

2026 Idaho Potato Conference - Pocatello, Idaho

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

Time - Room	Bengal Theater	North-Middle-South Fork Suite	Little Wood River
8-8:15 AM	Introduction. James Woodhall		
8:15-9:05 AM	Effective in-season management techniques for the control of <i>Colletotrichum coccodes</i> in stored potatoes. Phillip Wharton Effect of seed, soil, and in-furrow fungicide on black dot symptom development on tubers. Jeff Miller	Potato weed workshop Albert Adjesiwor, Pamela Hutchinson, Patrick Hatzenbuehler	Seed potato certification and sampling - what do the numbers mean for Potato Virus Y? Kasia Duellman, Nora Olsen, Alan Westra
9:15-10:05 AM	Digging into soil moisture sensors: grower-friendly tools for potato irrigation. Emily Bedwell Revisiting potato evapotranspiration: Findings from continuous flux measurements in a commercial production field. Meetpal Kukal	Potato disease and nematode diagnostic workshop. James Woodhall, Pooria Ensafi	Busting myths in pest management. Nora Olsen, Jeff Miller, Albert Adjesiwor, Alex Karasev, Erik Wenninger, Kasia Duellman
10:30 AM-12:00 PM	Introduction to industry session. Kasia Duellman Potatoes USA. Blair Richardson National Potato Council. Kam Quarles Idaho Potato Commission. Jamey Higham Industry session Q&A		
12:00-1:00 PM	Lunch - Hosted Baked Potato Bar		
1:00-1:50 PM	Neonicotinoid alternatives – how we manage Potato virus Y in the future. Russell Groves From species composition to insecticide susceptibility: what we know about aphids in Idaho potatoes. Marcelo Dimase	Soil health workshop. Courtney Cosdon, Jemilla Chellappa, Katherine East	Soil-borne disease symposium: Introduction to soil-borne diseases. James Woodhall, Phill Wharton
2:00-2:50 PM	How manure rate and timing affect potato yield, quality, and fertility Amber Moore Fertility. Mark Pavek	Water on the line: managing supply, power, and production in Idaho agriculture. Emily Bedwell, Meetpal Kukal, Ian Crawford, Steve Keller	Fungicides for seed and in-furrow applications - selection, application, and fungicide resistance management. Kasia Duellman, Phill Wharton, Jeff Miller
3:10-4:00 PM	Root-knot and potato cyst nematodes in Idaho: challenges, management, and research Updates. Paige Hickman Powdery scab and potato mop-top virus: an update from the Potato Virus Initiative. Alex Karasev	Busting myths in potato agronomy. Nora Olsen, Emily Bedwell, Mark Pavek, Mike Thornton, Gustavo Teixeira	Verticillium wilt and potato early die. Phill Wharton, James Woodhall
4:10-5:00 PM	Potato market outlook for 2026. Patrick Hatzenbuehler From field to fork: predicting potato digestibility with AI and image processing. Fidele Abedi	Agronomy workshop. Nora Olsen, Mike Thornton, Mark Pavek	Powdery scab and PMTV. Phill Wharton, Kasia Duellman, Jeff Miller, James Woodhall, Alex Karasev, Jonathan Whitworth

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8:00-8:25 AM	Insights into respiration: findings from three years of evaluation. Gustavo Teixeira	Decision support tools, biopesticides, and beneficials. Russell Groves, Erik Wenninger	What is the promise of biopesticides for potato disease management? Kasia Duellman, Phill Wharton, Jeff Miller
8:25-8:50 AM	Understanding growing degree days to predict crop growth and pest development in Idaho cropping systems. Jemila Chellappa		
9:00-9:25 AM	Connecting soil conditions to potato yield, quality, and disease pressure. Amber Moore	PVY workshop. Alex Karasev, Jonathan Whitworth	Pest monitoring. Albert Adjesiwor, Erik Wenninger, Kasia Duellman, James Woodhall, Desiree Wickwar
9:25-9:50 AM	Factors impacting skin set. Nora Olsen		
10:10-11:00 AM	Palmer amaranth updates and the efficacy of selected potato herbicides. Albert Adjesiwor	Storage workshop: demystifying the psychrometric chart- temperature, humidity, and refrigeration. Nora Olsen, Gustavo Teixeira	Protecting Idaho’s potatoes from nematodes: what do you need to know? Louise-Marie Dandurand, Paige Hickman
	Managing Fusarium dry rot in the face of fungicide resistance. Kasia Duellman and Jeff Miller		
11:10 AM-12:00 PM	What’s new in crop protection? Industry session	NAPSO Session: Introduction. Addie Waxman . AIM act and potato storage. Ben Ingalls	ISDA chemigation training. Tony Noe
12:00-12:30 PM	Announce prize winners and conference close. James Woodhall		

*Schedule subject to change