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SEED FARM REQUIREMENT FORM

The Oregon Potato Seed Certification Standards require that all operations producing certified seed potatoes comply with the definition of "Seed Farm" :

"A Seed Farm is a clearly independent operation, managed separately, and includes all land, facilities (storage, etc.) equipment, operational personnel and where the lowest class planted must have been Certified All equipment not used exclusively on a seed farm must be thoroughly sanitized prior to use on any seed field."
and further ...
"To be eligible for certified seed potato production, all acreage on a Seed Farm (see definition Section II below) must have been planted with the Certified class of seed stock or better, and all acreage planted to potatoes must be inspected at least once during the growing season, except (1) when a grower plants his own certified seed or (2) when the seed produced is for the producers' use only and will not be eligible for sale." In addition (page 15), "Failure to comply with the Seed Farm inspection requirement will result in downgrading one generation the seed growers entire crop". (II. ADMINISTRATIVE DEFINITIONS - B. Seed Farm (Pg 8, 15))

This provision was included in the Potato Standards in order to allow an individual grower to produce both high quality seed potatoes and commercial lots, provided certain safeguards are followed. Compliance with this provision includes the separate use of such critical disease spreading equipment as seed cutters, planters and harvesting equipment. It also means that hauling equipment not be used for seed and commercial lots simultaneously (i.e. on backhauls) and that all trucks be completely cleaned (bed and tires) and disinfected prior to use for seed.

You have indicated on your Seed Potato Field Inspection Application that you plan on producing commercial potatoes. As such you will be required to abide by the Seed Farm Provision. Below please state how you will be meeting these requirements. A signed copy of this form is a requisite prior to passing your seed fields as certified.

Name of Farm/operation: _____

I will meet the provisions of the Seed Farm Requirement by:

Four horizontal lines for providing details on how requirements will be met.

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Grower signature

Date
