

Chapter Seven

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POTATO (*Solanum tuberosum*)

BACTERIAL RING ROT

Clavibacter michiganensis subsp. *sepedonicus*

Cultural: Clean then disinfect all storages and potato equipment thoroughly at least once annually. To do this, first remove all soil and plant debris then use a recommended disinfectant (see Appendix II). When planting, use only certified disease free seed, and disinfect all equipment (please see note 4) between seed lots. Use cup rather than pick type planters to minimize wounding. At harvest, use only new bags for seed since it is impossible to disinfect old ones. If disease is found, dispose of all potatoes as soon as possible then thoroughly disinfect the premises as described previously. Practice crop rotation and do not plant potatoes in an infested field for 2 seasons.

Resistant Cultivars: None.

Chemical: None.

Notes:

1. All grades of Canadian seed potatoes have a zero tolerance for bacterial ring rot.
2. Bacterial ring rot was declared a 'pest' under the Agricultural Pests Act of Alberta in 1939. In 1942 it was also declared a 'pest' in British Columbia. It is also a declared 'pest' in Saskatchewan. In 2005, the Bacterial Ring Rot Regulation came into effect in the Province of Manitoba. Legislation aims to eradicate the disease on commercial potato farms.
3. Symptomless (latent) infections of ring rot occur (4).
4. *C. michiganensis* can survive for several years on equipment and storage surfaces (5).

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BACTERIAL SOFT ROT

Erwinia carotovora subsp. *carotovora*

Cultural: Do not over-irrigate fields during the growing season. Harvest only mature tubers when soil temperatures are less than 10°C. Minimize mechanical damage during harvest and handling. Protect tubers from desiccation by sun and wind. Cool tubers of early maturing cultivars to 10°C. For late maturing potatoes, store tubers for 7-10 days at 10°-15°C to promote wound healing, then lower temperature to 2-5°C (7°-10°C for processing tubers). Provide good ventilation to prevent low oxygen concentrations and development of moisture films on tuber surfaces. Do not wash tubers before storage; however, if washing is necessary before marketing, use a chlorinated rinse water, dry the tubers as soon as possible and package them in well-aerated containers. When washing use only clean water and change it frequently to reduce the soft rot inoculum level. Control other diseases that predispose tubers to soft rot. Remove culls and other plant refuse to prevent insect transmission in storage.

Resistant Cultivars: None.

Chemical: See Appendix I for post-harvest treatment.

Notes: Blackleg symptoms also can be caused by *E. carotovora* subsp. *carotovora*

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BLACK DOT

Colletotrichum coccodes

Cultural: Use certified seed. Rotate with grains (preferably five years). Other solanaceous crops such as tomatoes, peppers and eggplant should not be used in rotations with potatoes. Control nightshade weeds. Soil should be adequately fertilized. Irrigate but avoid excess watering. Avoid skinning or bruising tubers at harvest.

Resistant cultivars: There are no potato cultivars resistant to black dot. Cultivars producing thin-skinned tubers are more susceptible.

Chemical: None.

Note: In storage, keep relative humidity at or above 90 percent. If possible, store at 40°F

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BLACKLEG

Erwinia carotovora subsp. *atroseptica*

Cultural: Plant whole seed that is free from blackleg. Plant in well-drained soil, especially when using cut seed. Treat cut seed with approved fungicides then plant immediately or suberize it well before planting to reduce infection by *Fusarium* spp. and other pathogens that predispose it to bacterial invasion (see Note 1). Plant on land with at least two or three years between potato crops. Avoid excessive irrigation to prevent seed-piece decay and subsequent stem invasion. Remove potato culls and other plant refuse to avoid insect transmission. Frequently clean and disinfest seed cutting and handling equipment as well as planters, harvesters and conveyers to eliminate contamination. This should be done at least between different seed lots. Avoid washing seed potatoes and exercise care during handling operations to minimize damage. Remove infected plants as soon as they appear, if practical.

Resistant Cultivars: None.

Intermediate: Russet Burbank (Netted Gem).

Chemical: See Appendix I.

Notes:

1. Fungicidal seed piece treatments do not directly control blackleg.
2. Seed potatoes in Canada are inspected in the field for blackleg.
3. Blackleg bacteria may be present on tuber surfaces even in the absence of foliage or tuber symptoms.

