



MONTANA POTATO IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

CERTIFIED VIRUS-TESTED SEED POTATOES



August 17, 2009

Dear Friends:

We would like to welcome you to the **44th Annual Montana Seed Potato Seminar and Growers Meeting** to be held on Tuesday, November 3rd and Wednesday, November 4th, 2009 at the Red Lion Colonial Hotel and Conference Center in Helena, Montana. Other hotels within a 2-block area include Fairfield Inn, Super 8, and Howard Johnson.

The Montana growers meeting will be held on Tuesday morning, November 3th. United Potato Partners will have a presentation Tuesday afternoon, and Montana State University Extension personnel will give potato pest management updates. Our welcome reception will be held early evening on Tuesday at the Montana Historical Museum.

Industry issues will be addressed on Wednesday. Topics include updates on control of aphids and aphid-borne viruses, presentations and a panel discussion on potato storage, storage diseases and storage physiology, and insight on the changing economy and how it will affect family farming operations.

Participants will be eligible for Pesticide Applicator Education credits. Please bring your card and number so you can get proper credit.

Advanced registrations for the seminar can be made with the enclosed form. **Registrations must be received by October 15th to qualify for the advanced registration rate.** Please contact Larry Van Dyke at (406) 581-8000 if you have any questions regarding registration.

All of this year's meetings and will be held at the Red Lion Colonial Hotel. Reservations can be made by calling the 406-443-2100. Room rates are \$86.95 a night for a standard room, double occupancy. The reserved block of rooms with our seminar rate will be held until October 2, 2009. Be sure to mention that you are with the Montana Seed Potato Seminar to receive a room at the seminar rate.

We look forward to seeing all of you at this year's seminar!

Respectfully yours,

Larry Van Dyke
Chairman
2009 Seed Potato Seminar Committee

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