. Cynthia Gleason**
  WSU, Pullman
- **Dr. Steven Seefeldt**
  WSU NWREC, Mount Vernon
- **Dr. Beverly Gerdeman**
  WSU NWREC, Mount Vernon
- **Dr. Mark Pavek**
  WSU, Pullman
- **Dr. Sastry Jayanty**
  Colorado State University
- **Jennifer Lund**
  Worksource Skagit
- **Tom Mueller**
  University of Tennessee

Workshop Location

The Potato Workshop will be held at
WSU NWREC in west Mount Vernon



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36th Annual Western Washington Potato Workshop

Friday, February 23, 2018
9:00 AM to 5 PM

WSU Northwestern Washington Research & Extension Center
Mount Vernon, WA

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36th Annual Western Washington Potato Workshop Agenda

9:00 am **Light refreshments**
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9:20 **Opening Remarks**
Don McMoran

9:35 **Northwest Potato Research Consortium Update**
Andy Jensen

10:00 **Break**

10:15 **Weed Issues in Potatoes**
Dr. Steven Seefeldt

11:00 **Skagit Potato Pest Monitoring**
Talea Price & Ben Diehl

11:30 **The good guys, beneficial insects in potatoes**
Dr. Bev Gerdeman

12:00 ***Prime Rib Lunch***

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Larson Gross
CPAs & Consultants

12:50 **Potato Variety and Seed Lot Research Results**
Dr. Mark Pavek

1:05 **2017 Cover Crop trial**
Don McMoran

1:15 **Parting Potatoes**
Dr. Debbie Inglis

1:45 **The Future of Vegetable Pathology in Western Washington**
Chad Kruger

2:00 **Fusarium in Potatoes (Please bring samples to the Workshop)**
Dr. Kasia Duellman

2:30 **Root Knot Nematode 101**
Dr. Cynthia Gleason

3:00 **Break**

3:15 **Glyphosate Resistant Weeds**
Tom Mueller

4:00 **Agricultural Labor**
Jennifer Lund

4:30 **Measures to Reduce Shrinkage and Pressure Flattening in Potato Storages**
Dr. Sastry Jayanty

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Following the workshop a Social Hour will be held at

WSU NWREC

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