

IDAHO POTATO PULSE



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Dear Idaho Potato Industry members:

Below is a note from John Keeling, NPC, on the latest information regarding seed potato movement from Alberta, Canada.

The following table is what is currently on the APHIS web site regarding the importation of seed potatoes to the US from Canada. This table reflects the fact that seed exports to the US from Alberta are prohibited until the delimiting surveys, including trace forwards and tracebacks, are complete. Other provinces may export seed if they conduct tests of the fields in accordance with the Guidelines. That test is currently a full field survey at 1 pound of soil per acre. The International Science Panel report which is likely to recommend a larger sample size should be available by November 1. Then a discussion of next steps will have to occur within the US industry and within APHIS.

TABLE 3-2: Potato Tubers (Seed Potatoes)

| If from: | And: | Then: |
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| All provinces of Canada other than Alberta | Accompanied by a Canadian Phytosanitary Certificate with appropriate additional declaration ¹ | RELEASE |
| | Lack a Canadian Phytosanitary Certificate with appropriate additional declaration | PROHIBIT ENTRY |
| The province of Alberta ² | —————→ | PROHIBIT ENTRY |
| A country other than Canada | —————→ | |

- The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) will provide **one** of the following additional declarations stating that the shipment is free from Potato Cyst Nematodes (PCN):
 - ◆ “Field(s) used to produce the seed potato lot(s) in this shipment were surveyed and tested according to the current agreed-upon protocol and Potato Cyst Nematodes (*Globodera rostochiensis* and *Globodera pallida*) were not detected.” **or**,
 - ◆ “The articles in this shipment were grown in a PCN-free place of production and in a manner to prevent infestation by Potato Cyst Nematodes (*Globodera rostochiensis* and *Globodera pallida*).”

The areas of Canada regulated for PCN by CFIA are the following:

- ◆ Alberta: A farm unit and associated land located near the municipality of Fort Saskatchewan; and a farm unit and associated land located near the municipality of Spruce Grove
- ◆ British Columbia: That portion of the Municipality of Central Saanich on Vancouver Island, east of the West Saanich Road
- ◆ Newfoundland and Labrador: The entire island of Newfoundland
- ◆ Quebec: The municipality of Saint-Amable

- Shipments of seed potatoes from Alberta are suspended pending completion of mutually approved surveys in accordance with the bilateral protocol.