

**Section 2. Application for Certification**

- A. Any seed grower desiring to have seed potatoes certified by MSU under these Rules shall make application to MSU on a form furnished by it. Application forms are available from the Director, Seed Potato Certification, MSU-Bozeman, PO Box 172060, Bozeman, Montana 59717-2060.
- B. Completed application forms, along with the appropriate fees, must be received in the office of the MSU potato specialist on or before June 10th. Applicants not meeting the June 10th deadline may be assessed a non-refundable penalty of \$50.00 per registration (see Section 5). If a grower is late, a registered letter will be sent to that grower. The grower has ten (10) days after the letter is received to apply for certification. After ten (10) days, no application for certification will be accepted.
- C. Applications must be submitted for any seed lots, fields or varieties for which certification are sought. Failure of any grower to apply for certification of any seed lot, field or variety will result in that grower's field or variety being ineligible for certification.
- D. Applications for certification will not be accepted unless the applicant has enclosed the fees as set forth in Section 5 and has paid all previous indebtedness to the University. Tags will also be withheld until all past indebtedness is paid up.
- E. Growers on state borders shall be required to grow all potatoes under the Montana Rules and Regulations if they wish to certify any portion of their crop in Montana.
- F. A field map with clear designations of each seed lot, all documentation relating to the seed-source including an official Montana State University certified seed potato tag, a North American Plant Health Certificate, and any other information requested on the application form must be attached to the application.
- G. Applications for Multiple Certifications. A grower may hold more than one certification. For each certification, a seed grower must submit a separate application form and pay the appropriate fees. Multiple certifications are subject to all rules for single certifications as well as the following requirements and restrictions:
  - 1. Each certification should be a separate seed lot, a seed of separate sources, or a different variety.
  - 2. ALL equipment that is shared by different growers shall be cleaned and disinfected each time it is moved from one grower to the next. Cleaning and disinfecting shall be the responsibility of the growers (see Section 8D).
    - a. Sharing equipment may negate separation of registrations.
  - 3. A grower intending to grow two (2) or more varieties shall be required to meet all conditions that apply to multiple registrations.