

BADGER MEMO



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With second inspection approaching a reminder that growers need call inspectors BEFORE killing. Also, contact your inspector with increased spraying or aerial application in August. Reminder on bin inspection before digging. Winter test tags should be arriving by the end of August.

State Farm Updates

The state farm is currently looking for a Zimmatic tower and control box, and other Zimmatic parts. Any info regarding these materials can be directed to Matt Cogger. (715-525-1943)

The farm says goodbye to George Neuber as he retires after 12 years of service. Georges skills as an equipment operator, mechanic, and ability to trouble shoot most problems will be greatly missed along with his happy go get em attitude.



Thank you George for your years of service.

Program Updates

Due to the fall-out from Covid-19 and changes to the business plan of our long time cooperator in Hawaii, Twin Bridge Farms, the program has rebid the post harvest test location for certified crop year 2020. A Florida farm operation was included with 2 other farms in Hawaii for the simplified request for bid. The Homestead, Florida based farm Alger Farms submitted the only bid, however other Hawaii farms would like to apply in 2021.

Alger Farms has been providing the grow-out for North Dakota a number of years and will add Wisconsin, Michigan and Nebraska. A portion of the crop, mostly likely State Farm samples, will also be planted in greenhouses and ELISA tested. More details will follow.

Please get your ad changes done for the crop directory, delays in getting your ad changes completed influence the print date for the directory. The program's portion of the Crop Directory is almost complete with only a few expected changes to be made through second inspections. Thank you for helping to get the directory out early.

Potato Profile

Mackinaw

Maturity: Mid to late-season

Yield Potential: cwt/A*:517 (349 - 691)

Specific Gravity*: 1.086 (1.073 - 1.102)

Seed Spacing: 10"

Dormancy: Full season

Tubers: Smooth shaped tubers with lightly netted, tan skin and a creamy-white flesh.

Strengths: Resistant to PVY and late blight; tolerance to common scab; low incidence of internal defects; high specific gravity; resistance to Rhizoctonia

Weaknesses: Lamoka is a parent; blackspot bruise susceptibility is comparable to Snowden



Research Station Help

The Langlade county research station will be in need of an individual to assist in field operations through harvest season (Sep-Oct). Duties will include, assisting researchers with potato plot harvest, upkeep of grounds/facilities, some record keeping, team tasks, and operating farm equipment. This individual will also complete routine maintenance on farm equipment. 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