A newsletter for	table Crop Update commercial potato and vegetable growers prepared by the nsin-Madison vegetable research and extension specialists No. 13 – August 13, 2023
 In This Issue: Potato and tomato early blight and late blight disease updates Cucurbit downy mildew updates Phytophthora nicotianae blight in potato Colorado Potato Beetle 	 Calendar of Events: November 28-30, 2023 – Midwest Food Producers Assoc. Processing Crops Conference, Kalahari Convention Center January 9-11, 2024 – Wisconsin Agribusiness Classic, Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI January 21-23, 2024 – Wisconsin Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Growers Conference, Kalahari Resort, Wisconsin Dells, WI January 25-26, 2024 – Organic Vegetable Production Conference, UW Madison Division of Extension (Online) February 2-3, 2024 – Organic Vegetable Production Conference, UW Madison Division of Extension, Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI February 6-8, 2024 – UW-Madison Div. of Extension & WPVGA Grower Education Conference & Industry Show, Stevens Point, WI

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Early blight of potato/tomato. Accumulations of P-days this past week were between 59-66 across the state of Wisconsin. In all locations and all planting dates, potato fields have surpassed the threshold and should receive (and continue to receive) preventative fungicide applications for early blight management. Hotter days generate roughly 10 P-days per day if you are looking ahead to likely accumulations and preventative fungicides.

Late blight of potato/tomato. Accumulations of Blitecast DSVs were extremely low this past week in the 7 sites detailed in our table, below, ranging from 0 to 1. The usablight.org website (<u>https://usablight.org/map/</u>) indicates a new report of tomato late blight from Henderson County North Carolina on 8/9/23 (genotype not yet known). No new reports from NY or Canada. So far, all characterizations of the late blight pathogen identified in North America this growing season have resulted in the US-23 type. Fungicides for the management of late blight in tomato and potato crops are provided: <u>https://learningstore.extension.wisc.edu/products/commercial-vegetable-production-in-wisconsin</u>. A specific list of fungicides for potato late blight in Wisconsin was also offered in a special report shared via email on July 28.

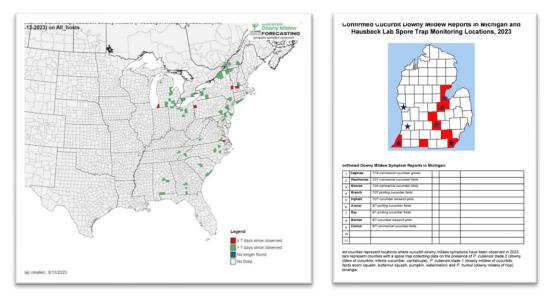
Current P-Day (Early Blight) and Disease Severity Value (Late Blight) Accumulations. Many thanks to Ben Bradford, UW-Madison Entomology; Stephen Jordan, UW-Madison Plant Pathology; and our grower collaborator weather station hosts for supporting this disease management effort again in 2023. A Potato Physiological Day or P-Day value of \geq 300 indicates the threshold for early blight risk and triggers preventative fungicide application. A Disease Severity Value or DSV of \geq 18 indicates the threshold for late blight risk and triggers preventative fungicide application. Red text in table indicates threshold has been met or surpassed. TBD indicates that data are To Be Determined as time progresses. Weather data used in these calculations is from weather stations that are placed in potato fields in each of the four locations, as available. Data from an alternative modeling source: https://agweather.cals.wisc.edu/vdifn will be used to supplement as needed for missing data points and for additional locations (indicated with *). Data are available in graphical and raw formats for multiple locations at: https://vegpath.plantpath.wisc.edu/dsv/.

	Plan	ting Date	50% Emergence Date	Disease Severity Values (DSVs)	Potato Physiological Days (P-Days)
				through 8/12/2023	through 8/12/2023
Spring	Early	Apr 3	May 9	9	750
Green*	Mid	Apr 17	May 12	9	728
	Late	May 10	May 23	9	660
Arlington*	Early	Apr 5	May 10	7	758
	Mid	Apr 20	May 15	7	721
	Late	May12	May 25	7	661
Grand Marsh	Early	Apr 5	May 10	6	719
	Mid	Apr 20	May 15	6	686
	Late	May 12	May 25	6	634
Hancock	Early	Apr 10	May 17	7	687
	Mid	Apr 22	May 19	7	681
	Late	May 14	May 28	7	632
Plover	Early	Apr 14	May 19	11	672
	Mid	Apr 24	May 20	11	667
	Late	May 19	May 29	11	618
Antigo	Early	May 1	May 28	11	596
	Mid	May 15	June 3	11	545
	Late	June 7	June 23	11	410
Rhinelander*	Early	May 7	June 1	4	560
	Mid	May 18	June 5	4	525
	Late	June 9	June 24	4	402

