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I would like to take this opportunity to thank our exhibitors, sponsors and exceptional team of contractors who are all set to orchestrate the premier event within our multi-billion-pound sector.

Your visit to the show is not only ideal for catching up with industry colleagues, but also a chance to keep up to date with the latest innovations shaping the future. Key companies will be happy to show you their cutting-edge machinery, technology and equipment.

My event team, the Potato Review Magazine and the prestigious National Potato Industry Awards team, will be on hand to ensure you make the most of your visit to this bi-annual event.

In addition to two packed halls and an outdoor display area, we have an impressive line-up of seminars from experts, researchers and industry voices on topics such as 'evolving late-blight pressures', 'seed supply security' and 'reduced input cultivation.' You don't need to book to attend the seminars, they are available throughout the event. See full line up on page 26- 30. Both BASIS and NROSO points will be available for show attendance and seminar attendance.

Reserve your place at the event here and bring your team along, to the much anticipated, British Potato Industry Event 2025.

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Sally Dodds
Head of Events

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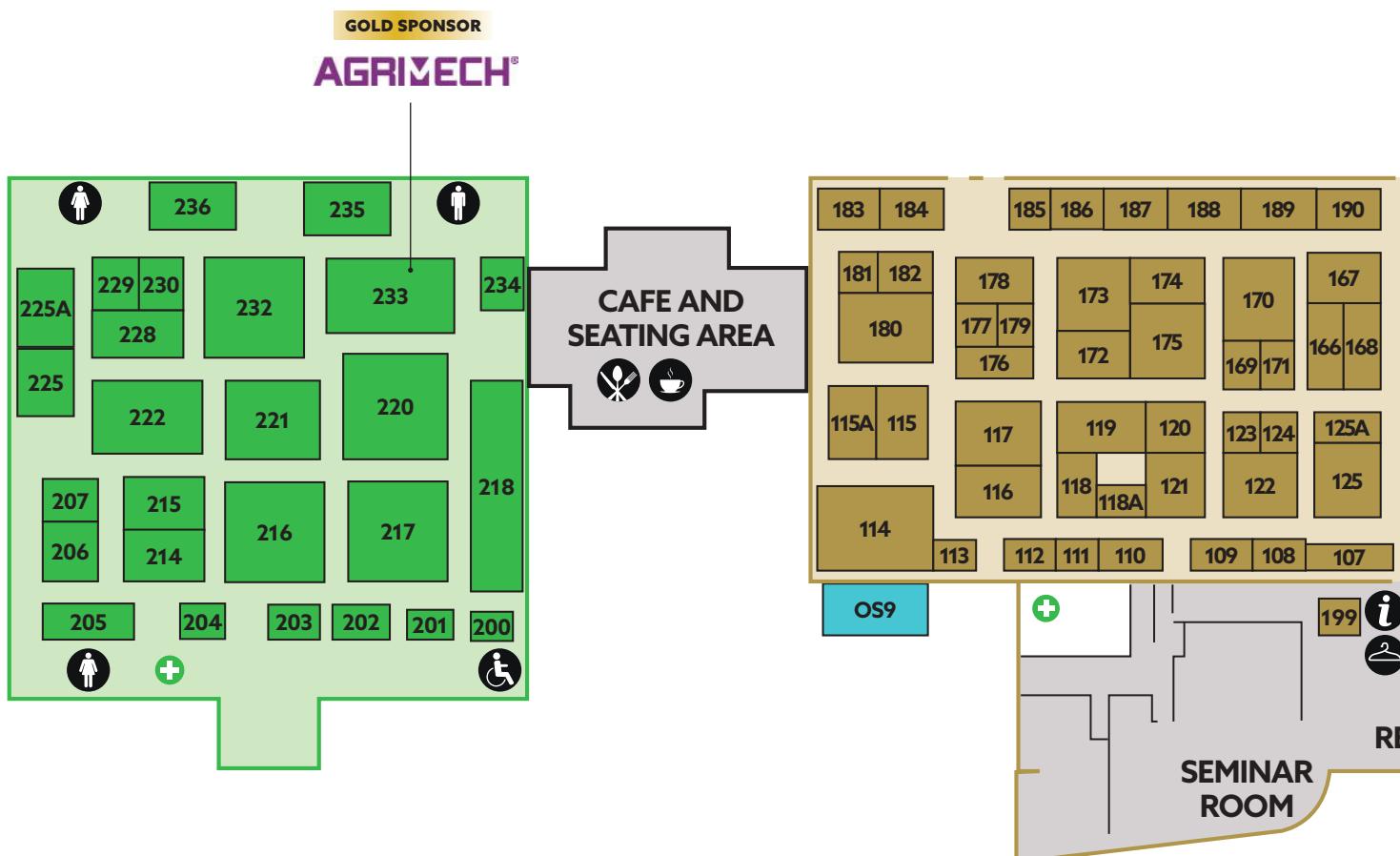
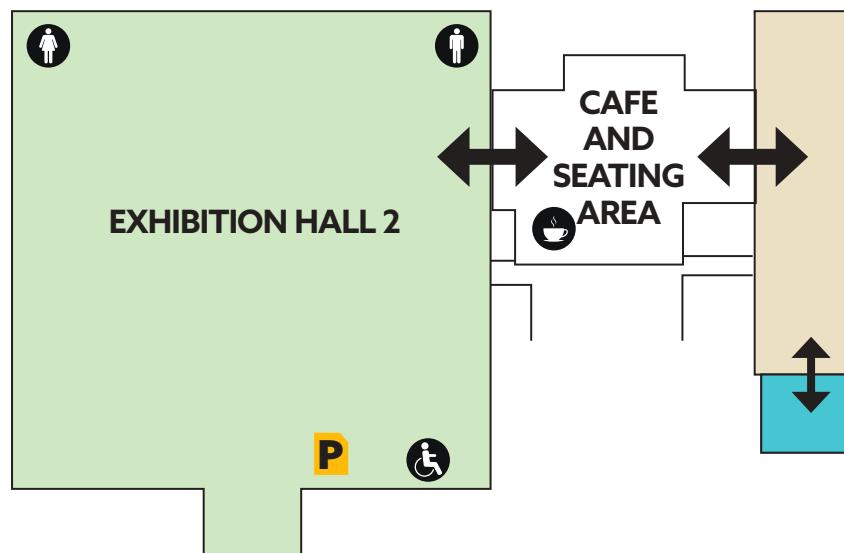






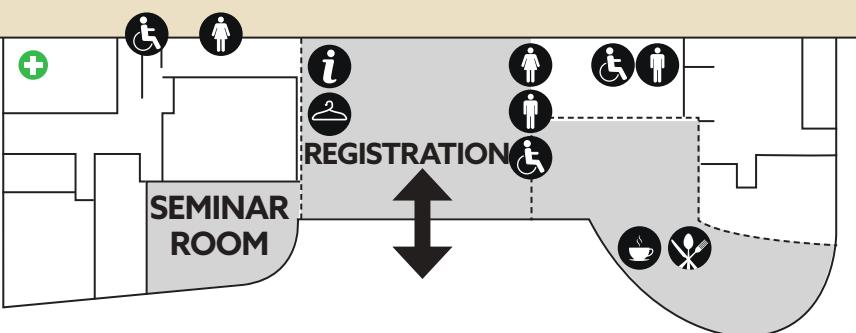


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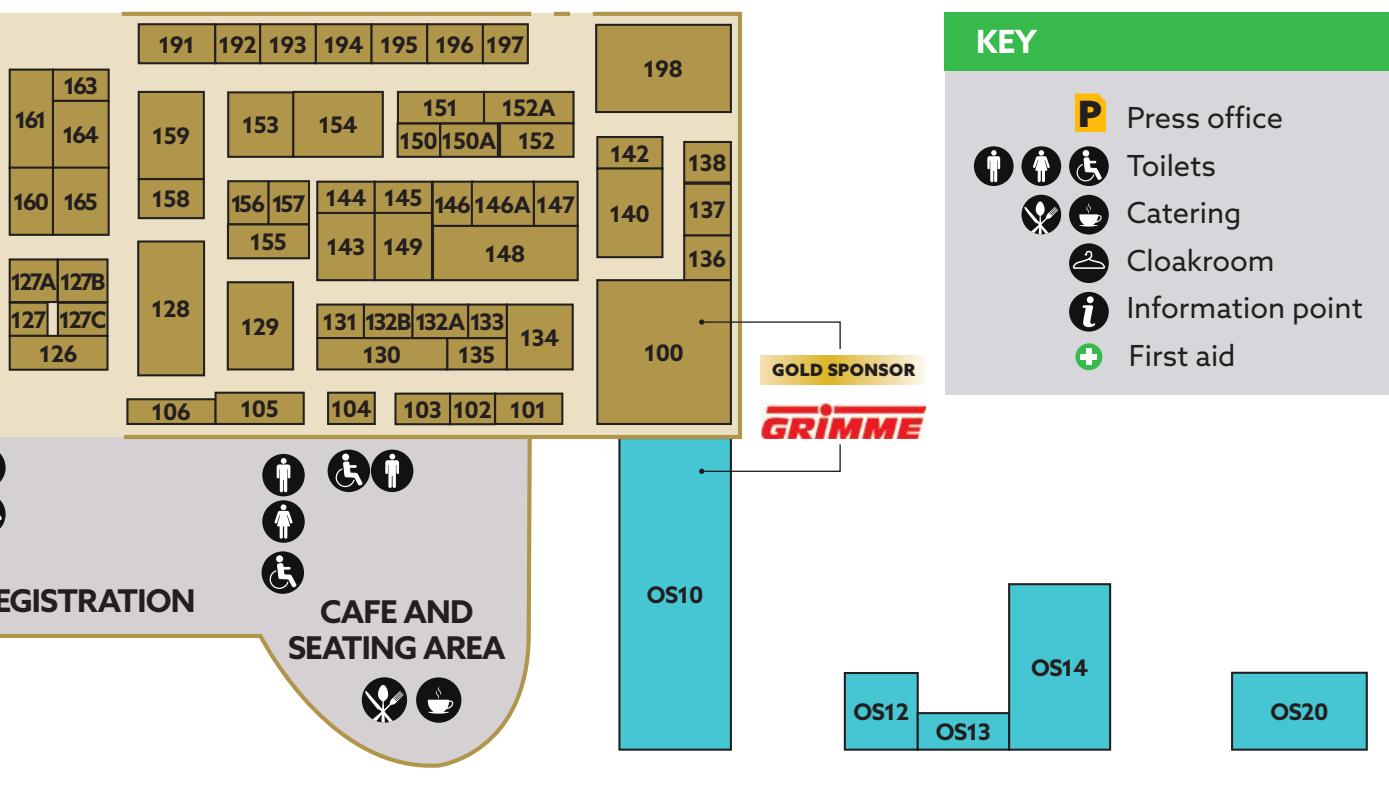




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GB Potatoes is a not-for-profit organization established in May 2022 to provide a cohesive and impactful voice for the potato sector in Great Britain. It brings together the entire supply chain—including growers, packers, processors, seed growers, research organizations, independent advisors, and ancillary businesses—to collaboratively address industry challenges and ensure a robust and sustainable future for potato production. By fostering innovation, sustainability, and prosperity, GB Potatoes aims to lead the transformation of the potato industry, elevating its profile and performance for generations to come.

