

Potato Newsletter

Winter Meeting Wrap Up

December 2015

Show & Tell



11:30 am, Dec. 2nd, 2015

Potato Breeding Line Show & Tell, Wed, Dec. 2

11:30 am – 2:30 pm, Cornell Preregister for lunch:

Walter DeJong, wsd2@cornell.edu or 607/254-5384

The annual "Show and Tell" about advanced potato selections at the Plant Breeding field house on Caldwell Road in Ithaca, NY is scheduled for **Wednesday, Dec 2**.

As in years past, we will offer a lunch at 11:30 and start as soon as possible after lunch to review the clones. Your participation in the past at these sessions and your personal experience with these clones has been valuable in knowing what to do with each of them. We hope you can come and contribute to this session. As usual, you are welcome to bring anyone who is interested.

The Traffic Division patrols the field house parking area. When you come into the field house, please ask us for a permit to put in your vehicle.

EMPIRE STATE POTATO GROWERS ANNUAL MEETING

Noon, Friday, Jan 29th
Empire Farm Days Office, 2973 State Route 414
Seneca Falls, NY 13148

Join us for lunch and a wrap up of the year's highlights.
RSVP: Melanie Wickham - mwickham@nypotatoes.org



Upstate NY Potato Advisory Meeting

Thursday, December 17, 2015

9:30 am – 3:00 pm

Ontario County CCE, 480 N. Main St./Rt. 332,
Canandaigua, NY 14424 (S of I-90 exit 44)

DEC credits will be available

Preregister for lunch by Thurs, Dec. 10 (\$12):

Carol MacNeil at: crm6@cornell.edu or 585-313-8796

The 33rd meeting of the upstate New York potato advisory meeting is a time for growers, consultants, processors, packers, extension, college and agency personnel to discuss the concerns, needs and opportunities of the NYS potato industry. We will begin with a Roundtable so everyone can share their concerns and interests. Growers are asked to bring ideas for needed research, extension programming, and industry projects.

If you have questions or agenda items please contact David Votycka (585-315-1094 or votycka@frontiernet.net) or Carol MacNeil (585-313-8796 or crm6@cornell.edu).

If you have questions regarding weather on the day of the meeting contact Carol MacNeil at 585-313-8796. Hope to see you there!

AGENDA

9:30 am Registration, refreshments, and sign up for DEC/CCA credits

10:00 Call meeting to order – Dave Votycka, Chairman

10:05 Introductions

10:10 Review of season, industry needs, and opportunities for the future – Roundtable

11:00 Late blight update – 2015 - *Bill Fry and Abby Seaman, Cornell*

11:30 Pre-plant risk assessments for nematodes and soil-borne diseases of potato – *Sarah Pethybridge/Frank Hay, Cornell*

11:45 Potato seed and soil-borne diseases – *Keith Perry, Cornell*

12:15 pm LUNCH

1:15 2015 Cornell potato breeding line and variety trial results –*Walter DeJong, Cornell*

1:45 Golden Nematode program update - *Dan Kepich, USDA-APHIS, and Xiaohong Wang, Cornell*

2:05 Potato Insect management update – *Brian Nault, Cornell*

2:20 Upcoming potato meetings, future potato meetings - Tues, Jan 19 - Potato Sessions at Empire State Producers Expo, Syracuse

2:40 Other topics

3:00 Adjourn, and collect your DEC pesticide certificate



Grower-Processor Meeting

The Grower-Processor Meeting and Banquet is scheduled for Thursday, February 18, 2016 at Club 57, 7465 Seneca Road, Hornell, NY. Registration will be from 12:30 to 1:30. The program will start at 1:30. The program will provide an update on issues of importance to chipping potato growers. More information will be coming in the mail. If you have questions that require immediate attention contact Gary Mahany at 607-725-1956 or Stephanie Mehlenbacher at 607-664-2307.

2016 EMPIRE STATE PRODUCERS EXPO
JANUARY 19 - 21, 2016
Oncenter Convention Center
800 South State St., Syracuse, NY 13202-3017



TUESDAY, JANUARY 19 POTATO, ROOM 1-2

10:15 am Announcements – *Sandy Menasha, CCE Suffolk County*

10:20 Nutrient management for potato production - *Carl Rosen, Department of Soil, Water and Climate, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN*

11:00 LUNCH

1:00 pm Announcements, DEC credit sign-up – *Sandy Menasha, CCE Suffolk County*

1:05 What's new from industry?

1:10 Canadian/European varieties for the Fresh Market - *Eugenia Banks, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs (Retired), Ontario, Canada*

1:40 Status of Potato Cyst Nematodes in the US and Canada - *Jonathan Jones, Potato Cyst Nematodes Policy Manager, USDA APHIS, Riverdale, MD*

1:55 Golden Nematode Program Update - *Daniel Kepich, Golden Nematode Program Manager, USDA APHIS, Avoca, NY*

2:10 Report on NYS grower-funded potato research – *Chris Hansen, McCormick Farms, Bliss, NY*

2:15 Report from the U.S. Potato Board – *Chris Hansen, McCormick Farms, Bliss, NY*

2:20 Questions and answers/ BREAK

3:30 pm Announcements, DEC credit sign-up - *Carol MacNeil, CCE Cornell Vegetable Program*

3:35 What's new from industry?