In addition to the potato field weather stations, we have the UW Vegetable Disease and Insect Forecasting Network tool to explore P-Days and DSVs across the state (<u>https://agweather.cals.wisc.edu/vdifn</u>). This tool utilizes NOAA weather data. In using this tool, be sure to enter your model selections and parameters, then hit the blue submit button at the bottom of the parameter boxes. Once thresholds are met for risk of early blight and/or late blight, fungicides are recommended for optimum disease control. Fungicide details can be found in the 2023 Commercial Vegetable Production in Wisconsin Guide, Extension Document A3422. https://learningstore.extension.wisc.edu/products/commercial-vegetable-production-in-wisconsin

Cucurbit Downy Mildew. The Cucurbit Downy Mildew forecasting webpage (https://cdm.ipmpipe.org/) is not forecasting the movement of the pathogen, but the group is offering reporting of findings of cucurbit downy mildew from the US (see current map below showing red counties with new reports from

https://cdm.ipmpipe.org/. Dr. Mary Hausbeck reported cucumber downy mildew in commercial fields in 9 Michigan Counties as of 8/9/2023. To date, there have been no reports of downy mildew here in WI. If reports arise, we should be considering preventative treatment of cucumber and melon crops here in due to the likelihood of the disease resulting from clade 2 downy mildew.



Late blight 'look-alike' noted in central Wisconsin potato. While *Phytophthora nicotianae*, a cousin to the late blight pathogen *Phytophthora infestans*, is typically a soilborne pathogen infecting roots and tubers, lesions can sometimes form on the foliage of tomato and potato (its host range includes citrus, tobacco and ornamentals). The presence of this 'nicotianae blight' indicates leaf wetness and higher temperatures and the lesions are often seen in potatoes along the irrigation pivot tracks. *Phytophthora nicotianae* can form overwintering soilborne structures known as oospores and chlamydospores. Foliar infections look menacingly like late blight, but the lesions do not exhibit sporulation (pictures below). It's important to be aware of this disease and to have it diagnosed to confirm the underlying pathogen. Late blight is typically favored under cooler temperatures than *P. nicotianae* and does sporulate profusely, making spread much more challenging to control. Foliar fungicide programs which protect against late blight can also control 'nicotianae blight'. More information can be found in a nice web article by Dr. Jean Ristaino, Amanda Saville, Inga Meadows, and Mary Lorscheider from North Carolina State University at: https://plantpathology.ces.ncsu.edu/2018/06/phytophthora-nicotianae-causing-severe-disease-on-potato-and-tomato-in-north-carolina/



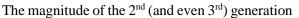
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Vegetable Entomology Webpage: https://vegento.russell.wisc.edu/

Colorado potato beetle (CPB) - <u>https://vegento.russell.wisc.edu/pests/colorado-potato-beetle/</u>

Emergence of adult CPB from the first full generation is now nearly complete in much of central and even northern Wisconsin. Unlike their overwintered parents, this next generation (2^{nd} generation) of adults are very active feeders and can quickly defoliate unprotected foliage.

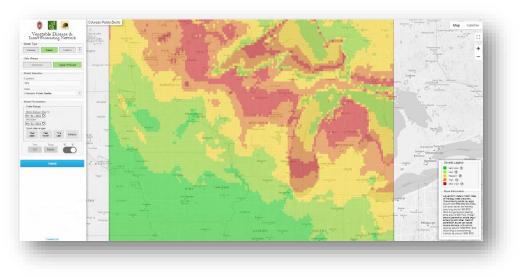
Second generation adults normally appear in mid- to later July and if numbers are large, severe defoliation of the crop can ensue. Generally, second generation adults will produce another generation of larvae. Looking ahead to the 14 day forecast weather conditions, these adults will undoubtedly produce a complete, second generation and the subsequent adults (3rd generation) will likely complete development by mid September. Typically, there are only two discrete generations of beetles per year in South-Central Wisconsin and only a single generation in Northern Wisconsin. Again this year, we are likely to see a full 3rd generation complete development in much of central Wisconsin.

