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To: All Montana Seed Potato Growers

From: Nina Zidack

Re: BRR Testing Requirements for Lamb Weston/ConAgra and Idaho Recertification

Bacterial Ring Rot testing will be required for the 2015 crop for all recertification lots being sold to Idaho seed growers and for seed going to Lamb Weston/ConAgra.

Samples for Lamb Weston/ConAgra: 10 tubers per acre for both G2 and G3. For fields smaller than 40 acres, a minimum sample of 400 tubers is required.

Idaho recertification: 400 tubers are required per seed lot regardless of acreage.

All other seedlots: Review your contracts and double check with your buyers to determine if they have any BRR testing requirements.

Tubers will need to be cored prior to submission to the lab and placed in sub-samples of 200.

Examples of sample sizes for ConAgra/Lamb Weston:

115 acres – 1150 tuber cores total, 5 bags of 200 and one bag of 150

80 acres – 800 tuber cores total, 4 bags of 200 cores

45 acres – 450 tuber cores total, 2 bags of 200 and one bag of 50

25 acres – 400 tuber cores total, 2 bags of 200

5 acres – 400 tuber cores total, 2 bags of 200

Sample size for Idaho:

1 field/seed lot – 400 tuber cores total, 2 bags of 200 cores

Place each sample (all of the subsamples for one sample) in one larger bag and label with:

Farm Name

Variety and Generation

Field Number

Acres

Call Potato Lab if you need coring tool.