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THE VOICE OF WISCONSIN'S POTATO & VEGETABLE INDUSTRY

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EDITORIAL CALENDAR

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JANUARY 2026**Editorial Focus:****WPVGA INDUSTRY SHOW PREVIEW & TRUCKS**

Issue provides a complete schedule and full preview of the 76th Annual WPVGA Industry Show/26th annual combined UW-Extension Grower Education Conference & Industry Show. Showcasing innovations in trucks, autonomous vehicles, GPS and logistics, digital controls, beds, boxes, trailers, tires, hitches and related equipment.

Deadline: December 10, 2025

FEBRUARY 2026**Editorial Focus:****2026 EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES & POTATO EXPO COVERAGE**

Gearing up for the 2026 growing season and focusing on modern equipment and supplies growers need in the areas of soil preparation, planting, cultivating, irrigating, harvesting, handling, storage, packaging, processing and more. See complete coverage of the 2026 Potato Expo. **WPVGA's 78th Anniversary** (founded February 1948) section features grower and associate member highlights.

Deadline: January 12, 2026

MARCH 2026**Editorial Focus:****PLANTING & WPVGA INDUSTRY SHOW**

Advancements in planting technology and equipment, new seed varieties, treatments and fertilization, nutrition management and crop protection, including GPS, drone, and precision agriculture. In-depth coverage of the 2026 WPVGA/UW-Extension Grower Education Conference & Industry Show.

Deadline: February 10, 2026

APRIL 2026**Editorial Focus:****IRRIGATION & SPECIALTY EQUIPMENT**

Irrigation – probably the single most important crop protection tool dominates this issue. Discussions on legislative issues, technological advances and cutting-edge equipment for irrigation and variable rate irrigation (VRI). Focus on skid steers, front-end and wheel loaders & earthmoving implements, attachments and more.

Deadline: March 10, 2026

MAY 2026**Editorial Focus:****VEGETABLES & FARM SAFETY/INSURANCE**

In-depth articles related to major cash crops other than potatoes, such as peas, beets, carrots, snap beans, and sweet corn. Also focuses on grower-processor relations and vegetable contracting news, with added features on farm safety and insurance needs.

Deadline: April 10, 2026

JUNE 2026**Editorial Focus:****HARVEST & SPECIALTY VEHICLES/TRACTORS**

Focuses on the upcoming harvest season with an emphasis on modern techniques to reduce bruising, optimal timing and improved equipment. Added focus on specialty vehicles and tractors, as well as compact & utility vehicles and mowing/shredding equipment.

Deadline: May 11, 2026

JULY 2026**Editorial Focus:****CROP PROTECTION**

A timely look at the tools and techniques used to gain the utmost and efficient control of crop-threatening pests and diseases. Provides relevant news on how today's technologically advanced products and application techniques achieve effective, environmentally responsible, and targeted protection.

Deadline: June 10, 2026

AUGUST 2026**Editorial Focus:****RESEARCH & SUSTAINABLE AG**

Reports from the nation's best potato and vegetable researchers offer growers practical information in an easily understood format. Key legislative concerns affecting the potato and vegetable industry, and new technologies in equipment, systems and services are also addressed as they relate to achieving on-farm sustainability.

Deadline: July 10, 2026

SEPTEMBER 2026**Editorial Focus:****STORAGE/MARKETING**

Showcases the latest technology related to potato storage and treatment. Also 2026 crop updates and outlooks are presented along with strategies to help growers increase profitability.

Deadline: August 10, 2026

OCTOBER 2026**Editorial Focus:****ASSOCIATE DIRECTORY & BAGGING/PACKAGING**

The entire WPVGA *Associate Division Directory* appears in this issue—an invaluable reference tool. With the potato and vegetable crops harvested, attention turns to bagging and packaging the produce for premium profitability and processing/traceability.

Deadline: September 10, 2026

NOVEMBER 2026**Editorial Focus:****ANNUAL SEED ISSUE**

Bonus circulation to every potato grower in the United States and at the 2027 Potato Expo makes the November Seed Issue the most widely read edition of the *Badger Common/Tater*. Features cover Wisconsin's highly regarded seed potato program, current seed research, variety trials and expert insight and recommendations.