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Also see the references under BACTERIAL SOFT ROT on page 3.

COMMON SCAB

Streptomyces scabies

Cultural: Use a 3-5 year rotation. Plant scab-free seed on land free of scab. Use an acidic fertilizer, such as ammonium sulfate, for nitrogen and irrigate adequately especially during tuber initiation. Increased irrigation at tuber set is the most effective control method to date (2007).

Cultivar Ratings: The following ratings are from 2005 and 2006 trials conducted by Dr. Eugenia Banks, in Ontario soils heavily contaminated with common scab:

Very Tolerant Cultivars: Superior, MSA 8254-2B Russet, Rio Grande Russet, AC 92009-4RUS, Cecile, Amandine, Goldrush, velox, Russet Burbank, CV 92028-1 Liberator

Cultivars with Good tolerance: Cherokee, Onaway, Altitude, A 175-1, Stampede Russet, Dakota Diamond, B 1992-106, Fabula, NY 126, Keuka Gold, Lady Christil, Satina, Dark Red Norland, Viking, Purple Viking, Klondike Rose, Mozart, Baby Boomer, Red Pearl, Gemstar, Peribonka.

Chemical: None recommended.

Note: The addition of sulfur to increase soil acidity is generally not recommended because of high cost and the danger of causing excessive soil acidity.

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DRY ROT

Fusarium spp.

Cultural: Harvest during dry, cool weather if possible. Top killing at least two weeks prior to harvest encourages a good skin set which helps to reduce damage at harvest. Avoid bruising and wounding the tubers when harvesting. Store tubers for 7-10 days at 12°C to favour wound healing, then lower temperature to 2-5°C (10°C for processing tubers). Maintain humidity at 90% RH with adequate air circulation. Treat seed-pieces with a fungicide for control of seed-piece decay (see Appendix I). Handle seed with non contaminated equipment and store in clean containers.

Chemical: See Appendix I.

Notes: Cross-resistance to thiabendazole and thiophanate-methyl has been identified for at least one species of the fusarium dry rot pathogen complex, i.e. *Fusarium sambucinum*.

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EARLY BLIGHT, BROWN SPOT

Alternaria solani, *A. alternata*

Cultural: Minimize stress by controlling weeds, maintaining adequate soil moisture and fertility. Avoid potatoes, tomatoes, or egg plants in the crop rotation for at least 2 consecutive years. Use seed potatoes free of the disease. Permit tubers to mature in the ground before digging. Avoid bruising during digging and handling.

Resistant Cultivars: None.

Chemical: See Appendix I.

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FUSARIUM WILT

Fusarium spp.

Cultural: Grow potatoes on land free from wilt fungi. Use disease-free potatoes for seed. Do not add inoculum such as infested soil, diseased tubers or plant refuse to clean fields. Practice crop rotation. Follow good soil management, including the use of proper irrigation practices.

Resistant Cultivars: None.

Chemical: None.

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LATE BLIGHT

Phytophthora infestans

Cultural: Destroy cull piles by burying or spraying them with a herbicide. Plant only healthy seed potatoes. Kill infected potato tops 2 weeks before harvest to reduce tuber infection during harvest (see Appendix IV for desiccants and top killers). Harvest late so that infected tubers rot and remain in the soil. Remove diseased tubers before storage and maintain adequate air circulation in the pile. Maintain good air circulation to dry out decaying tubers. Infected tubers should be held at a temperature that is as low as practical. Cool temperatures needed for suppression of tuber rot tend to have a negative impact on frying colour, in chipping and french fry potatoes.

Resistant Cultivars: None.

Chemical: Follow label instructions when applying registered fungicides listed in Appendix I. Time spray applications according to late blight forecasts for your region. Always apply one spray before row closure. Apply sprays every 10-14 days in hot dry weather when the risk of infection is low. Apply fungicides every 5 to 7 days in late blight favourable weather particularly when late blight warnings are high.

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LEAF ROLL

Potato leaf roll virus

Cultural: Plant leaf roll-free seed. Rogue out infected plants if practical. Control aphids to limit virus spread. Top-kill seed potatoes as early as possible after aphid vectors appear.