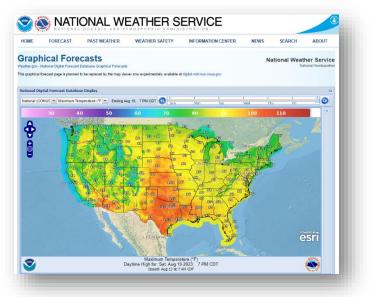


often results from the control successes (challenges) experienced in controlling the 1^{st} generation throughout June. If many larvae escaped control, then numbers of 2^{nd} generation adults can be very challenging to manage. On the other hand, if larvae were very adequately managed with well-timed, at-plant or foliar sprays, then the 2^{nd} generation adults can be easier to manage.

Colorado Potato Beetle – 2nd generation (13 Aug 2023) - https://agweather.cals.wisc.edu/vdifn

Treatment thresholds for control of CPB during the 1st generation are based upon the stages of development. In order to compounds like use spinosad (Blackhawk), spinetoram (Delegate), abamectin (Agri-Mek), novaluron (Rimon), or tolfenpyrad (Torac) correctly, we aim for the peak or midpoint of early larval feeding. At this time in mid to late June, we often have only 1-2%





defoliation. But if we wait until defoliation estimates reach 10% or greater, we will be too far behind and will NOT get adequate control.

During mid-July and early August, however, when 2nd generation adults are emerging, actively feeding and laying eggs, we often resort back to the use of defoliation thresholds. Recall that potato plants can tolerate varying levels of defoliation before they suffer yield losses. The level of tolerance depends on the plant's growth stage. Flowering plants can tolerate the least defoliation, (e.g. only 5-10% of total leaf area). Post-flower potato is able to withstand a slightly higher amount of defoliation, but since this is a critical point for tuber formation and bulking, producers and pest management practitioners should limit the amount of feeding done by CPB not to exceed 5-8%. This estimate should be based upon a field estimate of defoliation, and not simply a hot spot or edge of a field adjacent to a recently killed and neighboring field. Finally, late season feeding on potato that is beginning to senesce is the least critical period for yield loss.

Recall that nearly all foliar-applied compounds should be applied as a series of two, successive applications spaced 7–10 d apart to improve control of staggered life stages. Several of the compounds we propose for 2nd generation use (MoA Group 28 anthranilic diamides) may have less activity on other key potato pests (e.g., potato leafhopper and colonizing aphids); so it is important to scout for secondary pests. The decision to apply any insecticide for this next generation of CPB should be completed for each field based on scouting results and established economic damage. Tools for use against this second generation management options are available in the attached listing.

At-Plant Systemic Options

Trade name	Active ingredient	IRAC MoA Code	Spray pH<	Adjuvant	PHI	Rate	Adult	Egg Mass	Early Larvae (1st-2nd instar)	Late Larvae (3rd-4th instar)
Belay	clothianadin	4A	pH < 7	none (see notes)	0	12 fl oz	+	-	+++	++
	-	-			-			-	o a.i./ac for both soil-applied ective for potato leafhopper	
Platinum 75SG	thiamethoxam	4A	pH < 7	none (see notes)	0	2.67 oz	+	-	+++	++
	-	-			-			-	e pattern (soil-applied vs foi to leafhopper and colonizin	
Admire Pro (generics)	imidacloprid	4A	pH < 7	none (see notes)	0	8.7 fl oz	+	-	+++	++
	-	-			-			-	e pattern (soil-applied vs foi to leafhopper and colonizin	
Verimark SC	cyantraniliprol e	28	pH < 6.5	none (see notes)	0	13.5 fl oz	+	-	+++	++
	ns of a Group 28 or								e pattern (soil-applied vs foi of CPB. Ineffective for potat	
Regent 4SC	fipronil	2B		none (see notes)	90	3.2 fl oz	-	-	-	-
Note: for use as	an at-plant, distrib	outed in-furrow ap	oplication fo	r the control of	[:] Asiatic <u>a</u>	garden be	eetle, othe	er white gru	bs and wireworms.	

