

The position of the Specialized Section on potato virus Y (PVY)

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- New strains and variants of PVY are occurring worldwide and seem to be more readily transmissible than earlier strains.
- Strains and variants differ in their ability to cause leaf and/or tuber symptoms.
- Control of PVY is still only possible through strict PVY tolerances within a seed potato certification scheme, through breeding and through adoption of best crop management practices.
- An option to control PTNRD (Potato Tuber Necrotic Ringspot Disease) on susceptible varieties may be a specific certification tolerance for superficial necrosis, until an appropriate detection method becomes available.
- Applying a zero tolerance for widely distributed viruses, such as PVY, is not effective, practical or feasible.