Vegetable Crop Update

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Calendar of Events:

July 7, 2022 – UW-Hancock Ag Research Station Field Day
July 8, 2022 – UW-Extension Langlade Co. Airport Ag Research Station Field Day
July 28, 2022 – UW-Rhinelander Field Day
November 29-December 1, 2022 – Midwest Food Producers Assoc. Processing Crops Conference, Kalahari Convention Center
February 7-9, 2023 – UW-Madison Div. of Extension & WPVGA Grower Education Conference & Industry Show, Stevens Point, WI

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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 2022. A Potato Physiological Day or P-Day value of ≥300 indicates the threshold for early blight risk and triggers preventative fungicide application. A Disease Severity Value or DSV of ≥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 will come from weather stations that are placed in potato fields in each of the four locations, once available. Data from an alternative modeling source: https://agweather.cals.wisc.edu/vdifn will be used to supplement as needed for missing data points. We currently have our Grand Marsh, Hancock, and Plover weather stations up and running. We will add the Antigo station soon. Data are available in graphical and raw formats for each weather station at: https://vegpath.plantpath.wisc.edu/dsv/.

Location	Planting Date		50% Emergence Date	Disease Severity Values (DSVs) 6/4/2022	Potato Physiological Days (P-Days) 6/4/2022
Grand Marsh	**Early**	Apr 5	May 10	1	177
	Mid	Apr 20	May 15	1	136
	Late	May 12	May 25	1	77
Hancock	**Early**	Apr 7	May 12	1	153
	Mid	Apr 22	May 17	1	119
	Late	May 14	May 26	0	75
Plover	**Early**	Apr 7	May 15	1	109
	Mid	Apr 24	May 20	1	100
	Late	May 18	May 27	0	64
Antigo	**Early**	May 1	Jun 3	0	10
	Mid	May 15	TBD	TBD	TBD
	Late	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

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 (https://agweather.cals.wisc.edu/vdifn). This tool utilizes NOAA weather data (stations are not situated within potato fields). 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 2022 Commercial Vegetable Production in Wisconsin Guide, Extension Document A3422, linked here: https://learningstore.extension.wisc.edu/products/commercial-vegetable-production-in-wisconsin

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Colorado potato beetle (CPB) – (https://vegento.russell.wisc.edu/pests/colorado-potato-beetle/). Continue to scout populations of CPB adults especially as nearly all potato plants have emerged and most hilling operations are nearly complete in central Wisconsin. In southern Wisconsin, adults have now colonized much of the field and many egg masses have hatched into 1st instar larval stages (**Fig. 1**). Potato plants can tolerate varying levels of defoliation before they will suffer yield losses. The level of tolerance depends on the plant's growth stage. Flowering plants can tolerate the least defoliation, only 5-10% of total leaf area. Post-flower potato is able to withstand a slightly greater amount of defoliation, but since this is a critical point for tuber formation and bulking growers should limit the amount of feeding done by CPB. Growth stages ahead and behind these two points are more tolerant of defoliation.

Figure 1. Egg masses and early instar larvae of the Colorado potato beetle

Now is the time to begin looking for small larvae (1st and 2nd instars) on the crop. To do this effectively, focus the majority of scouting for larvae on the tops of plants. In potato, small larvae will typically move to the newly expanding foliage at the crown of the plant. Larvae are very small at this stage and may not be directly apparent unless the emerging foliage is carefully parted. First instar larvae may be easily confused with dirt or debris until closer inspection.

For most CPB chemical management tools, timing application occurs with the appearance of first instar larvae in the field. Early instar larvae are the most susceptible life stage for chemical management, applications should be timed with the midpoint of egg hatch. The first application should be followed up in 5-7 days with a second application of the same compound depending on the formulation and label restrictions. Refer to the UW-Extension publication Commercial Vegetable Production in Wisconsin (A3422) for a list of registered insecticides and management recommendations.

Forecast temperatures into next week will remain at or below average, and thus developing larval populations may be slowed somewhat. Recall that our insecticide programs are built around product rotations across generations, and 2-3 successive applications of the same, reduced-risk (RR) mode of action (MoA) within a generation (**Fig. 2**).