1st generation CPB Materials

Trade name	Active ingredient	IRAC MoA Code	Spray pH<	Adjuvant	PHI	Rate	Adult	Egg Mass	Early Larvae (1st- 2nd instar)	Late Larvae (3rd- 4th instar)
Rimon 0.83EC	novaluron	15	рН < 6.5	NIS (0.25- 0.5% V:V)	14	9,8,7 fl oz 10,8,8 fl oz	-	+++	++	++
treating only t consider a 3rd (8.0 fl oz) to th hours (10:00 -	the outer-most ro foliar application the interior of the	ows of the field on (7.0 fl oz/ac) field, not initic ly acidify tank	l. Subsequ 7 days af Illy treated mix prior t	uently, apply 2n ter prior applice d during the rin	nd foliar d ation. Co g applica) of the field. Initial foliar ap pplication (8.0 fl oz/ac) over ntinue to scout the field, if a tion. Must be applied with a Caution when tank-mixing	r entire field in additiond an adjuvant	l one wee Il applicat (NIS), an	k later. Continue to se ion is necessary, appl d consider application	cout field and y a final application outside of mid-day
Agri-Mek SC	abamectin	6	рН < 6.5	NIS (0.5% V:V)	14	3.0-3.25 fl oz	+	-	+++	++

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applied t application (NIS), and	o the entire field. Sul on 7 days after previo d consider applicatior	bsequently, appoint of the sequently of the sequently of the sequence of the s	oly 2nd foli with anoti d-day hour	iar application (3 her larvicide tha rs (10:00 - 16:00	3.0 fl oz, t is effe h). Slig	e are present on outer-mo. /ac) over entire field one w ctive on later stage larvae htly acidify tank mix prior t plication advised. Only two	veek later. Co (e.g., Radiant to applicatior	ntinue to : @ 8 fl oz, n (pH < 6.5	scout field and conside ⁄ac). Must be applied). Caution when tank-	er a 3rd foliar with an adjuvant mixing this product
Torac	tolfenpyrad	21A	рН = 6.5	NIS (0.5% V: V)	14	14-21 fl oz	++	++	+++	++
applied t applicati	o the entire field. Sul	bsequently, app cide that is effe	oly 2nd foli ective on la	iar application (2 Iter stage larvae	21.0 fl o. as need	e are present on outer-mo. z/ac) over entire field two led. Must be applied with Ground-application advi	weeks later. an adjuvant	Continue (NIS), and	o scout field and cons consider application o	ider a 3rd foliar outside of mid-day
Blackhawk 36WDG	spinosad	5	pH = 7	NIS (0.125 - 0.25% V:V)	7	3.0-3.3 oz	+	-	+++	+++
						e are present on outer-mo	-	-		
consider	r previous application	n with another f mid-day hour	larvicide ti s (10:00 - 1	hat is effective o 16:00 h). Neutro	n later : al tank p	entire field one week later. stage larvae (e.g., Agri-Me oH is appropriate for this ap	k SC @ 3.25 j	l oz/ac). (Can be applied with an	adjuvant (NIS), and
consider	r previous application application outside o e applications of Blac	n with another f mid-day hour	larvicide ti s (10:00 - 1	hat is effective o 16:00 h). Neutro	n later : al tank p	stage larvae (e.g., Agri-Me	k SC @ 3.25 j	l oz/ac). (Can be applied with an	adjuvant (NIS), and

2nd generation CPB Materials

Trade name	Active ingredient	IRAC MoA Code	Spray pH<	Adjuvant	PHI	Rate	Adult	Egg Mass	Early Larvae (1st- 2nd instar)	Late Larvae (3rd- 4th instar)
Coragen 1.67SC / Vantacor 5SC	chlorantraniliprole	28	рН < 6.5	MSO (0.25- 0.5 % V:V)	14	variable and formulation dependent (fl oz/A)	++	++	+++	+++
Initiate applica	ations after the emergence	e of the 2nd ge	neration of	CPB, and when	defoliat	ion estimates have	e reached oi	r exceeded	5-10%. Initial foliar o	application (7.5 fl

oz/ac, Coragen) can be applied to the entire field. Subsequently, apply 2nd foliar application (5.5 fl oz/ac, Coragen) over entire field one week later. Continue to scout field and consider a 3rd foliar application 7-10 days later only if populations continue to defoliate. Should be applied with an adjuvant (MSO) and acidify tank pH (pH <

