

New publication coming soon!

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As biocontrol options on the market continue to grow, I believe it is time for a new publication. There are over 70 products available for potato today.

Biopesticides are certain types of pesticides derived from such natural materials as animals, plants, bacteria, and minerals. While some Montana growers have devoted organic acreage, these available products, such as LifeGard (a product you might have heard about around here!) can be used effectively in conventional systems. In organic production, any product that you are using has to meet a particular set of guidelines. A helpful resource is The Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI). OMRI listed products are available for use in certified organic production under the USDA National Organic Program. Find more information at <https://www.omri.org>. Don't forget to check out April's edition of Potato Grower Magazine for an update of organic products.

Expect this new publication to cover much the same information that is contained in our Disease Management Guides. For ease, OMRI-certified products that have been appearing in the guide will remain there until a full transition to the new guide is completed. In the new guide you will find all the newest products as well as some greenhouse performance data of products we've been hard at work testing. We will be sharing upon completion.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at 406-404-0789!