

# Canadian Potato Variety Evaluation Alberta (2018-2022)

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## Purpose

- The project is part of a larger National study commissioned by Canadian Horticultural Council and extends our previous variety evaluation work.
- Using a collaborative approach, we evaluate potential potato varieties, regardless of breeding origin, that might be well suited to Alberta's climate and end-uses.
- Including some agronomy (fertility, spacing, time of harvest) in the evaluations allows us to provide sponsors with additional relevant information when making decisions about developing new varieties.

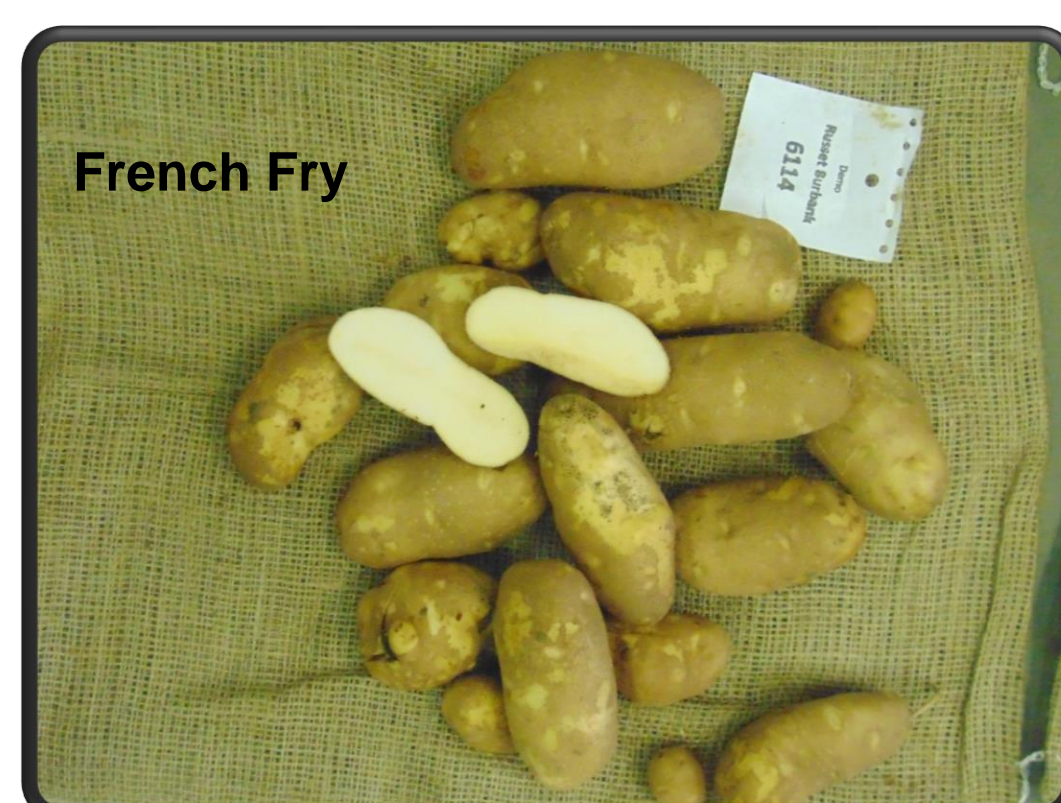
## Objectives

1. To provide data to variety developers to assist in decision making;
2. To provide preliminary agronomic data to assist producers with adoption of new cultivars;
3. To address the gap between identifying promising new varieties from breeding programs and the adoption of varieties for use in the industry.



## Agronomics

- Includes variety evaluations relative to check varieties
- Sponsors have the opportunity to select N fertility, plant spacing and time of harvest
- Entries in 2020 were grown in replicated plots under lateral irrigation at the Crop Diversification Centre South in Brooks, AB



## CDCS 2020

- 16 French Fry clones for AAFC
- 9 Chipping clones
- 6 Fresh Market clones for AAFC
- 21 industry entries in replicated trials (7 chipping cultivars, 7 French fry cultivars, 12 table cultivars)
- 20 industry entries in alternate N plots

### CDCS Plots



## Outcomes

- Relevant information about entries (emergence, stand, vigour, and maturity data; yield by size category, specific gravity, defects and deformities)
- A virtual field day was photographed at CDCS to allow stakeholders to visually evaluate the cultivars.
- Sponsors also had the opportunity to view the growing crop and check cultivars from the demo rows during the season.

## Co-operators

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- ConAgra Foods, Lamb Weston Division
- Edmonton Potato Growers
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- Parkland Seed Potatoes
- Rockyview Seed Potatoes
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