3:40 Report on the National Potato Council – *Ralph Child, Childstock Farms Malone, NY*

3:45 Potato blackleg (Dickeya?): What we know about an emerging problem - *Keith Perry, Plant Pathology and Plant-Microbe Biology, Cornell University*

4:10 Late blight update – 2015 - *Bill Fry, Plant Pathology & Plant Microbe Biology, Cornell University*

4:40 Performance of a new soil biofumigant – Preliminary research – *S. Menasha, CCE Suffolk County*

5:05 Questions and answers/ Adjourn



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www.potato-expo.com

Long Island Agricultural Forum

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14 & FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2016

Suffolk County Community College, 121 Speonk-Riverhead Rd., Riverhead, NY Peconic Building

Thursday Morning, January 14

GENERAL SESSION: AG ISSUES

Shinnecock Building, Room S101; Chair: Mr. Dale Moyer

9:00 AM **Welcome**

State and Federal Policy Updates, Ms. Kelly Young, New York Farm Bureau

Current Trends in Federal Labor Laws Affecting

Agricultural Employers, Mr. James Mooney, Regional Agricultural Coordinator, US Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division

LI Pesticide Pollution Prevention Strategy and Other

Pesticide Issues, Mr. Scott Menrath, Director, Bureau of Pest Management, NYS DEC

Long Island Agricultural Capital Equipment Grant

Program, Mr. Luke McKay, Project Manager and Mr. Thomas Hobson, Administrative Assistant, Peconic Land Trust

Loan Opportunities from the Farm Service Agency, Ms. Kim Krupski, County Operations and Farm Loan Officer Trainee and Ms. Carol Ronne, FSA Loan Manager, FSA-USDA

12:00 - 2:00 PM LUNCH AND VISIT TRADE SHOW

SPECIAL SESSION

1:00-1:45 PM **NYS Dept. of Labor: NYSDOL Labor Law Section 193, Deductions**, Room S114: Speaker: Mr. Jose Vega, Agriculture Labor Specialist, NYSDOL

POTATO SESSION

Thursday Afternoon, January 14, Shinnecock Building, Room S101; Chair: Ms. Sandra Menasha

2:00 PM **Golden Nematode Program Update**, Mr. Dan Kepich, Golden Nematode Program Director, USDA/APHIS/PPQ and Ms. Joan Mahoney, NYS Agriculture & Markets

Update on Potato Blackleg, Dr. Steve Johnson, Potato Specialist, University of Maine Cooperative Extension

Imidacloprid Use in Potatoes: Best Management Practices, Alternatives, Mr. Dan Gilrein, Entomologist, CCE Suffolk

Potato Fertility Basics, Dr. Steve Johnson, Potato Specialist, University of Maine Cooperative Extension

Preliminary Research Results on the Biofumigant Dominus, Ms. Sandra Menasha, Vegetable/Potato Specialist, Cornell Cooperative Extension/Suffolk

LONG ISLAND SHOW & TELL

Wed., Dec. 9, 2015, 10 am - Noon
Long Island Horticultural Research & Extension Center, 3059 Sound Ave.
Riverhead, NY 11901-1098

More Info: Sandy Menasha,
srm45@cornell.edu, 631.727.7850 x316

Join Sandy Menasha, Potato/ Vegetable Specialist and fellow potato farmers to view and evaluate more than 60 varieties and clones that will be on display from the Cornell, USDA, and Maine Potato Breeding Programs all trialed on Long Island in 2015. Yield and quality information will be provided. Grower input on which clones they like best is shared with breeders and can help influence variety releases. This is a great opportunity to get together as a group and review successes and challenges of 2015 season.

Call For Proposals

The Empire State Potato Growers serves as administrator of multiple research funds.

THE RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT FUND PROGRAM is funded completely by growers, industry and matching funds from the Empire State Potato Growers, Inc. Submissions are reviewed by the Research & Development Committee and awarded based on viability and importance to the NY Industry. These projects can be focused on, but not limited to: improvements in cultural practices, new strategies for disease and pest control, potato breeding, new techniques for improving yield and quality, market developments & expansion, cutting edge tactics for potato crop improvements. Grower & Industry support is crucial to the continuing success of the research program. Submissions due electronically by March 1st to Gary Mahany (cc: Melanie Wickham) gmahany@verizon.net/ mwickham@nypotatoes.org.

POTATO VARIETY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM: As the Cornell Breeding Program funds continue to erode, growers, processors and industry have stepped up and committed funds to accelerate promising varieties of potatoes. Started by the chip industry, this fund has been to include both Chip & Fresh market variety acceleration. Funds are proportionately allocated to research projects based on contributions from each industry. Grower & Industry support is crucial to the continuing success of the breeding program. Submissions for 2016 Round of Potato Variety Development Projects are due March 1. Chip submissions should be made electronically to Chris Hansen (cc: Melanie Wickham) chrishansen@mccormickfarms.net/ mwickham@nypotatoes.org and Fresh Submissions should be made electronically to John Williams (cc: Melanie Wickham) williamsfarmsllc@rochester.rr.com/ mwickham@nypotatoes.org.