

All Ware Growers

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Dear Grower

THE PLANT HEALTH (POTATOES) (SCOTLAND) ORDER 2006: NOTIFICATION OF POTATO CROPS

It is a requirement of the above Order that each year all potato growers in Scotland notify the Scottish Government of all crops of ware potatoes that they are growing **within 28 days of planting**. Please use the enclosed PP1 form to provide this information and read the notes for completion on the reverse of the form. Completed forms should be returned to:-

SASA, SPCS Unit, Roddinglaw Road, Edinburgh, EH12 9FJ.

If you need more forms to enter all your crops, they are available from SGAFRC Area Offices or online at <http://www.sasa.gov.uk/ware-potatoes-documents>. Photocopied PP1 forms are also acceptable. If your planting continues for more than a month, you should return the first form after 28 days and complete another for the later crops.

As from 2013 all ware crops have been assigned a five or six digit crop number. If you grew ware in 2016 a list of all your ware crop numbers is enclosed with this letter. **It is important that you use the relevant ware crop number on the PP1 form if you are growing crops from farm saved seed.**

The reason for requiring this notification is to provide the Scottish Government with a record of all potato crops being grown should action need to be taken in response to a disease outbreak in Scotland or in related crops elsewhere. Failure to comply with the requirement is an offence under the Order and may result in further action being taken, including legal proceedings.

If you are not growing any ware crops this year, or will no longer be growing potatoes, it is important that you let us know by returning the form. If another person grew ware potatoes on your land in 2016, or will be growing ware potatoes on your land in 2017 please provide their contact details.

Yours faithfully



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