Applications of novaluron (Rimon) tolfenpyrad (Torac), spinetoram (Radiant, Delegate), or abamectin (Agri-Mek) should be applied when nearly 50-75% of egg masses have hatched, and a few 2nd instar larvae are present from the earliest hatched egg masses. This milestone may occur at the end of the upcoming week at locations in southern Wisconsin, with egg masses continually

being deposited this coming week in southern regions. Recall, these 1st generation larvicides often require 2-3 subsequent re-applications spaced on a 7-10 day interval to achieve sufficient control of this damaging generation. In central Wisconsin, CPB adults are still colonizing fields, and mating and egg laying is underway along field perimeters. Initial egg hatch was just underway later this week in field perimeters. With cooler and more moderate daytime high temperatures forecast for the coming week, it may not be time to initiate first larval sprays until the following week. Careful scouting will reveal the exact timing!

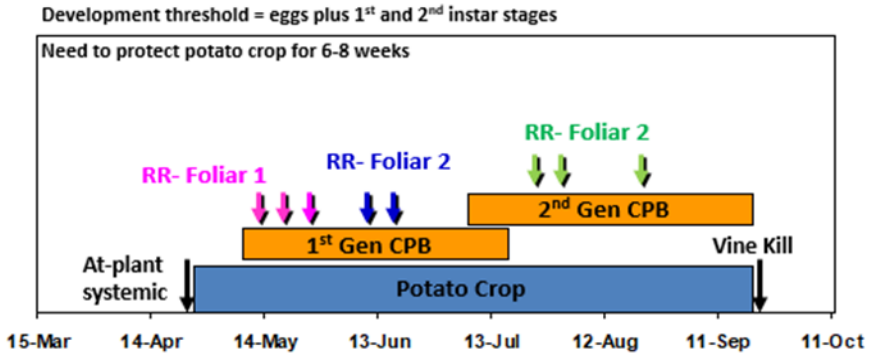

Figure 2. Application timing of reduced-risk (RR) modes of action (MoA) for the control of CPB.

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	+	-	+++	++
Note: 1). consider soil surfactant to increase uniform movement in soil profile, 2.) season total maximum is only 0.2 lb a.i./ac for both soil-applied and foliar). Do not apply any Group 4A insecticides over the top of an at-plant application of Belay. Considerable resistance with CPB, very effective for potato leafhopper and colonizing aphids.										
Platinum 75SG	thiamethoxam	4A	pH < 7	none (see notes)	0	2.67 oz	+	-	+++	++
Note: 1). consider soil surfactant to increase uniform movement in soil profile, 2.) season total maximum varies by use pattern (soil-applied vs foliar). Can apply additional foliar applications of a Group 4A on an at-plant application. Considerable resistance with CPB, very effective for potato leafhopper and colonizing aphids.										
Admire Pro (generics)	imidacloprid	4A	pH < 7	none (see notes)	0	8.7 fl oz	+	-	+++	++
Note: 1). consider soil surfactant to increase uniform movement in soil profile, 2.) season total maximum varies by use pattern (soil-applied vs foliar). Can apply additional foliar applications of a Group 28 on an at-plant application. Considerable resistance with CPB, very effective for potato leafhopper and colonizing aphids.										
Verimark SC	cyantraniliprole	28	pH < 6.5	none (see notes)	0	13.5 fl oz	+	-	+++	++
Note: 1). consider soil surfactant to increase uniform movement in soil profile, 2.) season total maximum varies by use pattern (soil-applied vs foliar). Can apply additional foliar applications of a Group 28 on an at-plant application (not advisable!). Will provide only 45-60 days of control of CPB. Ineffective for potato leafhopper and mildly effective for aphids.										
Regent 4SC	fipronil	2B		none (see notes)	90	3.2 fl oz	-	-	-	-
Note: for use as an at-plant, distributed in-furrow application for the control of Asiatic garden beetle, other white grubs 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	pH < 6.5	NIS (0.25-0.5% V:V)	14	9,8,7 fl oz 10,8,8 fl oz	-	+++	++	++
Initiate applications when egg deposition first appears in outer rows (0-48rows) of the field. Initial foliar application (9.0 fl oz/ac) can be applied as a 'ring' application, treating only the outer-most rows of the field. Subsequently, apply 2nd foliar application (8.0 fl oz/ac) over entire field one week later. Continue to scout field and consider a 3rd foliar application (7.0 fl oz/ac) 7 days after prior application. Continue to scout the field, if an additional										

