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The Wisconsin Seed Potato Certification Program's goal is to provide potato farmers with seed potato planting stock that is healthy and without varietal mixture. We do this through inspections and laboratory testing of the seed potato crop and the expertise of Wisconsin seed potato growers. Early generation seed potato stocks produced in our potato tissue culture laboratory and at the Lelah Starks Elite Foundation Seed Potato Farm aid in this process by providing Wisconsin farmers with a reliable source of seed potatoes.

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Winter Test Collection & Post Harvest Updates

We will be returning to Twin Bridge Farms, Waialua, Hawaii to perform this year's post-harvest grow-out. Pricing will be comparable to last year, but slight price adjust may be needed to cover cost increases from last year. We ask that you drop off tuber samples at **Servco FS Main Office Loading Dock on Wednesday, Oct 25th between the hours of 10:00am and 3:00pm.**

Each winter test sample needs to include **exactly 400 tubers**, please be accurate on your count. We ask that you also ensure your winter test sample is comprised of high quality tubers to receive the most accurate winter test results and ensure a 400-tuber count.

You must submit **one 400-tuber sample for each 50 acres** comprising an individual seed lot. The maximum number of tubers required for any lot is 1600 or 4, 400 tuber samples. The breakdown is as follows:

<i>Seed Lot Size</i>	<i>No. of Samples</i>
Up to 50 acres	1 (400 tubers)
51-100 acres	2 (800 tubers)
101-150 acres	3 (1200 tubers)
151 to more acres	4 (1600 tubers)

WSPCP Diagnostic Lab Services

The WSPCP diagnostic lab, an accredited lab, will be accepting tuber samples for **Bacterial Ring Rot (BRR)** testing again this fall. In addition, ***Dickeya sp.* and *D. dianthicola* testing can be performed on the same tuber sample submitted for BRR.** I strongly encourage everyone to consider testing for *Dickeya sp.* and *D. dianthicola* if you have any concerns as blackleg symptoms caused by *Dickeya sp.* are challenging to see in our traditional Wisconsin climate, and this past dry growing season led to even fewer visual detections. If you are interested in testing, please reach out to your field inspector or myself and we will work with you to determine if we will be collecting the sample (export outside US) or if you can collect the sample (export within the US). Fall 2023 diagnostic testing prices are: BRR only (400 tuber) is \$250.00, *Dickeya sp./D. dianthicola* only (400 tuber) is \$300.00 for 100-tuber subsamples or \$400.00 for 25-tuber subsamples, and *Dickeya sp./D. dianthicola/BRR* (400 tuber) is \$600.00 (note *Dickeya sp.* is tested in 25 tuber subsamples). **Attached to the email is a diagnostic submission form**, which should be filled out if submitting tubers for testing. This form can also be found on our program website:

<https://seedpotato.russell.wisc.edu/potato-tissue-culture-lab/potato-tissue-culture-lab-services-2/>

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