

The Plant Health Program

The Plant Health Program provides official field inspections and laboratory testing for Oregon's specialty seed, grass seed and nursery industries. For other commodities, such as potatoes or wheat, we conduct surveys to establish pest-free status for specific counties or the state.

These inspections, surveys and tests are required for shipment to interstate and international markets.

The program's pathologists also provide commodity groups and trade negotiation officials with official statements to facilitate the opening of new markets for Oregon's agricultural commodities.



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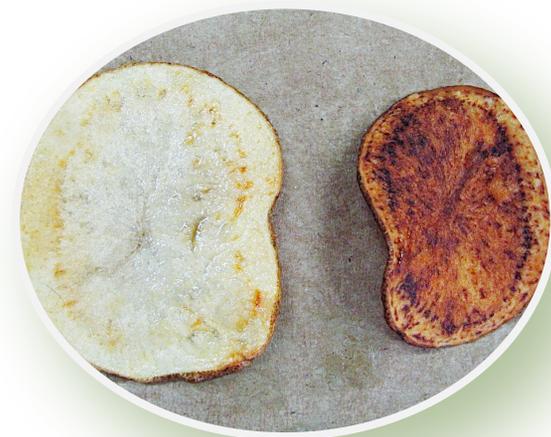
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Year-round services

The Export Seed Testing Laboratory operates year-round to meet the testing needs of our customers. Tests are conducted to detect specific seed-borne fungi, bacteria, nematodes, viruses, and pests.

Endophyte testing is available to determine the presence of the endophyte fungus, *Neotyphodium*, in forage grass seed varieties.

Diagnostic services are available to growers, on an as-needed basis, to identify plant problems.



Growing-season programs & services

Field inspections

This service is provided to growers of specialty seeds, mint, potato, and *Allium sp.* that want to ship their products interstate or internationally.

Fruit Tree Virus Certification Program

The program helps growers meet international export requirements by testing annually for viruses of *Malus*, *Prunus*, *Pyrus* and *Cydonia* nursery stock.

Blueberry virus testing

To meet interstate quarantine rules, the laboratory tests blueberry nursery stock annually for shock and scorch viruses, at the request of growers.

Phytophthora ramorum Testing Program

Nurseries, garden centers and Christmas tree fields are sampled annually to detect *P. ramorum*, the cause of sudden oak death. The program has successfully limited the spread of this disease to a small area of the state.

Statewide agricultural pest surveys

Pest surveys are conducted to verify Oregon remains free of pests of regulatory concern. Examples of such surveys include Karnal bunt of wheat, potato cyst nematodes in seed potatoes, and plum pox virus in stone fruits. The surveys may differ from year to year.