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)
application is necessary, apply a final application (8.0 fl oz) to the interior of the field, not initially treated during the ring application. Must be applied with an adjuvant (NIS), and consider application outside of mid-day hours (10:00 - 16:00 h). Slightly acidify tank mix prior to application (pH < 6.5). Caution when tank-mixing this product with fungicides containing proprietary stickers (e.g., WeatherStik). Ground application advised.										
Agri-Mek SC	abamectin	6	pH < 6.5	NIS (0.5% V:V)	14	3.0-3.25 fl oz	+	-	+++	++
Initiate applications when 50-75% egg hatch has occurred, and 1st instar larvae are present on outer-most field rows. Initial foliar application (3.25 fl oz/ac) can be applied to the entire field. Subsequently, apply 2nd foliar application (3.0 fl oz/ac) over entire field one week later. Continue to scout field and consider a 3rd foliar application 7 days after previous application with another larvicide that is effective on later stage larvae (e.g., Radiant @ 8 fl oz/ac). Must be applied with an adjuvant (NIS), and consider application outside of mid-day hours (10:00 - 16:00 h). Slightly acidify tank mix prior to application (pH < 6.5). Caution when tank-mixing this product with fungicides containing proprietary stickers (e.g., WeatherStik). Ground-application advised. Only two successive applications of Agri-Mek SC allowed per crop season.										
Torac	tolfenpyrad	21A	pH = 6.5	NIS (0.5% V: V)	14	14-21 fl oz	++	++	+++	++
Initiate applications when 50-75% egg hatch has occurred, and 1st instar larvae are present on outer-most field rows. Initial foliar application (21.0 fl oz/ac) can be applied to the entire field. Subsequently, apply 2nd foliar application (21.0 fl oz/ac) over entire field two weeks later. Continue to scout field and consider a 3rd foliar application with another larvicide that is effective on later stage larvae as needed. Must be applied with an adjuvant (NIS), and consider application outside of mid-day hours (10:00 - 16:00 h). Slightly acidify tank mix prior to application (pH < 6.5). Ground-application advised. Only two successive applications of Torac allowed per crop season.										
Blackhawk 36WDG	spinosad	5	pH = 7	NIS (0.125 - 0.25% V:V)	7	3.0-3.3 oz	+	-	+++	+++
Initiate applications when 50-75% egg hatch has occurred, and 1st instar larvae are present on outer-most field rows. Initial foliar application (3.3 oz/ac) can be applied to the entire field. Subsequently, apply 2nd foliar application (3.0 oz/ac) over entire field one week later. Continue to scout field and consider a 3rd foliar application 7 days after previous application with another larvicide that is effective on later stage larvae (e.g., Agri-Mek SC @ 3.25 fl oz/ac). Can be applied with an adjuvant (NIS), and consider application outside of mid-day hours (10:00 - 16:00 h). Neutral tank pH is appropriate for this application (pH = 7.0). Ground-application advised. Only two successive applications of Blackhawk allowed in succession per crop season.										
Radiant SC / Delegate WG	spinetoram	5	pH = 7	NIS (0.125 - 0.25% V:V)	7	Radiant 6.5-8.0 fl oz/A, Delegate 2.5 – 4.0 oz/A	++	-	+++	+++
Initiate applications when 50-75% egg hatch has occurred, and 1st instar larvae are present on outer-most field rows. Initial foliar application (8.0 oz/ac) can be applied to the entire field. Subsequently, apply 2nd foliar application (6.5 oz/ac) over entire field one week later. Continue to scout field and consider a 3rd foliar application 7 days after previous application with another larvicide that is effective on later stage larvae (e.g., Agri-Mek SC @ 3.25 fl oz/ac). Can be applied with an adjuvant (NIS), and consider application outside of mid-day hours (10:00 - 16:00 h). Neutral tank pH is appropriate for this application (pH = 7.0). Ground-application advised. Only two successive applications of Radiant or Delegate allowed in succession per crop season.										

