

BADGER MEMO



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Applications for certification are due June 15th. There will not be anyone in the office until June 8th but you can reach us via phone.

Research Station Help

The Langlade county research station will be in need of an individual to assist in field operations throughout the planting, growing, and harvest seasons (May-Sep). Duties will include, assisting researchers with potato research plot establishment, upkeep of grounds/facilities, some record keeping, team tasks operating farm equipment including operating spray equipment. A pesticide applicator and safety training will be provided. This individual will also complete routine maintenance on farm equipment and operate the irrigation system. Tractor operation at harvest in mid-September is an absolute requirement of this position. Ability to lift 50-100 lbs necessary. Experience in horticulture or agronomy, familiarity with farm equipment/tractor operation, and some mechanical skills is preferred. This position is 20hrs/week competitive pay. To get further information about this position please contact Cole Lubinski (715)350-1691 or clubinski@wisc.edu

State Farm Updates

Pre-loading Requirements for State Farm Seed

It is the seed growers responsibility prior to arrival to:

1. Clean, power wash and disinfect tires, chassis, frame etc., to be free of dirt.
2. Drivers side of cab to be cleaned and disinfected.
3. Clean, power wash and disinfect the bulk bed or pallet boxes.
4. Loading is the responsibility of the driver.

It is the State Farm responsibility to:

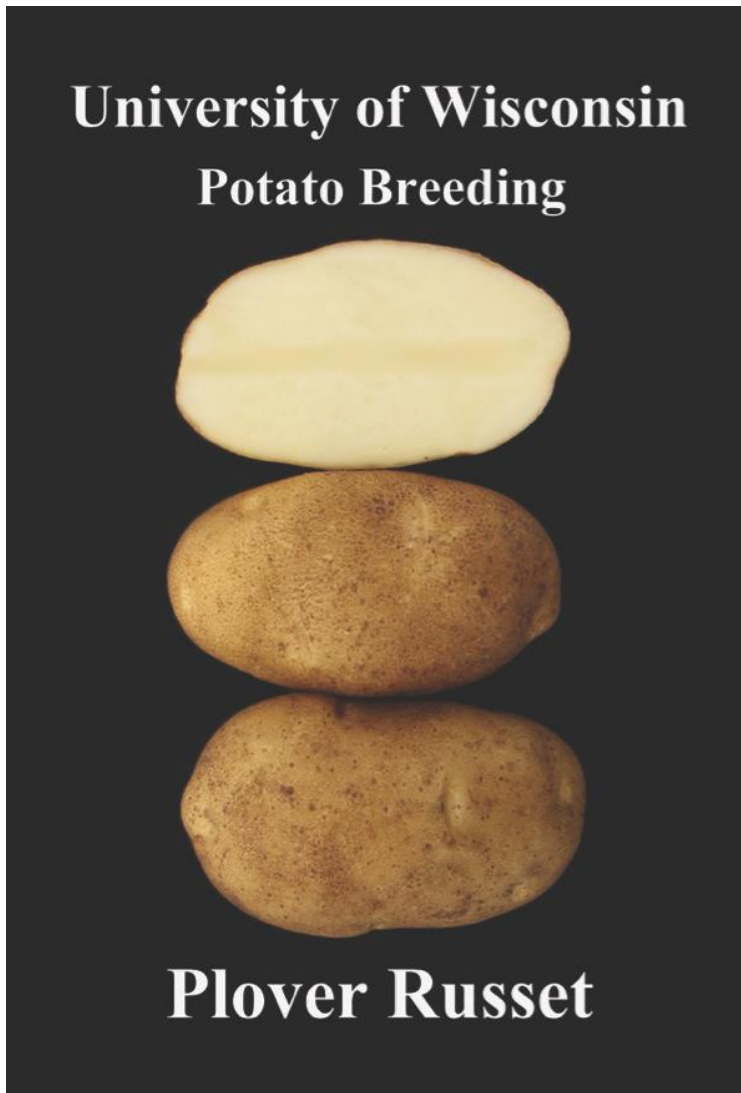
1. Inform the seed grower of the above requirements.
2. State Farm staff will power wash and disinfect the vehicle tires upon arrival
3. Provide plastic boots and gloves for the driver.

The State Farm staff has the right to refuse to load any truck that does not meet these requirements.

State Farm Virus Lots

E-2 Atlantic	.25% virus
E-2 Manistee	.156% virus
E-2 Snowden	.125% virus

Potato Profile



Plover Russet (W9133-1rus)

Parentage: ND4093-4 x CO82142-4RU

Plover Russet is a **fresh market** variety with several incentives for production:

Pack out. Produces a high percentage of U.S. No. 1 tubers due to its large size profile and consistent, blocky shape.

Maturity. Bulks quickly with early to medium vine senescence.

Appearance. Tubers have light, attractive russetting and blocky shape.

Storage. Medium to long dormancy offers the potential for at least six months of storage.

Disease Characteristics

- Susceptible to Verticillium wilt
- More tolerant of common scab than Russet Norkotah but less than Goldrush