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	nd-application advised. Up t oup 28 material if a Group 28						-	-	^f the Colorado potato	beetle. Do not		
Exirel 0.83SC	cyantraniliprole	28	pH < 6.5	MSO (0.25- 0.5 % V:V)	7	5.0-13.5 fl oz	++	++	+++	+++		
oz/ac) car foliar appl advised.(Initiate applications after the emergence of the 2nd generation of CPB, and when defoliation estimates have reached or exceeded 5-10%. Initial foliar application (13.5 fl oz/ac) can be applied to the entire field. Subsequently, apply 2nd foliar application (10 fl oz/ac) over entire field one week later. Continue to scout field and consider a 3rd foliar application 7-10 days later only if populations continue to defoliate. Should be applied with an adjuvant (MSO) and acidify tank pH (pH < 6.5). Ground-application advised. Only two successive applications of Exirel allowed in succession per crop season for control of the Colorado potato beetle. Do not apply a Group 28 material if a Group 28 material was applied in 1st generation, or as an at-plant systemic (e.g., Verimark).											
Minecto Pro	abamectin + cyantraniliprole	6 + 28	pH < 6.5	MSO (0.25- 0.5 % V:V)	14	5.5-10 fl oz	++	++	+++	+++		
oz/ac) car 3rd foliar applicatio	plications after the emergen be applied to the entire field application 7-10 days later or n advised. Only two successi material if a Group 28 materi	l. Subsequently, hly if population we applications of	apply 2nd j s continue t of Minecto F	foliar applicatic o defoliate. Sh Pro allowed in s	on (7.5 fl ould be d uccessio	oz/ac) over entire applied with an ad n per crop season	field one w iuvant (MS for control	eek later. O) and aci	Continue to scout fie dify tank pH (pH < 6.5	ld and consider a). Ground-		
Besiege	chlorantraniliprole + lambda-cyhalothrin	28 + 3	pH < 6.5	MSO (0.25- 0.5 % V:V)	14	6.0-9.0 fl oz	++	++	+++	+++		
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Elevest	chlorantraniliprole + bifenthrin	28 + 3	pH < 6.5	MSO (0.125 - 0.25% V:V)	21	5.6-9.6 fl oz/A	++	++	+++	+++		
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Voliam Flexi	chlorantranilprole + thiamethoxam	28+4A	рН < 6.5	MSO (0.25- 0.5 % V:V)	14	4.0 fl oz	++	++	+++	+++		
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Other options

Trade name	Active ingredient	IRAC MoA Code	Spray pH<	Adjuvant	PHI	Rate	Adult	Egg Mass	Early Larvae (1st-2nd instar	Late Larvae (3rd-4th instar)	
Admire Pro (foliar)	imidacloprid	4A	pH < 7	none (see notes)	7	1.3 fl oz	+	-	++	+	
Apply Admire Pro as a foliar insecticide for control of late-season potato leafhopper and aphids where no Group 4A insecticide was used as an at-plant insecticide starter.											
Actara 25WG (foliar)	thiamethoxam	4A	pH < 7	none (see notes)	14	1.5-3.0 oz	+	-	++	+	
Apply Actara starter.	Apply Actara 25WG as a foliar insecticide for control of late-season potato leafhopper and aphids where no Group 4A insecticide was used as an at-plant insecticide										
Assail 30SG (foliar)	acetamiprid	4A	pH < 7	NIS (0.25-0.5 % V:V)	7	1.5-4.0 oz	+	-	++	+	
Apply Assail	30SG as a foliar insec	ticide for contro	l of late-seas	son potato leafhop	per and	d aphids wh	ere no Gr	oup 4A ins	ecticide was used as an at-	plant insecticide starter.	
Venom	dinotefuran	4A	pH < 7	none (see notes)	7	1.0-1.5 oz	+	-	++	+	
Apply Venon	n as a foliar insecticid	e for control of l	ate-season p	otato leafhopper	and apl	nids where r	no Group	4A insectio	cide was used as an at-plan	t insecticide starter.	
Avaunt	indoxacarb	22	pH < 7	NIS (0.25% V:V)	7	3.5-6.0 fl oz	+	-	-	-	
alternatively		on can be applied	d during late	r 2nd generations					EC during early season app piperonyl butoxide may inc		
Brigade 2EC	bifenthrin	3A	N/A	N/A	21	2.1-6.4 fl oz	+	-	-	-	
	le insecticide targetin toxide may increase t		-				-	-	nerations to target adults c s apart.	only. The addition of	
Imidan 70W	phosmet	1B	pH < 6.5	N/A	7	1.33	+	-	+	-	
	enter fields within 5 d to taraet adults onlv.			-	-	-	orado po	tato beetle	. Applications can be appl	ied during later 2nd	

generations to target adults only. Apply successive applications spaced no less than 10 days apart.

Definitions:

- PHI: Post-harvest interval (time that must elapse after last application and before any harvesting of the crop, given in hours)
- Activity icons: (-) no activity, (+) very little activity, (++) moderate activity, (+++) excellent activity