

BADGER MEMO



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Pre-approval of Seed Lots

ATCP 156 requires the pre-approval of all seed lots entering our certification program. Please get your North American Seed Potato Health Certificates or Nuclear Material Affidavits to us as soon as possible. Thank you.

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

Applying for Certification

1. Please be sure that all seed lots are designated properly by variety, source and year of acquisition, and also by last year's certification number. We will not be able to assign a generation designation without this information. The year designation is based on the first year a seed lot is planted on your farm. New lots on your farm this spring should carry a "20" designation (e.g., State Farm '20; Jorde, ND '20; Schutter, MT '20. Lots new on your farm last year should still carry the '19 designation this year and any future years you might increase them. The certification number for the lot used as seed can be found on either the 2019 summer inspection report, winter test report or Health Certificate for that lot. If the seed came from the State Farm this year or from out of state, leave this column blank. If you are unsure -- call the Certification Office first!
2. Please be sure to draw neat, legible, and accurate field maps. Follow the instructions printed along the right-hand margin. We tried to estimate how many grid sheets each of you would need. If you need more, please call the Certification Office. We will not accept field maps on anything but the grid sheets or computer-generated maps. **Please mark field start and end, planting date on map, seed lot acres.**
3. The 2020 acreage fee is \$40.00/acre. The minimum acreage fee will be based on a minimum lot size of 5 acres (\$200.00/lot). You will be invoiced by the Program for acreage fees in the fall after harvest. Please look on the invoice you receive for the date payment is due.
4. Applications are due at the Certification Office by June 15, 2020. Please make every effort to get your applications in on time. Please mail your application and field maps (grid sheets) to our office at the address on the letterhead.

All unpaid balances from billing we have issued for your 2019 crop must be paid in full before your 2020 application will be accepted.

5. **We require a health certificate for all foundation seed lots brought onto your farm from non-State-Farm sources. This must be done prior to taking delivery of these lots. These lots must meet our foundation seed potato standards and must have prior approval from our office before you plant them. We also continue to recommend and encourage Dickeya testing.** Please attach to your application or ask certification officials in the state of origin to FAX to us a completed *North American Certified Seed Potato Health Certificate* for each lot imported from other states.
6. A copy of a simplified form for use with intra-state transfers of foundation seed (*Foundation Seed Potato Transfer Form*) also is included with this memo for notifying us of transfers between Program growers. Because we have full documentation on these lots in the office already, this form will meet our requirement for a health certificate for lots new to your farm but originating from other Program growers. **Please note that the *Foundation Seed Potato Transfer Form* must be signed by representatives of both the seller and the buyer involved in a transfer between Program growers.** This will allow us to verify all parties in the transaction agree on the identity and intended use of the seed lot.
7. Don't forget to check with the Certification Office if you are operating on land with an unknown history for Potato Rot Nematode. Please conspicuously **mark fields new to your operation** on the Application for Certification. Remember to contact the Office before you harvest such a field so a thorough inspection can be made. If the Office is not notified and the potatoes are harvested without an inspection, the entire lot will be rejected from certification.