SHAPING THE FUTURE OF FRESH POTATOES: WHY VARIETY MATTERS

Britain's potato supply chain must look beyond tradition and embrace new varieties to strengthen sustainability, reduce risk, and keep the nation's favourite crop thriving for generations to come.

WRITTEN BY ALEX GODFREY, CHAIR OF GB POTATOES

THE BRITISH POTATO industry has always been proud of its ability to deliver a product that consumers trust and enjoy. From roasties and mash to jackets and chips, potatoes are deeply embedded in our food culture and play an essential role in our diets. Yet, while our industry has adapted to meet countless challenges over the years, one area where we have perhaps been slower to change is in the varieties grown for the fresh market.

At present, the fresh sector remains heavily reliant on a relatively small number of long-established varieties. Many of them are popular with consumers because they are familiar and consistent. However, familiarity comes at a cost. Some of our most common fresh potato varieties are resource-intensive, often requiring higher crop protection inputs, or lacking in the resistance to or tolerance of pest, disease and climate-related stress that can be found in some more modern varieties. Against the backdrop of increasing pressure to reduce environmental impact and improve sustainability, this is an issue we cannot afford to ignore.

Lessons from the processing sector

By contrast, the processing market has been nimbler in adopting new varieties. Here, what matters most is the quality and consistency of the end product – be it a crisp, a frozen chip, or another potato-based food – rather than the variety name. Processors and manufacturers are constantly looking for potatoes that deliver the right technical performance, and this has created more space to trial, adopt, and

roll out new varieties.

As a result, the processing sector has built up valuable experience in integrating new varieties into supply chains. This has helped address some of the very challenges we face in the fresh market today: better resistance to pests and diseases, improved storability, lower input requirements, and varieties that cope more effectively with increasingly variable weather conditions.

The success of this approach in processing shows what can be achieved when the sector is flexible and open to change. It also highlights the gap we must bridge in the fresh market, where limited acceptance of new varieties can act as a barrier to innovation and adoption.

Why change is needed

Change is never easy, but it's the



Above: Alex Godfrey, Chair of GB Potatoes

very thing that could present a big opportunity. Climate change is already having a visible impact on potato production. More erratic rainfall, warmer winters, and new pest pressures all threaten to make production of traditional varieties more challenging and costly. At the same time, the industry is under pressure to

Below: Different varieties of potatoes.



reduce its environmental footprint, cut input use, and deliver on sustainability goals.

The good news is that plant breeders have already done much of the hard work. There is a pipeline of fresh potato varieties with stronger agronomic and environmental credentials – varieties that require less crop protection, deliver more consistent yields, and reduce waste in store and through the supply chain. Adopting these varieties more widely would help growers manage risk, improve the industry's sustainability profile, and provide consumers with a product that is every bit as tasty and versatile as the potatoes they know today.

The role of retailers and consumers

The challenge lies not in growing these varieties, but in getting them onto supermarket shelves and into buyers' baskets. When consumers look for potatoes, many seek comfort in familiar variety names; others simply choose generic "White Potatoes," often labelled as suitable for roasting, mashing, baking, or boiling.

With so much of what we grow being sold without the variety stated on packs, it gives retailers the flexibility to switch varieties without confusing consumers. More importantly, it opens the door to prioritising agronomic and sustainability factors when selecting which potatoes to put on variety lists. By choosing varieties that are more resilient, require fewer inputs, and perform better under variable weather conditions, retailers can support growers, strengthen the supply chain, and help reduce the industry's environmental footprint. All while still delivering the taste and versatility consumers expect.

There are examples of success stories where retailers have backed new branded varieties where clear information about flavour and cooking qualities are displayed on pack. Shoppers have been willing to try something different – and in many cases have come back for more. These examples prove that change is possible when the supply chain works together and should give us confidence to be bolder in bringing forward the next generation of fresh



potato varieties.

Retailers therefore have a critical role to play. By working with growers and the supply chain to introduce new varieties into stores, and by giving consumers the information and reassurance they need, retailers can help shift buying habits in a way that benefits everyone. Clear messaging on flavour, cooking performance, and environmental benefits will be key. This is not about removing consumer choice but about expanding it, giving shoppers the chance to support a more sustainable potato industry while still enjoying great food.

Building a clearer picture of our industry

One of the challenges we face as a sector is that we lack accurate, up-to-date information on how many hectares of potatoes are being grown across the UK. Without reliable data, it is difficult to plan effectively, make the case for investment, or engage government with the scale of our industry.

GB Potatoes intends to tackle this head-on by launching a confidence survey of those involved in the potato industry. This will ask growers about their confidence to invest, their main concerns, and, crucially, how many hectares of potatoes they are growing. The survey will also capture the wider mood of the industry at this important moment.

We cannot stress enough how vital it is for all growers to take part. The information gathered will not just be useful for our industry's own planning – it will be essential for presenting a

united and evidence-based case to government. Strong data will help ensure policymakers understand the realities of potato production today, and the support required to secure its future.

A call to action

As chair of GB Potatoes, my message is simple: let's not waste the progress plant breeders have already made, nor the lessons we can learn from the processing sector. The fresh potato market must become more open to new varieties – not as a threat to tradition, but as an essential step toward a sustainable future.

Retailers, growers, and industry bodies all have a role in making this happen. Together, we can ensure that the potato remains not only a staple of the British diet, but also a shining example of how agriculture can adapt and thrive in the face of change.

And finally, I urge every grower to take part in the State of the Nation Survey when it launches. Your voice and your data are critical to shaping the industry's future and making sure potatoes remain at the heart of our food system for generations to come.

The time to start this conversation is now.

Above: Potatoes for sale in a supermarket.

Below: A field planted with potatoes.

Left: Roast potatoes.



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Optimum working height

Automatic height guidance is available with the aid of skids that permanently scan the ridge tops and keep the haulm cut to a consistent length.



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END-TO-END COVERAGE FOR THE British POTATO SUPPLY CHAIN

British Potato Review has been serving all sectors of the potato industry since 1991, keeping them abreast of scientific, technological, machinery and legislation updates.

POTATO REVIEW MAGAZINE, along with its website and weekly e-letters, seeks to keep the whole industry informed about what's happening in the potato supply chain – from preparing the soil for seed growth, through the planting, nurturing, protecting and harvesting practices, to storage, transport, sale and ultimate consumption.

As with any fresh or manufactured products, it's never a one-way street.

What happens at 'the end game' will ultimately have repercussions throughout the supply chain. At the end of the day, the greater the number of potatoes being consumed, the greater the demand from growers, suppliers and everything in between.

So when Warners Group was asked whether it would like to take over a small but popular agronomists' journal almost eight years ago, which it had

printed and laid out for its previous owners, it saw an opportunity to widen its coverage and provide an end-to-end news conduit that would keep the whole industry up to date with latest developments, trends and insights.

Since then, Potato Review has grown in size and content, endeavouring to keep you up to date with everything from growing challenges through to consumer trends and feedback. Our growing number of followers on social media are further testament to our desire to share news, advice and good practices from both ends of the supply chain.

The Covid years were one of the biggest challenges the industry has faced – in supply terms, availability of labour/skills and, of course, diminished demand from the hospitality sector.

But those in the potato industry are made of sterner stuff and rose to

the challenge, albeit taking many hits along the way. Resilience has been a key theme we've seen at British Potato events, and this year is no exception, with new challenges to be overcome in terms of legislative changes, environmental targets, and changes to our field and storage products armoury.

