

IDAHO POTATO PULSE



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One of the best methods to minimize spread or recurrence of a pest, including fungi, bacteria, insects, nematodes and weed seeds, is a good sanitation program for equipment and storage facilities. A new University of Idaho bulletin on "Cleaning and Disinfecting Potato Equipment and Storage Facilities" is available on-line at <http://www.kimberly.uidaho.edu/potatoes/CIS1180.pdf>

Important reminders and recommendations about cleaning harvesting and handling equipment between fields and prepping storage facilities for the incoming crop are outlined in this bulletin. It also highlights the necessary task of removing foreign material from storage facilities prior to loading. The significance of the USDA GAP/GHP Audit regarding cleaning equipment and storage is also discussed.

A copy of this bulletin is also attached to this email.