Resistant Cultivars: None.

Chemical: None. (See note).

Note: Limit virus spread by reducing aphid vector populations with registered insecticides.

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LEAK

Pythium ultimum

Cultural: Grow potatoes on well-drained soils. Do not irrigate soils heavily. Harvest tubers when they are mature in cool weather. Avoid bruising and injuring potatoes. Store the potatoes at the proper temperature and humidity (refer to section on dry rot above for more details). Tubers harvested in hot, sunny weather are likely to develop leak and should be cooled below 10°C and marketed as soon as possible.

Resistant Cultivars: None.

Chemical: See Appendix I.

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MOSAIC

Potato virus X, potato virus S, potato virus A, potato virus Y

Cultural: Use seed that is free of viruses. Avoid rubbing foliage with clothing, machinery, etc. Disinfest cutting knives and equipment as often as possible. Rogue diseased plants from seed fields. Reduce aphid populations to limit spread of viruses A and Y as described for leaf roll.

Resistant Cultivars: None.

Chemical: None (see note 2).

Notes:

1. Disinfest equipment (see Appendix II).
2. Insecticides recommended for leaf roll limit spread of viruses A and Y.

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PINK ROT*Phytophthora erythroseptica*

Cultural: Plant potatoes in well-drained soil. Do not over irrigate potatoes during the growing season. Allow tubers to mature underground for 2-3 weeks after top-killing. Do not harvest potatoes when soil temperatures rise above 17-18°C. Minimize bruising and cutting at harvest. Remove field heat from healthy potatoes gradually in a humid environment (90-95% relative humidity) to thicken skin and increase tuber resistance to infection in storage. Remove field heat as rapidly as possible from potatoes harvested from warm damp soil if symptoms of pink rot appear in storage after harvest. Store pink rot infected potatoes at or below 8°C in a continuously ventilated dry storage facility (80-85% relative humidity) until all affected tubers have dried up. Process potatoes as rapidly as possible if continuous ventilation fails to stop the spread of pink rot decay. If possible, harvest wet areas of fields last and store separately from healthy tubers

Resistant Cultivars: None.

Chemical: See Appendix I.

Notes:

1. Symptoms of leak and pink rot are so similar that it can be difficult to correctly identify the causal agent. Pink rot and Pythium leak may occur together. The two diseases can be distinguished by the symptoms they are causing: pink rot is firmer with a pink coloration after cutting (below) while Pythium leak is a soft, watery, cavity rot with a black ring around the outer edge.
2. Tuber flesh adjacent to darkened areas colonized by the *P. erythroseptica* pathogen turn pink 30-45 minutes after an infected tuber is cut open.

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POWDERY SCAB

Spongospora subterranea f. sp. *subterranea*

Cultural: Crop rotation (minimum of 6 years). Use well-drained soils and avoid planting on contaminated land. Plant only disease-free seed. Do not use manure from animals fed infected tubers as the resting spores of the fungus will pass unharmed through the digestive tract. Restrict irrigation at tuber set.

Resistant Cultivars: Russet Burbank typically does not show tuber infection but does produce root galls.

Very Susceptible cultivars: Dakota Pearl, AC Glacier Chip, Niska.

Chemical: None.

Note: It is important to differentiate between common and powdery scab before making management decisions.

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RHIZOCTONIA (BLACK SCURF)

Rhizoctonia solani

Cultural: Use disease-free seed. Avoid planting in cold, wet soil and cover seed pieces with not more than 5 cm (2 inches) of soil when planting early in cool soil. Harvest the tubers as soon as they are mature. Avoid growing potatoes in fields or portions of fields where the disease has been severe.

Resistant Cultivars: None.

Chemical: See Appendix I.

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SEED PIECE DECAY

Fusarium spp., *Pythium* spp., *Erwinia carotovora*

Cultural: Cut, treat, and plant the seed the same day. If cut seed cannot be planted the same day, then store it at 10-15°C with high humidity to facilitate suberization. Never allow cut seed to stand in the hot sun or in a drying wind. Plant in soils sufficiently warm and moist to promote good sprout growth and wound healing. Whole seed is quite resistant to decay. Stressing seed by putting it in direct contact with systemic insecticides or bands of liquid fertilizer apparently increase levels of seed piece decay.