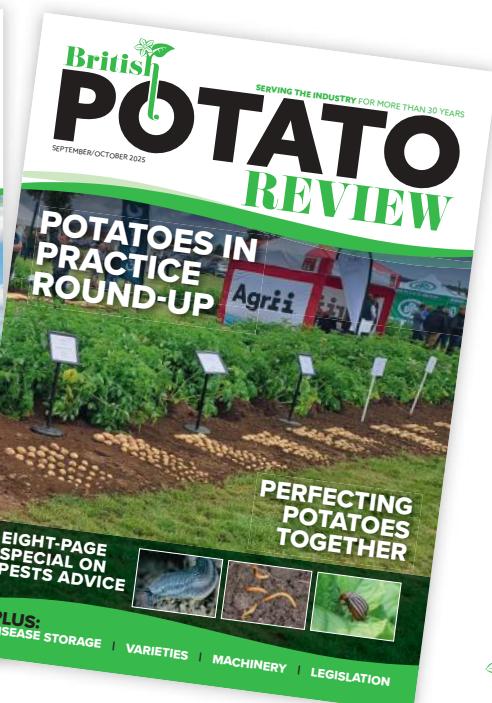
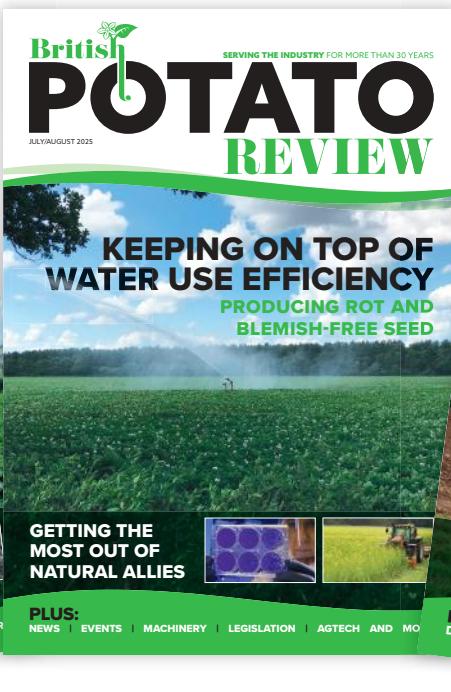
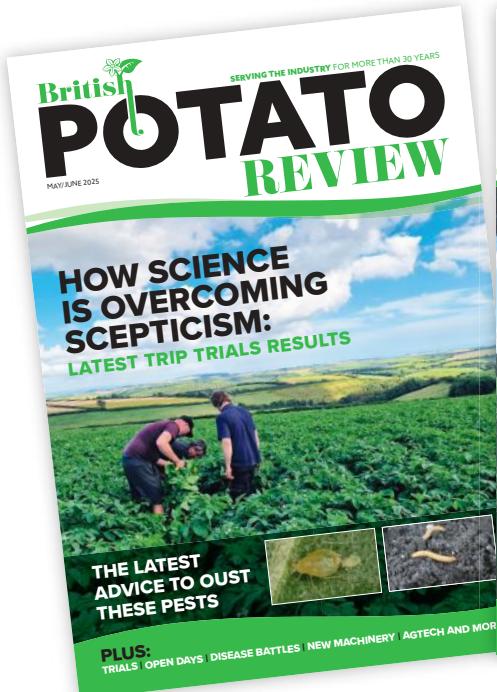
I never cease to be proud to be part of this friendly, forward-focussed and ever-evolving industry and can honestly say there's never been a dull moment. The research, trials, technological advances, and individuals' accounts have given us plenty to write about and publish.

We now look forward to the next phase!

STEPHANIE CORNWALL,
Editor, Potato Review



Above: Stephanie Cornwall



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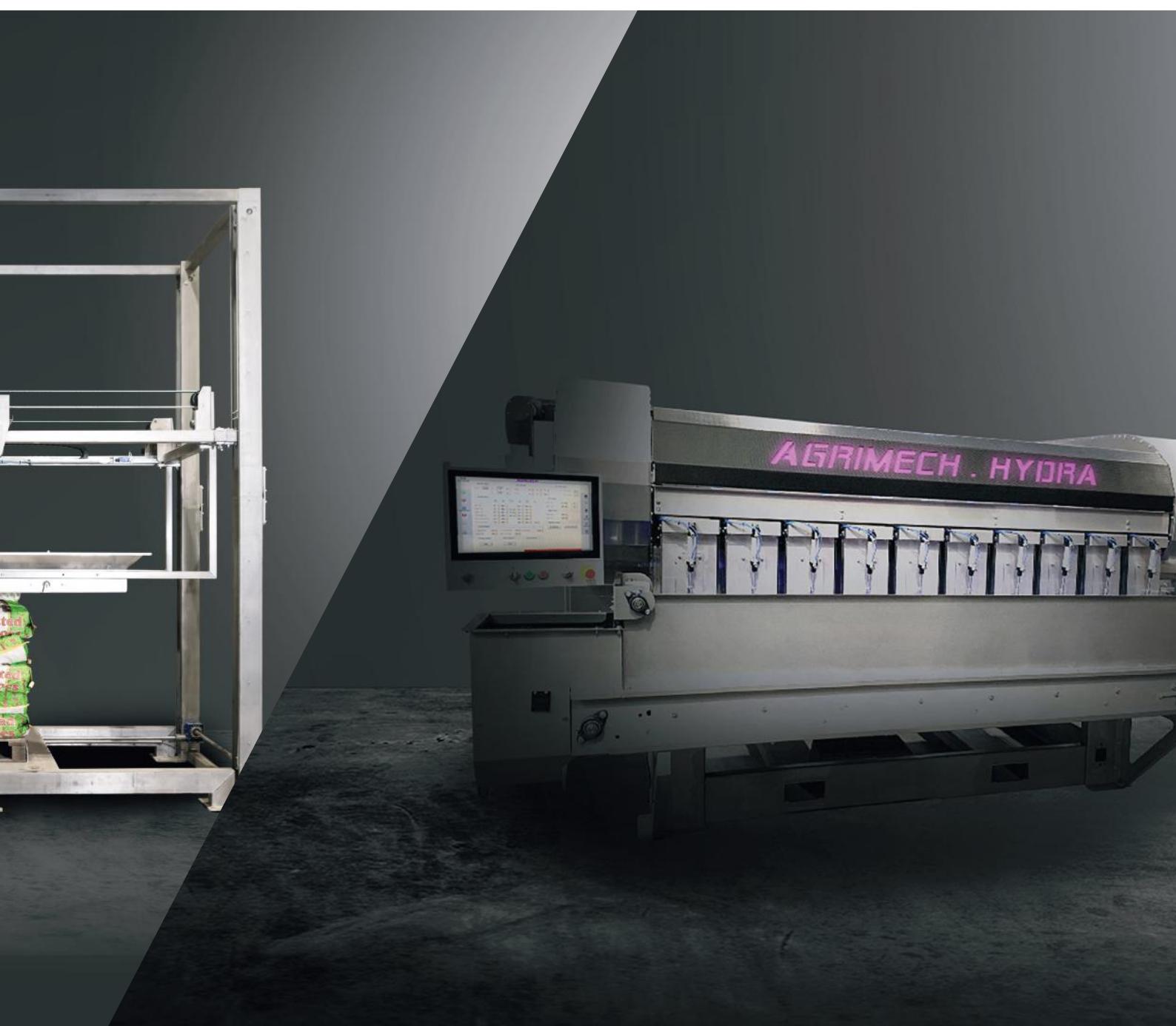
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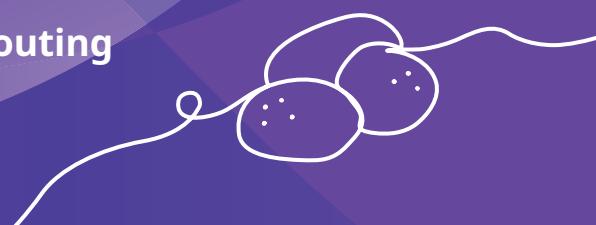
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GIVE YOUR POTATO STORE SPROUT SUPPRESSION THE BEST START THIS SEASON

Maximising the tubers' natural dormancy could be key to cutting costs and improving crop safety.

WRITTEN BY GEOFF HAILSTONE, POTATO TECHNICAL SPECIALIST, UPL¹

WITH TOUGH MARKET conditions for the newly harvested crop, maintaining quality in-store could be the difference between profit and loss for many growers this season. And although, on average, harvest has been much easier than the past few years, this summer's weather may have a sting in the tail.

2022 was our last hot and dry summer, and our experience from the subsequent storage season showed that dormancy was significantly reduced. Partly, this was due to the weather speeding up tuber development, but the disruption to in-crop maleic hydrazide applications in the summer also played a significant role.

Pleasingly, the message about the importance of maleic hydrazide following 2022 has stuck. When speaking with growers and agronomists about Fazor (maleic hydrazide) applications in the summer, there remained an intent to find a way to apply MH. For many, this meant applying it around irrigation to ensure sufficient humidity. However, regardless of whether a crop has had Fazor or not, we can expect an earlier break from dormancy than usual.

Considering this, starting your in-store control with a product using a physical mode of action on the sprout could be the key to maximising



Argos being applied to a store, spring 2025

the crop's natural dormancy. Unlike products which need to be applied ahead of sprouting, such as DMN (1,4-dimethylnaphthalene), Argos (orange oil) can be delayed until sprouts begin to appear, pushing back in-store treatments until it's clear that crop dormancy is broken.

With storage costs under scrutiny, considering the lower market value of the crop, initiating sprout control programmes with Argos could result in fewer applications overall, representing a significant savings when product and application costs are factored in. Additionally, there could be a boost to crop safety by allowing more time for skin set in-store, thereby reducing the risk of scorch.

Growers now have in-store sprout suppressant products to choose from, with each having notable benefits. This year is the year to start and end your programmes with Argos. Thinking of starting your sprout control programme with Argos?

Here are Geoff's top tips

- 1 Apply at the onset of sprouting: Argos works best when applied at the very first signs of bud activity.
- 2 Optimise store conditions: Temperature, humidity and airflow remain critical.
- 3 Application technique matters: Ensuring the correct droplet size and uniform distribution during fogging is vital to maximise contact with developing buds and avoiding over-dosing.
- 4 Build into an integrated strategy: Sprout suppression is most reliable when Argos is combined with good store hygiene, careful monitoring, and regular crop inspection.
- 5 Align with Market Requirements: Argos leaves no chemical residues, has no MRL constraints and just a 48-hour withholding period after application, allowing maximum flexibility when it comes to unloading and marketing the crop.



Above: Geoff Hailstone

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ARGOS?

Scan the QR code to watch Argos being applied and hear a grower's experience of using it last season.



DISCOVER THE FUTURE OF FARMING WITH GRIMME AT BRITISH POTATO 2025

Three Big Reasons to Visit GRIMME at British Potato 2025



AS THE BRITISH Potato event unfolds, GRIMME is again taking centre stage as one of the official Gold Sponsors. Known for their unwavering commitment to innovation and excellence, GRIMME is impressing visitors with a range of new machinery and cutting-edge technology at this years British Potato.

The UK Launch of the NEW VARITRON 470 XL

One of the highlights of the GRIMME stand this year is the UK launch of the NEW VARITRON 470 XL. This state-of-the-art harvester, released at Agritechnica just a week ago, is making waves in the industry. The VARITRON 470 XL is the fourth generation of this highly successful model, and it comes with a host of new features and improvements that are catching the eye of visitors.

