

2009 Commercial Seed Lot Trial Information

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Commercial potato seed samples are requested for the 2009 Washington Seed Lot Trial. **Two to three hundred whole (single drop) seed is an acceptable sample size, or 50 lbs of 4 oz single drop seed.** This seed should not be treated with insecticide or fungicide. Seed tubers need to be uniformly small (not larger than 4 oz) because no seed cutting is done and a cup-type planter is used. A sample that represents the entire seed lot received is most desirable. Sampling the first (or last) 300 seed from the truck is not likely to provide a representative sample of the lot. Sample tags may be obtained by calling the Potato Commission at 509-765-8845.

Your assistance with collection and drop off of seed samples is needed. Seed samples may be taken to the WSU Othello Research Unit (509-488-3191); located on Booker Road ¼ mile south from State Highway 26 and about five miles east of Othello. For sample pickup and any questions regarding the seed lot trials please call:

South Basin: Tim Waters (509-545-3511), Mark Pavek (509-335-6861), or Zach Holden (509-335-3452).

North Basin: Carrie Huffman Wohleb (509-754-2011), Mark Pavek (509-335-6861), or Zach Holden (509-335-3452).

In the North Basin, one seed “drop-off” has been established. It is located at Qualls Ag Labs (Mick Qualls, 509-787-4210 ext 16) on the corner of Dodson Road and Road 4; come to front office between 8 am and 5 pm. Please call the numbers below to arrange additional pickup sites. Samples will be picked up at 2:00 pm the day before each planting date (below) to be included. Growers planting in early March should drop their samples off at the Othello Research Center or store the samples and call the numbers below for pickup. For all alternative pickup locations or questions please call Mark Pavek at 509-335-6861 or Zach Holden at 509-335-3452.

The planned seed lot planting dates for 2009 are:

1st (Early)	March 24
2 nd	April 7
3 rd	April 21
4th (Late)	May 5

PICKUP DATES ARE ONE DAY PRIOR TO THE PLANTING DATES ABOVE

This year’s virus reading of the seed lots will take place on June 9 and 23.

The 2009 Potato Field Day is scheduled for Friday June 26.