Resistant Cultivars: None.

Chemical: See Appendix I.

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SILVER SCURF

Helminthosporium solani

Cultural: Plant disease-free seed tubers and practice crop rotation. Harvest tubers as soon as they are mature. Cull out noticeably infected ones at time of digging and grading. Rid the field of all tubers left after harvest. Maintain stable levels of relative humidity and temperature in storage after harvest. Thoroughly disinfect storage between crops.

Resistant Cultivars: None.

Chemical: See Appendix I.

Notes: Resistance of *H. solani* to thiabendazole may limit this product's effectiveness.

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SPINDLE TUBER

Potato spindle tuber viroid (PSTV)

Cultural: Use seed tubers known to be free from PSTV. Avoid mechanical transmission by planting whole, rather than cut seed, and avoid leaf contact by equipment in field operations. Decontaminate knives and other equipment as frequently as possible (see Note 1). Rogue diseased plants in seed fields.

Resistant Cultivars: None.

Chemical: None.

Notes:

1. For disinfection use sodium hypochlorite 6% (household bleach, dil. 1:10 not a.i.); ammonium based disinfectants or soapy water.
2. Amendments to the Canada Seeds Act call for a zero tolerance for spindle tuber in all classes of seed potatoes.

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VERTICILLIUM WILT

Verticillium albo-atrum, *Verticillium dahliae*

Cultural: Treat seed pieces to prevent soil- and seed-borne infection. Use a 3-or 4-year rotation with cereals or grasses to reduce soil-borne inoculum. Control susceptible weeds.

Resistant Cultivars: None.

Chemical: See Appendix I.

Notes: Plant parasitic nematodes, particularly *Pratylenchus* spp., may increase the incidence and severity of verticillium wilt. Nematicides or soil fumigants (please see appendix III) applied for the control of these nematodes may also suppress verticillium wilt. (Preharvest interval - 90 days).

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OTHER DISEASES

The following diseases of potato are currently of minor importance and/or are diseases for which no practical control measures are currently recommended:

Black Pit (*Alternaria alternata*)

Calico (Alfalfa mosaic virus)

Corky Ring Spot (Spraing) (Tobacco rattle virus)

Phoma Rot (*Phoma* sp.)

Potato Mop Top Virus

Purple-top Wilt (aster yellows phytoplasma)

Witches' -broom (potato witches' -broom phytoplasma)

QUARANTINE DISEASES

The following diseases do not occur at present or are of limited distribution in Canada and are under quarantine regulations:

Columbia Root-knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne chitwoodi*)

Golden Nematode (*Globodera rostochiensis*) - Confined to areas of Vancouver Island, B.C., Quebec and Newfoundland.

Wart (*Synchytrium endobioticum*) - Confined to areas of Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island

PVY^N (Potato virus Y - necrotic strain)

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APPENDIX I. Fungicides Registered for Controlling Plant Diseases on Potato.