The VARITRON 470 XL has been designed with the needs of modern farmers in mind. It boasts a wide range of equipment options, making it one of the world's best-selling four-row self-propelled harvesters for

potatoes, onions, and carrots. One of the standout features of this new model is the patented NonstopBunker, now available in an XL version. With a volume of 13 m³, the enlarged bunker can hold up to 11 tonnes of crop. This makes it one of the largest in its class, ensuring that farmers can harvest more efficiently and effectively.

Another key improvement in the VARITRON 470 XL is the increased hydraulic drive power of the MultiSep, which has been boosted by 25%. This, along with refined adjustment options, meets the increased demands for cleaning performance and adaptability. For extremely sticky soils, new rollers with more effective lips for the roller separator have been introduced, improving operational reliability and separation performance.

Powered by a Mercedes-Benz (MTU) engine with 340 kW/460 hp, the VARITRON 470 XL not only delivers outstanding performance but also offers

improved comfort for the driver. The new X11 cab, equipped with a CCI 1200 operator terminal and the SmartView video system, ensures that operators can work in comfort and with ease.

Above: GL 660 high capacity cup planter

Below: New RH 24-60

The NEW RH 24-60 Receiving Hopper

In addition to the VARITRON 470 XL, visitors to the GRIMME stand are looking forward to seeing the NEW RH



24-60 receiving hopper. This machine can now come with a factory-fitted MultiSep and a presentation belt for improved crop distribution and separation across the separator. With a width of 2.4 m, the RH 24-60 enables throughput rates of 80 to 140 t/h. Other features include easy unloading sensors that monitor the 3.1 m wide receiving area, indicating the optimum position for unloading to the driver, and an intuitive IBX 300 ISOBUS operator unit with numerous assistance systems.

The Improved GRIMME GL 660 CupPlanter

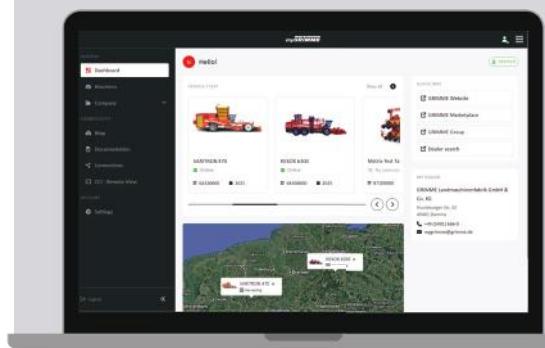
Another exciting addition to the GRIMME stand is the improved GRIMME GL 660 CupPlanter. This high-capacity, 6-row planter has long been a favourite for its reliability and output, and the updated 2025 prototype model brings even more to the field. The new quick-fold drawbar streamlines the shift from road transport to planting mode, saving growers valuable time and effort. Now operators can go from road to field mode in just 5 minutes, a process that used to take up to an hour! The GL 660 now features automatic depth control in each bed, ensuring consistent planting depth across varying soil conditions, which supports uniform crop emergence and can significantly boost marketable yields. Efficiency is further enhanced with section control, reducing seed wastage and eliminating overlaps. Combined with a generous hopper capacity and gentle tuber handling, the GL 660 delivers on both quality and productivity.

In conclusion, the British Potato event is a spectacular showcase of the



THE DIGITAL WORLD OF GRIMME

From the digital world, visitors to British Potato are also learning about the online GRIMME parts show. The online GRIMME web shop for spare parts offers multiple benefits, including a large selection of over 50,000 items for all GRIMME machines. Users can review past orders and save commonly used items to personal favourites. Registered myGRIMME members can also profit from special discounts. Furthermore, the British Potato event is seeing the UK launch of the new myGRIMME user interface. This completely redesigned interface offers an innovative user experience, with features such as a georeferenced map that visually displays all machines. Records of machine transport on the road, including time required, consumption, and distances, can now be visualised, making it easier for customers and cooperatives to manage their operations. All documented activities, such as seeding, planting, harvesting, and plant care, can be grouped together, with sub-activities evaluated individually or linked to other activities.



British POTATO SEMINARS

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ENGAGE DIRECTLY WITH leading experts, researchers and industry voices presenting on the most pressing challenges and innovations in the potato sector—topics like evolving late-blight pressures, seed supply security, reduced-input cultivation, and the future of classic varieties like Maris Piper. You don't need to book to attend the seminars, they will all be held in the seminar room in Hall 1. All seminars will be 45 minutes long, and will have a Q and A session at the end for any questions you may have.

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SEMINAR TIMETABLE

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WEDNESDAY

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- Chair Prof. Ian Toth - *The James Hutton Institute*
- Speaker 1. Dr. David Cooke - *Senior Plant Pathologist at JHI*
- Speaker 2. Dan Milbourne - *Plant geneticist, Teagasc.*
- Speaker 3. Andy Cunningham - *Potato Technical Manager, Syngenta UK.*

EU46 was identified in GB for the first time in 2024. EU43 remains an ever-present threat, and we are looking at the likely loss of a key component of our armoury for tackling late blight and controlling resistance. Having a system in place for monitoring outbreaks and mapping the movement of different genotypes has never been more important. Fight Against Blight(FAB) has become an essential tool for keeping resistance at bay, David Cooke of JHI, will talk through the historical findings as well as providing an update on the known situation from 2025 highlighting the vital work of FAB. Improving decision support systems is critical going forward and Improved IPM from a better understanding of the host and pathogen will play a large part in doing this. Dan Milbourne of Teagasc will talk about the IPMorama project which is working to do this. Using our current chemistry to best effect in the face of the new challenges will be discussed by Andy Cunningham of Syngenta.



Prof Ian Toth

A potato disease specialist at the James Hutton Institute in Dundee and a Visiting Professor at the University of Glasgow.

He is the Director of both the National Potato Innovation Centre and Scotland's Plant Health Centre, and is President of the European Association for Potato Research (EAPR). He received the 'British Potato Industry Award' in 2020.



Dr David E L Cooke

Dr David Cooke is head of the Plant Pathology group at the James Hutton Institute in Dundee, UK and has over

20 years' experience in studying potato late blight, caused by Phytophthora infestans. He has worked with industry and research partners at national and international scales, co-ordinating the Fight Against Blight monitoring in Britain since 2006 to survey the evolving pathogen population and report to industry on the implications for disease management. He also co-ordinates the data collection, analysis and interpretation of the EuroBlight population data which gives British growers a 'heads-up' on the traits of clones of the pathogen emerging in continental Europe.



Dan Milbourne

Dan is a plant geneticist at Teagasc, Ireland's Agriculture and Food Development

Authority, where he leads a programme on developing routes for the real world deployment of innovative genomic technologies into commercial plant breeding. Much of his work over the last two decades has focused on marker-assisted selection for disease and pest resistance in the Teagasc/IPM Potato Group breeding programme. With colleague Denis Griffin he has developed high performing, disease and pest resistant potato varieties, including Buster which has six PCN resistance genes, rendering it highly resistant to PCN. As well as his continuing interest in innovative breeding technologies, Dan is active in promoting the uptake and use of resistant cultivars, and currently leads the Horizon Europe project IPMorama (ipmorama.eu), which seeks to develop a whole-practice ecosystem for developing, deploying and managing resistant varieties of crops, including potato, in the context of integrated pest management; something which is essential for sustainable agricultural production and future food security.



Andy Cunningham

Andy has two decades of experience in independent field trials in a wide range of crops.

He joined Syngenta in 2016 taking over potato and foliar biostimulant technical responsibility in 2021.

Andy is BASIS & FACTS qualified and has a strong passion for



potato agronomy, particularly around Late Blight and the control of it.

11:15 - COMMERCIAL SEMINAR: CYAZYPYR® ACTIVE INGREDIENT, FMC'S ANTHRANILIC DIAMIDE INSECTICIDE

- Speaker - Antonia Walker - *Commercial Technical Manager for the North*

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For more info on the seminar please visit FMC on stand 125.

11:45 - SECURING THE POTATO'S PLACE ON THE PLATE

- Chair. James Young McCain
- Speaker 1 - Prof. David Hughes *Dr Food*
- Speaker 2 - Cedric Porter *World Potato Markets*

The potato plays a significant role across the globe as the carb of choice for many consumers, whether it's processed or fresh. The UK is well placed to provide a plentiful supply of potatoes, with its ideal climate, excellent soils and an industry packed full of skills and experience. But how does the UK fit into the world market place, and what can we learn from



other countries about how the potato fits into other countries diets.



James Young

James joined McCain Foods in September 2021 as Vice President, Agriculture for the GB

business. This involves the sourcing of over 650,000t of potatoes annually from trusted growers and suppliers across the UK, with many of those relationships stretching back to when McCain first opened a processing facility in the UK in 1969. The Agriculture function also includes our seed operation based in Montrose, and the initial stages of potato processing in our plants.

Prior to joining McCain Foods James spent 25 years in agriculture and procurement roles in Birds Eye and its different parent companies, focussing on sustainable grower relations and supply of high-quality vegetables for freezing.



Dr. David Hughes

Dr. David Hughes is Emeritus Professor of Food Marketing at Imperial College London. As "Dr.

Food", he is a much sought-after speaker at international conferences and seminars on global food industry issues, particularly consumer and retail trends. David has lived and worked in Europe, North America, the Caribbean, Africa and South East Asia. He was co-owner of a hydroponic fresh herb business in Florida with the Publix grocery chain his principal customer, an agri-food management consulting business in Canada and has extensive experience as an international advisory board member with banks, agri-food companies and industry associations. For 20 years, he was a Non-Executive Director of Berry Gardens, a major player in the UK fresh berry sector and, for 10 years, he was Sainsbury

Professor of Food Business at The University of London. David was born and eventually returned home to live in Wales.



Cedric Porter

Cedric Porter is the editor of World Potato

Markets, a weekly newsletter analysing global potato and potato product trade, production and pricing. He regularly speaks at events across the world and is a commentator on the potato market and other commodities for major news outlets including the BBC and New York Times. He also provides business and market analysis on a variety of commodities for Farmers Guardian.

