

IDAHO POTATO PULSE



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The first positive find of the chip pathogen that causes Zebra Chip in potato has been reported in the PNW. Please see the advice below. ZC is a manageable disease if the proper precautions are taken.

Positive Zebra Chip infected plants have been found in the Columbia Basin

The zebra chip pathogen, '*Candidatus Liberibacter solanacearum*' has been detected in potato plants from two fields southeast of Pasco, WA. The incidence of the disease is very low. To date, all psyllid samples submitted to the OSU HAREC Plant Pathology Laboratory have tested NEGATIVE for the zebra chip pathogen. Zebra chip is a manageable disease but, as with many diseases, 100% control is not possible or should even be the goal. Growers are recommended to maintain regular insecticide programs which will help limit the infection in and spread of the pathogen in potato fields. Please feel free to contact Nor Olsen at norao@uidaho.edu or Erik Wenninger at erikw@uidaho.edu if you have any questions regarding this disease.