# **Increases POTATO Yields**

Application of Guarantee® Seaweed Extract increases yields and size of potatoes in two recent trials.

#### TRIAL 1

#### **CROP**

Russet Norkotah Potatoes

#### STUDY OBJECTIVES

To assess the overall production enhancement provided by application of **Guarantee®** compared to a grower standard fertility program.

### LOCATION/SCIENTISTS

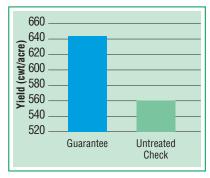
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#### STUDY DESIGN:

Replicated trial with Ocean Organics' **Guarantee®** seaweed extract applied at 2 quarts/acre in the furrow at planting, then

#### **Trial 1 Total Yield Per Acre**

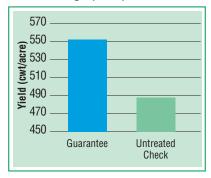


again three times via foliar application (at hook stage, followed by applications roughly 14 days apart). Applications made on 5/29/14, 6/16/14, 6/30/14, 7/14/14. Randomized complete block design.

#### **RESULTS:**

Application of **Guarantee®** seaweed extract increased total yield. **Guarantee®** applications also increased yield of large potatoes (US-1). This is significant because growers get more income for larger potatoes. We estimate that **Guarantee®** gave an advantage of \$985 per acre yield increase (based on an estimate of \$12/cwt).

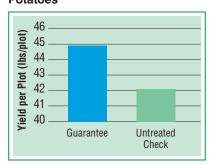
#### Yield of Large (US-1) Potatoes



#### Trial 2 Yield and Sizing

	Untreated Check (lbs)	Guarantee Organic (lbs)	
Gross weight	45.04	48.6	
Less than 2" (subtract)	2.93	3.65	
Net Weight	42.11	44.95	
Greater than 10 oz.	9.11	12.3	

## Yield of Mid-Grade and Large Potatoes



This study showed a \$336 per acre increase; having more 10 oz. potatoes delivered an additional \$7.00 per acre.

#### **TRIAL 2**

#### **CROP**

Yukon Gold Table Potatoes

#### STUDY OBJECTIVES

To assess the overall production enhancement provided by application of Ocean Organics' **Guarantee® Organic** seaweed extract compared to a grower standard fertility program.

#### LOCATION/SCIENTISTS

St. Agatha, Maine

Grower cooperative trial coordinated by Northeast Agriculture

#### STUDY DESIGN:

**Guarantee® Organic** was applied three times at 1 pint/acre to plots. Averages were based on data from plots that were 1/1000th of an acre. The first application went on during the third week of July; following applications were 2 weeks apart.

#### **RESULTS:**

From Northeast Agriculture report: In this trial of table stock potatoes,

Guarantee® Organic gave an advantage of 28 hundred weight (cwt). We deducted the potatoes smaller than 2" in diameter, and applied a premium to potatoes heavier than 10 oz. Local price for mid-grade potatoes was \$12.00 per cwt. For the 10 oz. premium, we applied the locally accepted \$2.00 extra per cwt.

Using these metrics, **Guarantee® Organic** gave an advantage of \$336 per acre yield increase; having more 10 oz. potatoes delivered an additional \$7.00 per acre.

The grower's investment in **Guarantee®** was under \$20.00 per acre.



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