Cedric has recently stepped down as the Vice-Chair of LEAF (Linking Environment And Farming), he has served as a director of a large Norfolk farm and as a member of the UK Government's Trade And Agriculture Commission. He presents and chairs conferences in the UK and globally and is a past Chair of the Oxford Farming Conference.

For more on World Potato Markets see www.worldpotatomarkets.com

13:00 - OFFICIAL RELEASE OF PCN ACTION SCOTLAND'S DECISION SUPPORT SYSTEM FOR PCN MANAGEMENT

Speaker - Dr James A. Price, The James Hutton Institute

Potato cyst nematodes (PCN) have been spreading across many potato growing areas for decades and are currently the largest pathogenic threat to the UK potato sector. Scotland provides almost 80% of the seed potatoes grown across the UK. Legislation in Scotland prevents these seed potatoes from being grown on land where PCN have been detected

to prevent further PCN infections occurring. However, the pathogen continues to spread, reducing the amount of PCN-free seed land available and unmanageably impacting yields in ware crops across the UK.

Following a report in 2020, a Scottish Government-funded PCN working group was initiated under the management of Scotland's Plant Health Centre. This group, PCN Action Scotland, consisting of over 50 government, academic and industry partners are collectively working across 9 key work packages. In addition to core research, the group has proposed new policy changes, created new tools to help growers and breeders with PCN management and recommended incentives for improved PCN management to SASA. PCN Action Scotland is currently in its final year, and this presentation will mark the official public release of project's newly developed decision support system to assist PCN management. There will be an opportunity to see a live demonstration of the model's free version.



Dr James A. Price

James is a molecular plant pathologist and plant nematologist within the CMS nematology group

with a focus on potato cyst nematodes (PCN). James has a PhD from the University of St Andrews developing his 10 years' experience working with plant-parasitic nematodes. His specific areas of interest include parasite-host interactions, specifically; hatching, nematode surface-coats, screening for host PCN resistance, investigating host tolerance to PCN and novel nematode management strategies. James holds an honorary appointment at the University of St. Andrews where he provides introduction to



nematology lectures and practical classes for undergraduate students. James also provides lectures on nematode life cycle biology for the University of Ghent International Master of Science in Agro- and Environmental Nematology (IMaNema) course. Additionally, he is a member of the AAB Nematology group and an Associate Editor for the Wiley Journal, Pest Management Science. James is a previous winner of the Peter Massalski prize for meritorious research before the age of 36 and is currently a nominee for Agriculture's Young Investigator of the Year award. James is currently project managing the Scottish Government funded PCN Action Scotland Project.

14:00 - FUTURE CHANGES TO UK'S SUPPLY OF SEED POTATOES

Chair - Richard Baker, Managing Director of HZPC UK Ltd.

Speaker 1 - Phil McCaul, Operations and Commercial Director, Greenvale.

Speaker 2 - Mike Wilson, Chair of the SPO and Aberdeenshire seed grower.

The GB seed industry produces some of the finest seed potatoes in the world. This comes at a cost as good seed requires excellence in management to provide the ware grower with the best possible start for their crop. For many years we have relied on tried and trusted varieties, known by the consumer and liked by the grower and retailer. But in these days of sustainability and environmental awareness, are these older varieties still the right option? How are the retailers adapting to the changes required and what implications does this have for the consumer? Behind the scenes the seed houses are working hard to find the right varieties, but for this there is a huge risk. Will the variety be acceptable to the consumer and grower? Considering the length of time, it takes to get a variety to market, what are the implications for the seed grower. In this session we hear from Phil McCaul of Greenvale about the work that the packers are engaged in with the retailers to get these new varieties accepted and we will also hear from Mike Wilson of the SPO who will describe the journey of a new variety and the potential risks faced by the seed grower to bring a new variety to the market.



Richard Baker

Richard is Managing Director of HZPC UK Limited, a subsidiary of HZPC Holland BV. HZPC is a global

market leader in innovative breeding, seed potato production and is a pioneer in Hybrid Breeding. He has been in the seed potato business since 1986. Throughout this time he has had a keen focus on new variety development and the commercial introduction of varieties that add value to the supply chain. His 1985 college thesis was on using microplant production to shorten field generations in the seed multiplication program. The circle was completed when HZPC UK bought TLC Potatoes, a mintuber production facility in Scotland in May 2023. "High health seed potatoes of value added varieties, have been my business life for nearly 40 years", says Richard.



Phil McCaul

Phil has spent eight years at Greenvale, building upon a career in the food industry that includes roles at Northern Foods, Aldi, Bakkavor, and Moy Park. His experience spans operational and commercial responsibilities across various categories, including produce, prepared salads, ready meals, and frozen coated products. He played a key role in two factory openings at Bakkavor and has been part of divisional leadership teams.

At Greenvale, Phil heads the commercial and operations teams. With a degree in accounting, Phil

brings a strong financial perspective to his role and is focused on setting, and delivering, the packing site's commercial strategy.



Mike Wilson

Mike started working on the family farm in Aberdeenshire after graduating with an HND in agriculture at the Scottish Agricultural College in Aberdeen.

The main enterprise on the family farm (A T Wilson & Co) was and still is finishing beef cattle with most of the 1500 acres of arable land used for animal feed. Grass and seed potatoes are also grown on the farm; grass is a vital break crop for growing quality clean seed potatoes.

Mike is currently MD at Annochie Farms growing 250 acres of high grade seed potatoes all from mini tubers, mostly to supply UK seed growers with an additional 1000t exported per annum.

Previously Mike was Chairman of the NFUS Potato Working Group, Pre-Basic Growers Association and co-founder of the Seed Potato Organisation where he is currently Chairman representing the UK seed industry

THURSDAY

10:30 - TRANSFORMATIVE REDUCED INPUT POTATOES

Chair - Simon Fox, Director & Founder of Emerald Research

Speaker 1 - Dr. Katherine Steele, Reader in sustainable crop production, Bangor University.

Speaker 2 - Chris Dustow, Colwith Farm, Cornwall



The Innovate UK Funded Transformative Reduced Input Potatoes (TRIP Project) completes its third and final season combining OptiYield, an integrated low input system, with a late blight resistant potato breeding programme. Following multiple replicated plot trials, commercial farm field trials have assessed these trial regimes for outcome and practicality. Key members of the team will give an overview of the results, conclusions and examples of on farm recommendations from the project.



Simon Fox

Simon is a professional soil scientist and agronomist (MSc. BSc., University of Reading) specialising in sustainable, enhanced crop performance. His career has spanned 46 years as a research scientist and soils agronomy consultant and he is a Director and founder of Emerald Research Limited.

Simon is also a Chartered IT Professional and Member of the British Computer Society with 35 years of parallel experience in consulting and software architecture as well as software & systems development (MSc. University of Birmingham). He has held senior positions, including IT Director, for three consulting, systems integration and development IT companies.

Simon has created the unique and advanced OptiYield® Soil & Crop advisory system, after years of research that demonstrates both reduced inputs and greatly enhanced crop growth, health, quality and crop performance for ERL customers. Through OptiYield, Simon advises farmers and growers in the horticultural and agricultural industry on crop production, soil husbandry and nutrient optimisation both in UK and overseas.



Dr. Katherine Steele

With over 25 years' experience of developing genetic markers and applying marker-assisted selection in international projects on cereals and solanaceae, my research at Bangor University has helped breeders and farmers to select for disease resistant and stress tolerance in rice and tomatoes. I engage with a range of industry partners to develop

resilient crop varieties adapted to less environmentally harmful growing practices. My research has influenced UK and EU policy on which varieties can be labelled as Basmati rice and the authenticity testing protocols used by industry regulators.

I currently the lead Bangor University's potato breeding activities in partnership with Sárpo Potatos Ltd. and Dyson Farming Ltd. on a multi-partner Innovate UK project: Transformative Reduced Input Potatoes (TRIP). I also supervise PhD and Masters students studying a range of crop, genetics or botany-related subjects

I have a BSc in Biology (University of Nottingham), an MSc in Applied Genetics (University of Birmingham) and PhD in Molecular Plant Pathology (University of Nottingham). I am a Fellow of the Royal Society of Biology and a member of the British Society for Plant Pathology.



Chris Dustow

Chris Dustow is a fifth-generation potato farmer from Cornwall with extensive experience growing a wide range of varieties under varying contracts within Cornwall. His dedication to farming excellence has been recognised with awards including Cornwall's Commercial Farmer of the Year and Family Farm of the Year by the Farmers Guardian.

Alongside potato production, Chris has championed diversification at Colwith Farm through ventures such as a fresh chip processing business, an on-site farm shop, and supporting the family's potato-based vodka distillery, run by his brother. His innovative approach reflects both deep-rooted farming heritage and a forward-looking vision for sustainable, value-added agriculture.

13:00 - MARIS PIPER HAS HAD ITS DAY, OR HAS IT?

Chair: Alex Godfrey, *Chair of GB Potatoes*

Speaker: Katy Pook, *Brand and marketing Manager, Greenvale*

Speaker: Gordon Stark, *Director, Taygrow*

Has Maris Piper had its day? Piper is universally known by everybody and is popular with the consumer, but is it time to look at moving on from this old variety? Though liked because of

its adaptability and multiple uses it is prone to many diseases and pests and can be a nightmare to grow to a consistent standard. With other varieties becoming available that would be more sustainable, require less water and still have the functionality of Piper is it time to persuade growers, processor, retailers and consumers that it is time to move on? Katy Pook from Greenvale will make the case that Maris Piper has had its day, and Gordon Stark will argue to the contrary and an audience debate will be led by the session's Chair, Alex Godfrey.



Alex Godfrey, *Chair of GB Potatoes.*

Alex is a director of his family's Lincolnshire based farming business, growing potatoes, sugar beet, vining peas and combinable crops. The potato operation encompasses pre-pack, chipping, crisping and seed. He is a former chairman of the NFU's Potato Forum.



Katy Pook, *Head of Brand and Marketing, Greenvale.*

Katy Pook has spent the last decade in marketing within the FMCG sector, learning what makes consumers tick. As Greenvale's Brand and Marketing Manager, she's passionate about bringing a fresh perspective to big industry challenges. She'll be challenging the audience to rethink the future of the potato industry and the risks of our dependency on single varieties.



