

WARE POTATO GROWERS – DO YOU KNOW?

What seed potatoes can I plant?

- Bought / Classified seed – Grade S/SE or E, or
- Farm-saved seed – no more than once grown from classified seed.
- Notify SGAFRC Area Office if you bring in seed from outside Scotland.

What documentation do I need to keep?

- Official label and invoice / delivery note, or
- Crop inspection report.

This acts as proof of source of seed and must be shown to an inspector on request.

Where can I plant?

- Not on land Scheduled for Potato Wart Disease (PWD)
- Not on land Scheduled for Potato Cyst Nematode (PCN) unless with licence from SASA (eg to grow resistant varieties).

Do I need to notify anyone of the potatoes I plant?

- If you grow 0.1ha or more, you must notify SASA of all potatoes planted, within 28 days of planting, using form PP1.
- If you grow 3 ha or more, you must notify the Potato Council Ltd by 1 June each year.

Are there any rules about marketing my ware potatoes?

To market ware potatoes within the EU, including within the UK, your producer's registration number must be clearly marked on the packaging, or for loose loaded potatoes, on the vehicle transporting the potatoes. The registration number is provided by the Potato Council Ltd.

What powers do Scottish Government Inspectors have?

Plant Health

SG Inspectors have powers to enter premises and examine any crop or material that may pose a plant health risk. Examples include, but are not restricted to:

- Quarantine and other diseases such as Brown Rot, Ring Rot, PCN, and *Dickeya*.
- Virus – growing crops with virus level over 4% may be a risk to other crops in the vicinity.
- Potato dumps – can be a reservoir for blight that may spread to crops nearby.

If a plant health risk is found, the crop or dump may have to be destroyed or treated, at your own expense.

Records

SG Inspectors also have powers to enter premises and examine records to check that the requirements above are being complied with.

For more information on these requirements please contact your local SGAFRC Area Office.

(see www.gov.scot and follow Topics – Farming)