Disease	Active Ingredient	Trade Name	C* or D	Formulation	PCP No.
Bacterial Soft Rot	hydrogen peroxide	Biosafe StorOx	C	27% SN	27432
Blackleg	thiophanate-methyl	Senator PSPT Seed Piece Treatment	C	10% DU	14599
Dry Rot	fludioxonil	Maxim PSP	C	0.5% PO	26647
		Maxim Liquid PSP	C	40.3% LI	29110
	hydrogen peroxide	Biosafe StorOx	C	27% SN	27432
	metiram	Polyram 16D Fungicide Dust	C	16% DU	22029
		Polyram 16D Seed Piece Treat.	C	16% DU	25867
	thiabendazole	Mertect SC Fungicide	C	45% SU	13975
thiophanate-methyl	Senator PSPT Seed Piece Treatment	C	10% DU	14599	
Early Blight	azoxystrobin	Quadris	C	250 g/L SU	26153
	boscalid	Lance	C	70% WG	27495
	chlorothalonil	Bravo 500	C	500 g/L SU	15723
		Bravo 720	C	720 g/L SU	29225
		Echo 720	C	720 g/L SU	29355
		Bravo Ultrex	C	82.5% WG	29306
	copper oxychloride	Copper Spray	C	50% WP	19146
	dimethomorph + mancozeb	Acrobat MZ	C	9% + 60% WP	24546
	famoxadone + cymoxanil	Tanos	C	25% + 25% WG	27435
	fenamidone	Reason**	C	500g/ L SU	27462
	mancozeb	Dithane DG Rainshield NT	C	75% WG	20553
		Manzate 200 DF	C	75% WG	21057
		Dithane WSP 80%	C	80% WP	23655
		Penncozeb 75DF	C	75% WG	25397
	mancozeb + zoxamide	Gavel 75 DF	C	66.7% + 8.3% WG	26842
	maneb	Dithane M-22	C	80% WP	4918
	metalaxyl-M + chlorothalonil	Ridomil Gold/Bravo	C	480 g/L	26443
		Ridomil Gold SL/Bravo	C	+ 500 g/L	29239
	metiram	Polyram DF	C	80% WG	20087
		Polyram 16D	C	16% DU	22029
	pyraclostrobin	Headline	C	250 g/L EC	27322
	pyrimethanil	Scala SC**	C	400 g/L	28011
	tribasic copper sulfate	Copper 53W	C	53% WP	9934
		Green Earth Bordo Copper Spray	D	53% WP	17482
	tribasic copper sulfate + carbaryl	Wilson Garden Doctor	D	7% + 5% DU	17424
	zineb	Clean Crop Zineb 80W	C	80% WP	14562
zineb + carbaryl	King PTV Potato Dust	D	4% + 5% DU	10711	
	Manchester 2 in 1 Bug Killer	D		11515	

* C = Commercial or D = Domestic registration

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APPENDIX I. Fungicides Registered for Controlling Plant Diseases on Potato (continued)

Disease	Active Ingredient	Trade Name	C* or D	Formulation	PCP No.
Late Blight	azoxystrobin	Quadris	C	250 g/L SU	26153
	chlorothalonil	Bravo 500	C	500 g/L SU	15723
		Bravo 720	C	720 g/L SU	29225
		Echo 720	C	720 g/L SU	29355
		Bravo Ultrex	C	82.5% WG	29306
	copper oxychloride	Copper Spray	C	50% WP	19146
		Guardsman Copper Oxychloride			13245
	cyazofamid	Ranman 400 SC	C	400g/ L	27984
	cymoxanil	Curzate 60 DF**	C	60% WG	26284
	dimethomorph	Acrobat WP**	C	50% WP	27700
	dimethomorph + mancozeb	Acrobat MZ	C	9% + 60% WP	24546
	famoxadone + cymoxanil	Tanos	C	25% + 25% WG	27435
	fenamidone	Reason 500SC**	C	500 g/L SU	27462
	fluazinam	Allegro	C	40% SU	27517
	mancozeb	Dithane DG Rainshield NT	C	75% WG	20553
		Manzate 200 DF		75% WG	21057
		Penncozeb 75DF		75% WG	25397
	mancozeb + zoxamide	Gavel 75 DF	C	66.7% + 8.3% WG	26842
	mandipropamid	Revus	C	250 g/L	29074
	maneb	Dithane M-22	C	80% WP	4918
	metalaxyl-M	Ridomil Gold 480EC	C	480 g/L EC	25384
		Ridomil Gold 480SL	C	480 g/L SC	28474
	metalaxyl-M + chlorothalonil	Ridomil Gold/Bravo	C	480 g/L	26443
		Ridomil Gold SL/Bravo	C	+ 500 g/L	29239
	metiram	Polyram DF	C	80% WG	20087
		Polyram 16D		16% DU	22029
	propamocarb HCl + chlorothalonil	Tattoo C	C	375 g/L + 375 g/L	24544
pyraclostrobin	Headline	C	250 g/L EC	27322	
tribasic copper sulfate	Copper 53W	C	53% WP	9934	
	Green Earth Bordo Copper Spray	D	53% WP	17482	
tribasic copper sulfate + carbaryl	Wilson Garden Doctor	D	7% + 5% DU	17424	
zineb + carbaryl	King PTV Potato Dust	D	4% + 5% DU	10711	
	Manchester 2 in 1 Bug Killer			11515	
Late Blight, Tuber	phosphorous acid, mono and di- potassium salts	Confine (post harvest, suppression only))	C	45.8% SN	29100