Gordon Stark, *Director, Taygrow.*

Hailing from the family farm in the Sidlaw Hills just outside Dundee, Gordon started his potato career working on local potato farms, before taking up the position of fieldsman at Greenvale from their Burrelton office. Though working mainly within the seed sector, he progressed to become Procurement Manager at Greenvale before setting up his own potato marketing business, Taygrow, where he is a director. Gordon will be persuading the audience that there is no need for a change.



THE POTATO PARTNERSHIP - LATEST PCN INSIGHTS SHARED

Potato growers, advisors and industry partners came together at the Field Demo Day this July



Above: Don Pendergrast, Agrii

Below: TPP East Field Event this July in Waldringfield, Suffolk

THE POTATO INDUSTRY was well represented in Suffolk this July to hear about the latest potato cyst nematode trials, which The Potato Partnership (TPP) is conducting this season.

Integrated control measures for potato cyst nematode (PCN) were once again on display at the TPP East demo site. With a background pressure of 9 – 116 eggs of *Globodera pallida* per gram of soil, it was a tough test for the varieties, nematicides and biological control solutions on trial.

To achieve a fair comparison, the field is separated into blocks according to the PCN pressure, and the treatments are stratified across low, medium and high classifications, said Graham Tomalin, of VCS Potatoes.

"We're trying to even out the pressure; it's not perfect because it's PCN," he said

Examining variety tolerance and resistance

The variety trial compared existing and upcoming varieties for PCN tolerance and resistance. Leaf cover and yield were assessed against two controls: Cara (nonresistant, high tolerance) and

Marfona (non-resistant, low tolerance).

Variety selection was guided by grower interest and seed house entries, with most tested close to market. Some coded varieties were also included.

"We're continuing to look at what might work," said James Wrinch. "You don't always find the best, but you only learn by testing."

Graham added: "It's better to understand a variety's trait in a small plot than across 20 - 30 hectares."

PCN treatment options

If the variety trial was a tough test, then the PCN treatment options can be considered even more so. Maris Piper was used as the variety, which has a resistance score of two, and is known for poor tolerance, added to the high background pressure and stressful conditions for the crop this season.

"In this year's trial, we have focused on the treatments that are currently available to us: Nemathorin (fosthiazate) and Velmum Prime (fluopyram)," said Don Pendergrast, technical manager for non-combinable crops at Agrii. "We have also looked at

a completely new biological product, a potentially completely new synthetic product that might be available in the future, and investigated how we might partner with Velmum Prime several products that have previously looked promising."

Last year, the best-performing treatment, in terms of efficacy, was a programme of Velmum Prime at full rate combined with Nemathorin at half rate and a silicone wetter. However, the fullrate Nemathorin has looked better this year.

"We have looked at Velmum plus SP058, which is a silicone wetter. We have examined it in trials almost every year, consistently observing benefits in both canopy cover and overall yield.

"It works by improving the the distribution of Velmum in the soil profile, to get it to the PCN," explained Don.

The biologicals tested, notably the Nemguard liquid formulation, showed a benefit to the untreated, but were noticeably behind the synthetic options. Don said that the initial control looked in line with Velmum Prime, then after six weeks, the performance dropped away.

"It is great that some biological options are coming through, but we really have to look again at utilising them slightly differently, either by stacking them with synthetic chemistry or finding ways to use them later in the season," concluded Don.

The Potato Partnership (TPP), with over £300,000 invested, unites growers and industry to tackle agronomic challenges, supported by core partners and sector sponsors

Alongside in-field demonstrations, TPP hosts four regional winter trials meetings in February.

>To book your place or view last year's results, visit and become a member at

www.thepotatopartnership.co.uk

"It's better to understand a variety's trait in a small plot than across 20 - 30 hectares."





THE FUTURE OF FORKLIFTS: ELECTRIC OR DIESEL?

Bobcat discusses choosing the right drive system for forklifts

OVERALL, THE INTRALOGISTICS market is seeing an increasing trend towards electrification - a development driven by factors such as stricter environmental regulations and technical advances in electric drive systems. At the same time, diesel engines still make sense for a number of sectors - the choice of drive concept depends heavily on the operating conditions. Daily operating time, infrastructure conditions, applicable emission standards and economic considerations all influence this decision. To make the right choice, the respective strengths and weaknesses of the drive types must be carefully considered. What about forklifts in particular?

E-mobility is increasingly becoming a strategic factor in logistics. Political framework conditions aiming to reduce greenhouse gas emissions are accelerating the switch to electric industrial trucks. At the same time, technological advances - particularly in battery systems - are creating the necessary conditions for electrification.

The further development of lithium-ion technology plays a central role. Like other companies, Bobcat is also looking for modern

alternatives to the classic lead-acid battery, in warehouse technology, for example. Lithium-ion batteries offer significant advantages: they are up to two-thirds smaller, maintenance-free, allow for fast charging and their service life is three times longer. Their more compact design opens up new possibilities in future vehicle design. Electric forklifts can, in principle, be designed to be significantly smaller and more manoeuvrable - an advantage in narrow aisles and confined spaces in warehouses. At the same time, ergonomics are improved: as the

central space no longer has to be built around the battery, operator cabs can be designed to be more comfortable and functional.

Maintenance and charging processes are also more efficient. Lengthy charging times of six to eight hours are a thing of the past. The new lithium-ion batteries can be easily recharged during a lunch break or fully charged in around two hours during longer stoppage times. Additional advantages of electric drives are: no emissions, no odours, no dirt and, what's more, less noise than diesel machines. This

Above: Bobcat D70S-9 diesel forklift

Below: Bobcat D30NXS diesel forklift



facilitates communication between employees and alleviates stress. In terms of CO2 footprint, electric forklifts are a particularly good choice for companies if they are charged via their own PV system or green electricity contracts. This allows the CO2 consumption of the forklift fleet to be reduced significantly and quickly. If you have your own PV system, you also stand to cut down on the cost of your energy supply.

What do Diesel Forklifts Still Have to Offer?

Despite the increasing proportion of electric industrial trucks, there is still a large market for diesel and gas forklifts across a range of applications. Stricter emission standards and the trend towards greater sustainability in logistics are also influencing the further development of diesel-powered industrial trucks. Since 1st January 2020, the Stage V emission standard has been in force for so-called non-road mobile machinery (NRMM), i.e. construction machinery, generators and also forklifts with diesel engines.

The Stage V emission class is not comparable with road standards such as Euro 6, but was designed specifically for off-highway use. The foundation was laid back in 1999 with Stage I, limiting permissible particle emissions to 0.54 grams per kilowatt hour. Today, the limit value in Stage V is as low as 0.015 grams. Thanks to modern particle filters, fine dust emissions have been reduced by around 97 per cent.

Diesel-powered models remain a popular option, particularly in challenging areas of application such as ports or heavy industry. Their

performance is particularly appreciated for heavy-duty tasks and outdoor use in areas like agriculture. Diesel forklifts are characterised by their robust construction. Weather conditions such as rain, heat or frost have little effect on their operation, and the quick refuelling process further increases uptime. A diesel forklift can be made ready for a full shift within just a few minutes, minimising downtime. There are also economic advantages. The purchase costs are often lower than those of comparable electric models. On the other hand, electric models score highly for lower maintenance and operating costs.

Stage V Reduces Emissions – but it takes more to achieve Real Climate Neutrality

Compliance with the new limits calls for more complex exhaust technology. This also affects the price of diesel forklifts, since Stage V forklifts are generally more expensive than models based on older emission standards. In addition, larger models (optional from six tons and mandatory from eight tons) use AdBlue – a urea solution that converts harmful nitrogen oxides into water vapour and nitrogen using selective catalytic reduction (SCR). On the other hand, companies reap the benefits of a much lower fuel consumption with the latest generation of machines.

Application and Costs: Choosing the Right Drive System for Forklifts

Actual use cases should be thoroughly analysed before deciding between a diesel or an electric forklift. A key indicator here is the intensity of use.



Above: Bobcat B50X-7 electric forklift

Below: Bobcat B20X-7 electric forklift

If a forklift is only used occasionally – for example, a few times a week – a diesel-powered model may make more economic sense. The purchase costs of diesel forklifts are sometimes up to 20 per cent lower than those of electric models with comparable performance. Moreover, operating and maintenance costs are less significant when usage is low. In continuous use or shift operation, on the other hand, an electric forklift pays off in the long term.

Lower maintenance requirements, lower energy costs and the elimination of fossil fuels lead to reduced overall operating costs. Equipment with high tonnages is an exception. Diesel is generally the preferred choice here, regardless of the intensity of use, as the price-performance ratio of electric forklifts decreases with increasing load capacity – and thus typically a larger battery. In addition, the issue of availability is a key consideration: this is limited in electric forklifts due to battery changes or opportunity charging.

Even though intralogistics is moving towards electrification, diesel drives remain indispensable for certain applications: robustness, fast refuelling and lower acquisition costs are arguments in favour of diesel forklifts. The stricter Stage V emissions standard has noticeably improved their environmental footprint. For in-plant transport and numerous related areas, however, electric forklifts are now on a par with their fossil fuel counterparts. Last but not least, they are the only way of achieving a noise- and exhaust-free working environment.



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KEEPING GROWERS AHEAD: TONG'S COMPLETE POTATO SOLUTION AT BP2025

If you're looking for a long-term handling partner, offering custom-configured solutions and a field-to-pack approach, Tong is a stand-out manufacturer at the BP2025 event.

AS THE UK potato industry prepares to gather at BP2025 in Harrogate this November, Tong Engineering is preparing to showcase how its latest handling and automation technology is helping growers and packers meet today's demands, while equipping them for the future.

Potato producers worldwide now have more opportunity than ever to streamline operations and improve pack-out through smarter equipment. Advances in automation, optical sorting, and intelligent handling systems are opening the door to greater efficiency, consistency, and reliability across the entire potato handling journey, from field to pack.