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	pH < 6.5	MSO (0.25-0.5 % V:V)	14	variable and formulation dependent (fl oz/A)	++	++	+++	+++
Initiate applications after the emergence of the 2nd generation of CPB, and when defoliation estimates have reached or exceeded 5-10%. Initial foliar 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 < 6.5). Ground-application advised. Up to 4 successive applications of Coragen 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).										
Exirel 0.83SC	cyantraniliprole	28	pH < 6.5	MSO (0.25-0.5 % V:V)	7	5.0-13.5 fl oz	++	++	+++	+++
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	++	++	+++	+++
Initiate applications after the emergence of the 2nd generation of CPB, and when defoliation estimates have reached or exceeded 5-10%. Initial foliar application (10 fl oz/ac) can be applied to the entire field. Subsequently, apply 2nd foliar application (7.5 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 Minecto Pro 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).										
Besiege	chlorantraniliprole + lambda-cyhalothrin	28 + 3	pH < 6.5	MSO (0.25-0.5 % V:V)	14	6.0-9.0 fl oz	++	++	+++	+++
Initiate applications after the emergence of the 2nd generation of CPB, and when defoliation estimates have reached or exceeded 5-10%. Initial foliar application (9.0 fl oz/ac) can be applied to the entire field. Subsequently, apply 2nd foliar application (7.0 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. Three successive applications of Besiege are 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).										

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)
Elevest	chlorantraniliprole + bifenthrin	28 + 3	pH < 6.5	MSO (0.125 – 0.25% V:V)	21	5.6-9.6 fl oz/A	++	++	+++	+++
Initiate applications after the emergence of the 2nd generation of CPB, and when defoliation estimates have reached or exceeded 5-10%. Initial foliar application (9.6 fl oz/ac) can be applied to the entire field. Subsequently, apply 2nd foliar application (7.5 fl oz/ac) over entire field one week later. Should be applied with an adjuvant (MSO) and acidify tank pH (pH < 6.5). Ground-application advised. Two successive applications of Elevest are 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).										
Voliam Flexi	chlorantranilprole + thiamethoxam	28+4A	pH < 6.5	MSO (0.25-0.5 % V:V)	14	4.0 fl oz	++	++	+++	+++
Initiate applications after the emergence of the 2nd generation of CPB, and when defoliation estimates have reached or exceeded 5-10%. Initial foliar application (4.0 fl oz/ac) can be applied to the entire field. Subsequently, apply 2nd foliar application (3.5 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 Voliam Flexi are 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).										

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 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 starter.										
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 insecticide for control of late-season potato leafhopper and aphids where no Group 4A insecticide was used as an at-plant insecticide starter.										

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)
Venom	dinotefuran	4A	pH < 7	none (see notes)	7	1.0-1.5 oz	+	-	++	+
Apply Venom 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.										
Avaunt	indoxacarb	22	pH < 7	NIS (0.25% V:V)	7	3.5-6.0 fl oz	+	-	-	-
Apply Avaunt insecticide targeting only adult Colorado potato beetle. Applications can be tank mixed with Rimon 0.83EC during early season applications to kill adults, alternatively a tank mix application can be applied during later 2nd generations to target adults only. The addition of piperonyl butoxide may increase the efficiency of adult control. Apply only two successive applications, spaced 5 days apart.										
Brigade 2EC	bifenthrin	3A	N/A	N/A	21	2.1-6.4 fl oz	+	-	-	-
Apply Brigade insecticide targeting only adult Colorado potato beetle. Applications can be applied during later 2nd generations to target adults only. The addition of piperonyl butoxide may increase the efficiency of adult control. Apply only two successive applications, spaced 5-7 days apart.										
Imidan 70W	phosmet	1B	pH < 6.5	N/A	7	1.33	+	-	+	-
DO NOT Re-enter fields within 5 days (5-day REI)! Apply Imidan insecticide targeting only adult Colorado potato beetle. Applications can be applied during later 2nd generations to target adults only. Apply successive applications spaced no less than 10 days apart.										