



Potato Services

The SAC Consulting potatoes team provides independent, research-based consultancy covering every aspect of potato production. Each member of our team is highly knowledgeable, and we have a broad knowledge base connected to wider support and resources from across SRUC.

Our team stands apart by being actively involved in applied research, encompassing everything from agronomy field trials to plant pathology diagnostics. Each year, we conduct an extensive field trials programme across Scotland, covering critical areas such as late blight control at our dedicated site in Ayr, innovative potato cyst nematode (PCN) management methods in Angus, integrated pest management (IPM) strategies for aphid and virus control in Aberdeenshire and many more cutting-edge studies.

With specialised laboratory facilities, we provide an expanding suite of diagnostic tests. Our team's experience in plant pathology allows us to support clients in offering hands-on expertise that ensures our recommendations are grounded in firsthand research.

We provide unbiased, up-to-date insights, ensuring you receive clear guidance on the latest technical developments. Every member of the SAC Consulting Potatoes Team is actively involved in applied research, including agronomy trials and plant pathology diagnostics, and we collaborate closely with the industry to offer training in various areas, such as the annual Roguers' Course and tuber disease identification courses.

For over 25 years, the SAC Association of Potato Producers (SACAPP) has been the trusted partner for potato producers, agronomists, and industry providers across Scotland and beyond.

Our expertise includes:

- **Potato agronomy and storage:** Knowledge and experience in crop management and storage solutions.
- **Diagnostics and interpretation:** Access to diagnostic testing and expert interpretation of results to guide effective actions.
- **Field trials and analysis:** Advanced expertise in field trials, with detailed analysis of results for real-world applications.
- **Integrated pest management (IPM):** Customised IPM strategy development for sustainable crop protection.
- **Research collaboration:** Strong connections to leading research institutes, including the James Hutton Institute and SASA, for extended research insights.

For more details, contact us at potato@sruc.ac.uk