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APPENDIX I. Fungicides Registered for Controlling Plant Diseases on Potato (continued)

Disease	Active Ingredient	Trade Name	C* or D	Formulation	PCP No.
Pink Rot and Pythium Leak (suppression only)	metalaxyl-M + chlorothalonil	Ridomil Gold/Bravo	C	480 g/L	26443
		Ridomil Gold SL/Bravo	C	+ 500 g/L	29239
Pink Rot	metalaxyl-m and s isomer	Ridomil Gold 480EC (in furrow)	C	480 g/L EC	25384
		Ridomil Gold 480SL (in furrow)	C	480 g/L SC	28474
	phosphorous acid, mono and di-potassium salts	Confine (post harvest, suppression only)	C	45.8% SN	29100
Rhizoctonia Canker and Black Scurf	azoxystrobin	Quadris (in-furrow)	C	250g/L SU	26153
	fludioxonil	Maxim PSP	C	0.5% PO	26647
		Maxim Liquid PSP	C	40.3% LI	29110
	thiabendazole	Mertect SC Fungicide	C	45% SU	13975
Seed Piece Decay	captan + diazinon	Co-op Potato Seed piece Treatment	C	7.5% + 0.1% DU	15755
	mancozeb	Dithane M-45 8% Dust Potato Seedpiece Fungicide	C	8% DU	10186
		Condor MZ		16% DU	26158
		MancoPlus Potato Seed Piece T.		16% DU	26157
		Tuberseal Potato Seed Piece D.		16% DU	17042
		Potato ST 16		16% DU	24734
Solan MZ		16%	29377		
metiram	Polyram 16D Fungicide Dust Polyram 16D Seed Piece Treat.	C	16% DU 16% DU	22029 25867	
thiophanate-methyl	Senator PSPT Seed Piece Treatment	C	10% DU	14599	
Silver Scurf	azoxystrobin	Quadris (in furrow)	C	250 g/L SU	26153
	fludioxonil	Maxim PSP	C	0.5% PO	26647
		Maxim Liquid PSP	C	40.3% LI	29110
	hydrogen peroxide	Biosafe StorOx	C	27% SN	27432
	thiabendazole	Mertect SC Fungicide	C	500 g/L SU	13975
	thiophanate-methyl	Senator PSPT Seed Piece Treatment	C	10% DU	14599
Verticillium Wilt	thiophanate-methyl	Senator PSPT Seed Piece Treatment	C	10% DU	14599

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APPENDIX II. Products Registered for Disinfecting Farm Machinery and Storage Areas.

Disease	Active Ingredient	Trade Name	Formulation	PCP No.
Bacterial Ring Rot	N-alkyl dimethyl benzyl ammonium chloride	Ag-Services Incorporated General Storage Disinfectant	10% LI	14957

APPENDIX III. Soil Sterilants and Nematicides Registered for Controlling Soil Borne Diseases.

Active Ingredient	Trade Name	Formulation	PCP No.
metam	Vapam Liquid Solution	380 g/L SN	6453
methyl bromide*	Methyl Bromide Fumigant	100% SN	16495
1,3-dichloropropene	Telone II**	97.5% SN	15893
1,3-dichloropropene + chloropicrin	Telone C17**	81.2 + 16.5% SN	16324

*Registration for methyl bromide will not be renewed the next time the label is reviewed. Consequently methyl bromide will only be available for the next two to three years. Registration for this chemical is being withdrawn because of the potential damage this product may do to human health and the environment.

** Not available in British Columbia.

APPENDIX IV. Registered Topkillers and Desiccants.*

Active Ingredient	Trade Name	Formulation	Next Registration	PCP No.
diquat	Reglone Dessicant	240 g/L	2015	26396
glufosinate ammonium	Ignite 15 SN Herbicide and Dessicant (British Columbia)	150 g/L SN	2014	23180
	Liberty (Prairie Provinces)	150 g/L EC	2014	24081

*Dessicants are applied so that foliage infected with late blight dies and dries out completely before harvest. This control measure decreases levels of tuber infection at harvest and in so doing reduces levels of storage decay.