

**NEBRASKA COLUMBIA ROOT KNOT NEMATODE QUARANTINE
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TO ALL AFFECTED PERSONS:

You are hereby notified that the Nebraska Department of Agriculture (Department) is establishing a quarantine on the importation of any seed potatoes for planting, tablestock potatoes, potatoes for processing, and other regulated articles originating in areas infested with Columbia root knot nematode (*Meloidogyne chitwoodi*), pursuant to the Plant Protection and Plant Pest Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §§2-1072 to 2-10,117 (Act).

Sections 2-1091 and 2-10,108 provide that for the enforcement of the Act, the Department may issue a quarantine whenever the Department finds there exists, in any other state, territory, country, or part thereof, any plant pests detrimental to the agricultural interests of the state and that the control, eradication, retarding, or prevention of such pests is necessary to protect the plant industry of the state, the Department may impose and enforce a quarantine prohibiting the transportation into, within, or through Nebraska of such pests. Quarantine enforcement shall apply to any plants or any other property capable of carrying such plant pests.

The Columbia root knot nematode is a potato crop damaging nematode that not only causes damage to the potato crop, but also places at risk the ability of Nebraska potato producers to produce and sell their seed and tablestock potatoes. In order to protect Nebraska potato production areas from Columbia root knot nematode, and because countries importing potatoes from the United States can and have refused to buy seed potatoes and tablestock potatoes from areas which have confirmed infestations of Columbia root knot nematode, the Department finds it necessary to impose a quarantine.

This quarantine will be effective on November 15, 2002. Modified, March 2012. The specific requirements of the quarantine are as follows:

1. Quarantined Areas:

Quarantined areas shall consist of the entire states of California, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington, and the listed counties in the following states: Colorado (Alamosa County, Conejos County, Costilla County, Rio Grande County and Saguache County); Nevada (Humboldt County); New Mexico (San Juan County); Texas (Hartley County); Utah (Iron County, Weber County); and Wyoming (Laramie County) and any other state, county, or foreign country known to be infested.

2. Definitions:

- A. Compliance Agreement shall mean a written agreement between the Department and a Nebraska recipient;
- B. Origin shall mean the location where seed potatoes, tablestock potatoes, or potatoes intended for processing, were grown, or soil was collected from a field. Origin may also mean the county or counties in which equipment was held or used in the past twelve (12) months. This is to be listed on documents by county and state, for domestically produced articles, and country, for foreign origin commodities.