Deadline: October 12, 2026

DECEMBER 2026**Editorial Focus:****2027 GROWING SEASON & ANNUAL REVIEW**

Growers use this issue to help plan seed, equipment, treatments, protection, and supplies for the 2027 season: planting, fertilizing, spraying, cultivating, irrigating, harvesting, handling, storage, packaging, processing and more! Our Annual Review provides insights and hindsight regarding the 2026 growing season overall, while also identifying goals and objectives for the coming year.

Deadline: November 10, 2026

- THE magazine for potato and vegetable growers in the Midwestern United States
- Circulation to 50 states and 8 foreign countries

BADGER COMMON'TATER COVERAGE INCLUDES:

- In-depth monthly interviews with industry experts
- Articles by top University research scientists
- Details on the latest potato promotion/marketing efforts
- People in the news
- Calendar of events with contacts
- Up-to-date potato research findings
- New products
- Timely news reports
- Reports on Area Potato Meetings
- An inside look at the WPVGA
- Delicious potato recipes
- Also, the latest trends and state-of-the-art technology in the areas of planting, harvesting, handling, packaging, storage, processing and more

PUBLISHER'S STATEMENT ON CIRCULATION

The BADGER COMMON'TATER is the official monthly publication of the Wisconsin Potato & Vegetable Growers Association. It is mailed to every known commercial potato grower in the state of Wisconsin and the major potato producing states, most large growers specializing in vegetable crops for processing, the University Extension system, the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, and the WPVGA Associate Membership of the related industries. Circulation is not limited to Wisconsin, but includes many potato growers and industry leaders in 50 states and 9 foreign countries.

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Following are Wisconsin's national rankings in production of nine major vegetable crops (USDA Statistics):

	RANK AMONG STATES	PERCENTAGE OF U.S. PRODUCTION
Potatoes	3 rd	6%
Snap Beans	1 st	45%
Beets for Canning	1 st	49%
Cabbage for Kraut	1 st	47%
Green Peas	2 nd	21%
Carrots	3 rd	33%
Sweet Corn	3 rd	23%
Cucumbers for Pickles	5 th	23%
Onions	8 th	1%

The Wisconsin Potato & Vegetable Growers Association (WPVGA) is a non-profit trade association of growers. Revenue from advertising dollars spent in the *Badger Common'Tater* is put back into programs (research, education, marketing and governmental relations) for potato and vegetable producers. Not only are you advertising your products and services to a targeted audience, you are investing in the success of your customers!

SPECIAL ISSUES

JANUARY 2026: This is the official preview of the 76th Annual WPVGA Industry Show/26th annual combined UW-Extension Grower Education Conference & Industry Show, a huge, three-day event that covers potato research reports, educational business seminars, an industry trade show, awards banquet, WPVGA Hall of Fame induction and Board of Directors Annual Meeting. This issue enjoys bonus circulation, as it is made available to all attendees of the Grower Education Conference & Industry Show in Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

Deadline is December 10, 2025

FEBRUARY 2026: Delves into the equipment, tools and knowledge growers need for the 2026 growing season in the areas of soil preparation, planting, cultivating, irrigating, harvesting, handling, storage, packaging, processing and more. Complete coverage of the 2026 Potato Expo and **WPVGA's 78th Anniversary** (founded February 1948) section featuring WPVGA grower and associate member highlights.

Deadline is January 12, 2026

SEPTEMBER 2026: Two keys to success in the potato industry are storing and marketing the crop. This issue features 2026 crop updates and outlooks, along with strategies to help growers increase profitability, and shares the latest technologies and news in potato storage, treatment and marketing strategies.

Deadline is August 10, 2026

NOVEMBER 2026: Our 41st Annual Seed Issue's bonus circulation goes to every potato grower in the U.S. (approximately 10,000) and is distributed at the 2027 Potato Expo, making it the most widely read edition of the *Badger Common'Tater*. Features include Wisconsin's highly regarded seed potato program, current seed research and variety trials with seed expert insights. Because of Wisconsin's outstanding reputation in the seed potato industry and the strong editorial content of the magazine, growers anticipate the November Seed Issue.

Deadline is October 12, 2026



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