

IDAHO POTATO PULSE



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FIRST SUSPECT ZEBRA CHIP TUBER

Today, August 23, at least one plant was observed at the Kimberly Research and Extension Center displaying classic zebra chip foliar and tuber symptoms. Samples are currently being tested for the presence of the Lso bacterium that causes zebra chip. Refer to <http://extension.uidaho.edu/kimberly/tag/potato-psyllid-and-zebra-chip/> for additional information on potato psyllids scouting efforts and zebra chip symptom identification.

NRCS FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR PRIVATE AG LAND AFFECTED BY WILDFIRES

Short sign up period-applications due August 30, 2013!

Boise, Idaho, August 23, 2013 –The USDA's [Natural Resources Conservation Service](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/site/id/home/) is offering special funding to help agricultural producers rehabilitate private land burned in recent wildfires. The sign-up period is short and applications must be in by August 30, 2013.

Idaho NRCS received extra funds for the Environmental Quality Incentive Program and the Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program specifically for private land wildfire recovery efforts. The funds can be used to help restore privately owned rangelands and forest lands, reduce soil erosion and re-establish critical wildlife habitat.

"NRCS can help ranchers and agricultural producers that were significantly impacted by this year's devastating wildfires," said Jeff Burwell, Idaho NRCS State Conservationist.

These funds can be used for work such as fencing, seeding, livestock water development, herbaceous weed control, and various erosion control practices on rangeland, pastureland and non-industrial private forest land.

Applications must be received by August 30, 2013 to be considered for this special funding.

For more information, contact your local NRCS office, call our state office at (208)378-5700 or visit our Web site <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/site/id/home/>.