From Field to Pack, and beyond

As a fourth-generation family business with 95 years' experience, Tong has built its reputation on engineering solutions that respond directly to grower needs. At BP2025, the company will demonstrate how its field-to-pack approach gives vegetable producers a complete, tailored system that protects crop quality at every stage.

For the first time, Tong will be showcasing its innovations alongside the Tong Swift Lift range, bringing both brands together on the main indoor stand, Hall 1 Stand 114, with additional outdoor space, giving visitors a great opportunity to see the latest machines up-close.

Visitors to the event can expect to

see advancements across the potato handling process:

- ☛ Reception and intake equipment that ensures gentle handling straight from the field, with Tong's renowned FieldLoad PRO and Caretaker mobile machines that are increasingly configured to incorporate the latest optical sorting equipment.
- ☛ Tong Swift Lift elevators and conveyors, engineered to maximise efficiency in store loading and product handling around site.
- ☛ Optical sorting and grading technology that can be integrated within all Tong equipment, utilising the latest camera technology to deliver fully-automated quality control, reducing labour requirements whilst
- minimising waste and improving returns.
- ☛ Automated washing, polishing and sorting lines designed to streamline throughput by maximising performance, reliability and reducing the need for manual operation.
- ☛ Smart control systems offering real-time monitoring, energy savings, and performance data to support better decision-making.

Tong offers both proven standard, stand-alone machines and fully custom-configured solutions, meaning whether vegetable producers are supplying bulk loads or store-ready packs, Tong has the right system to meet their specific requirements.

Below: Tong Caretaker with EasyClean separator and integrated TOMRA 3A optical sorter for fully-automated post-harvest handling





Showcasing new products

BP2025 will see the debut of new equipment innovations from Tong, shaped by direct feedback from growers and customer demand. Engineered to set a new benchmark in efficient, gentle, and intelligent crop handling, these next generation machines underline Tong's commitment to continuous product development, ensuring its range evolves with the needs of modern potato growers.

A complete partnership solution

In addition to showcasing its own equipment, Tong is proud to host several of its best-in-class manufacturing partners at BP2025, including VHM, Verbruggen, Visar, and MAF Roda, whilst highlighting their strong working partnerships with other key manufacturers exhibiting at the event, with whom Tong works seamlessly to deliver integrated solutions.

Standing alongside Tong is Verbruggen and VHM Machinery, whose specialist technologies complement Tong's complete solution offering.

Verbruggen, a global specialist in palletising technology, offers high-speed, precision stacking systems that ensure consistent and efficient pallet formation for a wide range packaged produce. Their advanced automation enhances throughput and reduces manual handling, making them a trusted partner in packhouse optimisation.

VHM Machinery brings cutting-edge box handling and automation expertise, delivering intelligent systems for box filling, tipping, weighing and box movement. Their modular solutions integrate seamlessly into new and existing handling lines, improving operational flow and reducing labour requirements.

Tong will also present the advanced technologies of Visar and MAF Roda. Visar's advanced optical sorting technology, renowned for combining precision defect detection with ease

Above: Tong potato washing line featuring fully-integrated optical sorting of washed crop

Right: Tong Caretaker potato grading line with fully-integrated optical sorting

Below: Tong Swift Lift mobile elevating and conveying range



of integration, helps potto producers to maximise pack-out, and minimise waste with minimal labour input. MAF Roda adds further strength to Tong's handling range, with expertise in sophisticated optical sorting, sizing, and fully automated end-of-line systems, ensuring consistent quality and efficiency at scale.

Together, this line-up represents one of the widest and most experienced offering of fully integrated potato handling and packing systems in the UK. From cutting-edge optical sorting integration to proven automation for box and bag handling, palletising, and end-of-line packing, Tong and its partners ensure that BP2025 visitors won't find a more complete handling partner at the show.

More than machinery

What truly sets Tong apart is its commitment beyond installation. Dedicated to offering full lifecycle support, covering commissioning, training, servicing and maintenance

support, as well as future upgrades to ensure growers can invest with confidence, with long-term peace of mind.

"Our growers don't just need machines that work today," says Edward Tong, Managing Director at Tong Engineering. "They need systems that will keep them competitive for years to come. That's why we see every project as a long-term partnership."

Building for the future

The potato industry is changing fast, and Tong sees its role as helping growers not only adapt but stay ahead. By focusing on labour-saving automation, smarter sorting, and long-term support, the company aims to give growers the confidence to tackle today's challenges while preparing for tomorrow's opportunities.

At BP2025, Tong's stand 114 will provide growers with the chance to see the latest machinery, and explore how the latest handling solutions can transform their operations.

"For Tong, it's not just about handling potatoes, it's about staying connected with our customers to ensure they run efficiently into the future," added Edward. "Since the launch of our TongAssist maintenance and support programme, this next-level service has proved very popular, reinforcing our lifecycle commitment beyond the initial Tong purchase, and underlining our goal of being a trusted long-term partner that growers can depend on. We're looking forward to welcoming visitors to BP2025, where they can meet our team and industry partners, enjoy warm hospitality, and explore the fully integrated solutions we provide, from individual machines right through to complete turnkey projects."

ABOUT TONG ENGINEERING

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FMC'S GUIDE TO POTATO HAULM DESICCATION USING SPOTLIGHT® PLUS

Spotlight® Plus, the most reliable stem desiccant on the market is widely used, but how do you get the best out of the product? FMC gives their view.

CARFENTRAZONE-ETHYL, KNOWN by the brand name Spotlight® Plus, is a PPO inhibitor and has been widely used for over 20 years.

How does Spotlight® Plus work?

Spotlight® Plus is a PPO inhibitor (protoporphyrinogen oxidase). This enzyme is essential for chlorophyll production and photosynthesis.

The inhibition of this enzyme results in highly reactive molecules that attack and destroy lipid protein membranes.

Symptoms occur within one to two hours after exposure, appearing first as water soaked foliage, which is followed by browning (necrosis) of the tissue. Symptoms will appear most quickly with bright, sunny conditions at application and necrotic spots are sometimes surrounded by a reddish coloured ring.

FMC recommends that applications of Spotlight® Plus are applied from mid-morning, to mid - afternoon during bright sunny conditions. This is essential for the breakdown the leaf membrane, thus killing off the foliage.

To Flail or not to Flail?

Desiccation decisions are be based on primary factors including variety choice and end market and storage requirements. For example, a crop destined for seed production will need a different desiccation strategy than a determinate second early variety or a late bulking non-determinate main crop variety.

Other factors also include soil type, physiological age of the seed tuber, planting date, planned harvest date, nitrogen management, and irrigation.

There is a lot to consider, and growers need to take the time to

contemplate what is the best strategy for them to maximise yield potential at the end of the season.

FMC's advice it to have a minimum interval of seven days between applications of Spotlight® Plus. However, in certain situations, for example in seed crops, this interval may need to be reduced to five days. In non-flail desiccation programmes, following up after five days can be more effective than delaying for seven days.

It is important to use your eye and assess the growing conditions carefully.

For flailed crops, flail to a height of 15 - 25cm and leave for 2 days

before applying the first application of Spotlight® Plus at 1.0L/ha. This gives the target crop time to shed any additional leaves to ensure a good coverage. If any regrowth occurs, a follow up application can be made of 0.6L/ha after five to seven days.

Keep water volumes high

When applying Spotlight® Plus, it's important to keep water volumes high. FMC recommends a minimum of 300L/ha, However, the optimum is 450L/ha, which enables good coverage of the product throughout the canopy.

"Don't be shy, it is essential to use a high rate of water to ensure a good coverage and maximize efficacy.

Below: Spotlight® Plus applied at 1.0L/ha followed by Spotlight® Plus applied at 0.6L/ha.



Recommendations should always be above 300L/ha of water with the optimum being 450L/ha" advises Antonia, FMC's Commercial Technical Manager for the North and Scotland.

"It is important to monitor crops after applications have been made. "This is to see if any regrowth has occurred, as a follow-up of Spotlight® Plus can be made after five to seven days" advises Antonia.

FMC'S 10 POINT PLAN TO DESICCATION

- 1** Crop to be treated should have started senescing before application
- 2** In dense canopied crops, growers may need to apply several applications of desiccant, sequencing Spotlight® Plus with other approved products
- 3** Applications should be made under bright sunny conditions from mid-morning through until mid-afternoon using forward and backwards facing nozzles to ensure maximum canopy penetration
- 4** Higher water volumes have been shown to improve overall performance of Spotlight® Plus with the optimum around 450L/ha
- 5** As Spotlight® Plus is a contact acting desiccant, good coverage is critical, consider nozzle choice to improve this
- 6** The no buffer zone requirement with Spotlight® Plus means the whole field can be treated, reducing disease risk and maximising harvest potential
- 7** Maintain seven-day intervals between applications where possible and include a foliar/tuber blight fungicide at each timing
- 8** Spotlight® Plus has a short seven-day harvest interval. However, harvest or lifting date should be judged by skin-set development
- 9** Following the application of Spotlight® Plus to potatoes, any following crop may be planted 28 days later with no requirement to plough first, enabling any un harvested tubers to remain on or close to the soil surface
- 10** Effective desiccation with Spotlight® Plus in a dense crop canopy using a planned sequence based on seven-day application intervals will typically take around 21 - 28 days



KEY FEATURES OF SPOTLIGHT® PLUS

- ✓ Spotlight® Plus is a contact acting effective pre-harvest haulm desiccant
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- ✓ Excellent at preventing regrowth
- ✓ Backward and forward-facing nozzles are recommended for best results
- ✓ Compatible with many blight fungicide products (see FMC website tank mix list) <https://ag.fmc.com/uk/en/compatibilities>

Above:
Desiccated plot.
Front-half flailed.
7 days after first application



INDUSTRY ACHIEVEMENTS CELEBRATED

The British Potato Industry Awards presentation takes place on the first night of the British Potato Industry Show and is a great opportunity to network

THOSE VISITING THE British Potato stand at this year's event in Harrogate will have an opportunity to tax their brain cells in a prize-quiz as well as pick up a free handbook.

Our potato industry quiz features 20 questions for you to test your knowledge. You can have a go just for fun, or enter your answers in a prize draw to be in with the chance of winning one of three hampers. Winners will be announced at the end of the show.

