

# SAC Consulting Association of Potato Producers (SACAPP)



*SACAPP is a membership organisation that for 25 years has supported potato producers, agronomists, and trade providers operating in Scotland and beyond.*

Members benefit from the support of the SAC Consulting Potatoes Team, who can provide technical advice and information covering all aspects of potato production. As an independent research-based consultancy, each Potatoes Team member has extensive knowledge and experience and is active in applied research and development at the cutting edge of the potato industry.

**SACAPP Membership Benefits:** Potato Bulletin (ten issues per year)  
SACAPP Annual Conference • Research and development update  
Telephone contact with experts • Regional and sector agronomy groups  
Farm visits • Bespoke advice and consultancy

Get in touch & join SACAPP today: [www.sruc.ac.uk/potatoes](http://www.sruc.ac.uk/potatoes)

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\*ScottishPotatoes.org is a partnership between SRUC, SASA and The James Hutton Institute, leading innovation for the potato crop to address current and future challenges to potato production and supply chains.





## The Potato Bulletin

Potato production is complex, requiring specialist knowledge and attention to detail. SACAPP members get key action points and in-depth articles on timely issues with the Potato Bulletin, delivered monthly throughout the growing season. Written in an accessible, but technical style, the Potato Bulletin helps you make decisions based on the most up-to-date information.



## Advice and Knowledge Exchange

SACAPP membership includes direct contact with all members of the Potatoes Team – via phone, email, or our WhatsApp grower groups. The team has a broad knowledge base and a wealth of experience in the field and storage, and are able to call on the wider resources of SAC Consulting and SRUC meaning there are few queries we cannot answer. At key decision points in the production cycle we also organise regional face-to-face **agronomy groups**. As we are independent, we can interpret and explain new **technical developments** without fear or favour, motivated only to help SACAPP members.



## Research and Development

Unlike some advisory services, all members of the SAC Consulting Potatoes Team are active in applied research – from agronomy **field trials** to plant pathology **diagnostics**. Each year, we run a large field trials programme across Scotland, covering a broad range of subjects; **late blight** control at our dedicated site near Ayr; novel methods of **PCN** management in Angus; **IPM strategies** for **aphid/virus** in Aberdeenshire; and many more. We have access to **laboratory facilities** and offer an expanding range of **diagnostic tests**. With a specialism in plant pathology, we regularly assist corporate members with novel **product development**. This hands-on approach to R&D means that when we explain technical data, we've often been involved in generating it.



As a founding partner of [ScottishPotatoes.org](https://www.scottishpotatoes.org), we have very strong links to SASA and the James Hutton Institute.



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Production improvements | Store management | Developing IPM strategies | Carbon budgeting |  
ORETO standard field trials | Laboratory assays | Market research | Support presentations