We have also teamed up with specialist storage consultant Adrian Cunningham of Potato Storage Insights to produce the Storage Handbook. The handbook will feature practical advice and up-to-date information on all areas of potato storage, from post-harvest handling, through to disease monitoring, cooling advice, health and safety and more and will also provide details on energy usage, building maintenance, products for different applications and compliancy.

We'll have a limited number of the books to give away for free on the stand on a first-come, first-served basis. Post-show, a digital version

of the handbook will be available to download for free from both the British Potato Review and Potato Storage Insight websites or printed handbooks can be purchased and delivered from Warners Group Publications.

The handbook will be updated every two years, to reflect changing practices, new innovations and updated legislation so those who are interested in advertising products or services within future editions can contact Victoria Liddington at Victoria.liddington@warnersgroup.co.uk.

British Potato Review magazine is produced every other month, with weekly e-letters also available. You can also pick up a copy of the magazine and learn more about its feature content and promotional opportunities on the show stand.

In addition, there will be a chance to learn more about the British Potato Industry Awards, whether you're looking to enter any of its 10 categories, book a table at the celebratory dinner, or become involved as a sponsor. Names of shortlisters and winners will be displayed on the stand, along with a table plan for the awards dinner.

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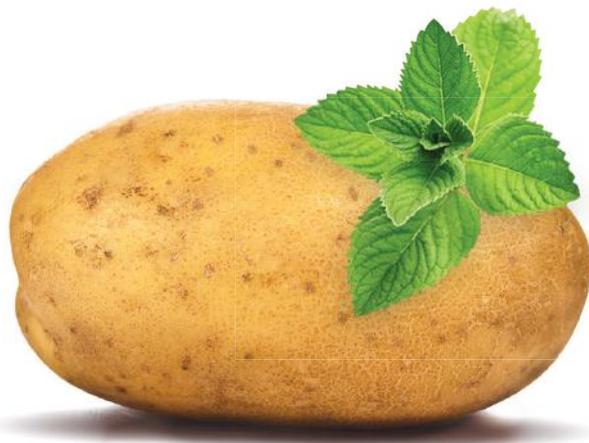


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10 YEARS OF RETRIBUTION: A DECADE OF INNOVATION IN AGRICULTURE

Celebrating a decade of innovation, Agrimech unveils a special 10th-anniversary Retribution at the British Potato Event — a tribute to the growers, engineers, and partnerships that turned a bold idea into a global success

Below: The first stainless steel Retribution in 2015

TEN YEARS AGO, Retribution was just an idea scribbled on paper — notes, sketches, sleepless nights, and endless trial runs. Today, it stands as one of the most trusted and respected machines in agriculture. From the first prototypes to over 450 units sold worldwide, Retribution has not only helped

transform the potato sector but also helped shape the growth and success of Agrimech and the growers who believed in us.

Looking back, the journey was never straightforward. Our early attempts with Ouroboros taught us valuable lessons — that simply recreating what already existed wasn't enough. We

listened to growers, operators, and packhouse managers. We asked what they loved, what frustrated them, and what they wished could be different.

The answers inspired change.

- ➲ **Powered side belts** suggested by Michael Dale.
- ➲ **A pin removal hole** thanks to



Marius Linkevicius
Packhouse Facility
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& Sons



Machine at
Legge Farms



“Every voice left its mark. Every improvement was made for growers, by growers. The result? A machine built with three uncompromising priorities”

Jason Rudolph.

👉 The collective call to remove bevel gears, to stop stitched bags toppling and spilling crops across the floor.

Every voice left its mark. Every improvement was made for growers, by growers. The result? A machine built with three uncompromising priorities: bag stability, the ability to handle larger crop sizes, and unwavering reliability.

In 2014, Bill and Pete Legge took a chance on us, purchasing the very first Themis and Retribution prototypes. Their support pushed us to refine every detail — from exposed wiring to paint quality — until, in 2015, we unveiled the **ABC Retribution (Absolute Bag Control)**: the first stainless-steel model with BNR Powerlink connectivity. Tested to its limits, it proved unstoppable. Within months, Retribution became the benchmark for reliability.

Today, six Retribution machines run tirelessly at P J Lee's packhouse

in Sutton Gault, a living testament to both the machine's resilience and the growers who put their faith in it. Across the globe, more than 450 Retributions are now in operation — an achievement we never imagined a decade ago.

This year marks Retribution's **10th anniversary**. To celebrate, we are unveiling a one-of-a-kind model at the **British Potato Event** — featuring next-generation controls, matte black components, and a sleek industrial finish. A machine built not just as a tool of the trade, but as a tribute to ten years of partnership, innovation, and trust.

We invite you to join us at the show, celebrate this milestone with the Agrimech team, and see Retribution in person — signed by every member of the team, and ready for its next owner.

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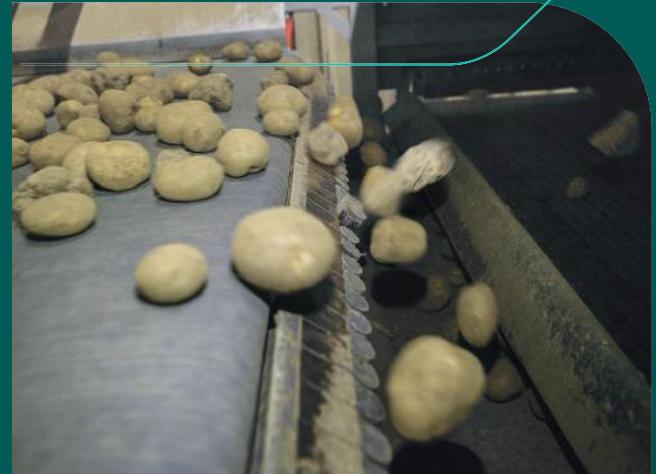
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Above: Potatoes from BASF's latest crop protection trial plots at Potatoes in Practice.

Top Middle: Lots of visitors from across the UK viewing BASF's trial plots.

BASF'S PRESENCE AT one of the industry's leading events, Potatoes in Practice last month, underpinned its commitment to this critical crop and gave the opportunity to exchange thoughts on the current season, showcase innovative fungicides, and share insights on their exciting product pipeline.

The annual event held at Balruddery

Farm near Dundee, hosted by The James Hutton Institute, SRUC, and Agrii, brings together cutting-edge research, trade exhibits, and demonstrations. The focus is to facilitate the adoption of practices and solutions which improve sustainability and resilience in farming.

It was also a chance for BASF to demonstrate their support for the Hutton's Fight Against Blight (FAB), a

vital tool for the sector, identifying and mapping potato late blight pathogen populations since 2006, with up to 1,500 field samples from across Britain.

Scott Milne, BASF Agronomy Manager, reflected on the event

"We enjoyed welcoming growers and advisors from across the potato growing and processing chain, exchanging insights on the current season and demonstrating the performance of our two fungicides, Honesty and ALLSTAR.

Honesty®: Tuber Treatment Innovation

"Honesty is a liquid tuber treatment containing Xemium, available in partner packs with an application enhancer. It has strong activity on Rhizoctonia, silver scurf, and black dot, with incidental activity against dry rot and gangrene. These diseases can have a significant impact on the yield and marketability of potato crops.

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“We could see from the potatoes in the plots that using ALLSTAR produces clean, uniform, and bright-looking potatoes”

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“We could see from the potatoes in the plots that using ALLSTAR produces clean, uniform, and bright-looking potatoes.

“ALLSTAR reduces *Rhizoctonia* symptoms such as misshapes, growth cracks, elephant hide, and irregular skin setting, and helps crops develop faster and produce more potatoes.

Aphid management

“Our final plot contained a beneficials nectar mix, which is designed for integrated pest management, and provides food for natural predators that help control aphids,” explained Scott.

Aphid borne viruses affect both ware and seed growers and can cause significant economic losses. According to a seminar given on site by Dr Adrian Fox of Fera Science Ltd, Potato leafroll virus is a re-emerging threat to potato production in the UK and has in recent years become the main virus intercepted in seed certification inspections.

New blight solutions

Late blight was a common topic of conversation on the BASF stand as *Phytophthora infestans* has developed resistance to two key fungicide active ingredients, bringing exceptional pressure to late blight management strategies across Europe.

Scott said, “Privest (Inithium + potassium phosphonates) works systemically and has activity against all late blight genotypes with no resistance issues. Privest’s very strong efficacy, proven in the field, helps to build a sustainable programme

for current crops and future crops. We also have another stand-alone protectant late blight fungicide coming to market soon (subject to approval) which will give growers another option in the ongoing fight against this disease.

Industry knowledge sharing

“The huge amount of expert knowledge at Potatoes in Practice, one of the UK’s premier field-based potato events, will help those involved in this vital industry make informed decisions for this and future seasons,” concluded Scott.

Above: *Privest in focus: Designed to control late blight, Privest has a unique mode of action and a formulation with good rainfastness and UV resistance.*

Below: *The BASF Potato team: Samuel Bray, Natalie Wong, Luke Pollard, Scott Milne and Matthias Baltrusch.*



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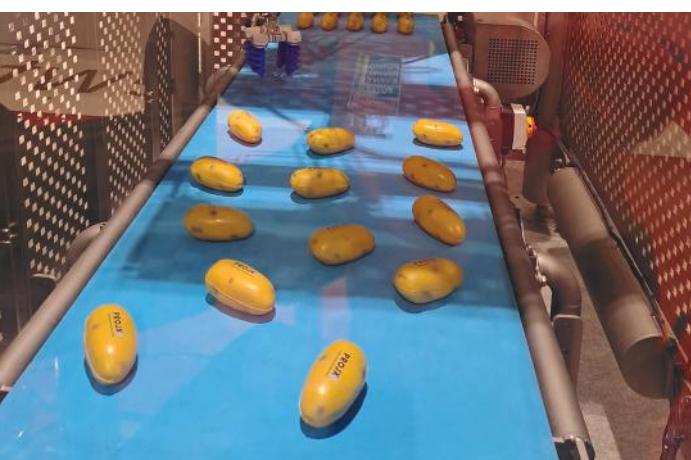
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