

Project Report

**Alberta Potato Variety Development 2017
CDCS, Brooks, AB**

*N Response
Chipping Potatoes*

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Introduction

In Alberta, potato industry stakeholders are looking for replacement varieties that use less nitrogen, less water, less pesticide, yet yield superior processing or culinary quality and tonnage. An ideal chipping variety would produce a good yield of medium sized tubers, be relatively tolerant of environmental fluctuations, have few defects, and have high specific gravity in the desired range (above 1.085). Tubers with a good skin set, good maturity at harvest and low concentration of reducing sugars are also very desirable. Varieties that store well at cooler temperatures are an asset. Varieties from breeding programs in Canada, Europe and the United States are often being assessed. Many breeding programs target disease resistance, nitrogen use efficiency and excellent storage potential in addition to increased yield. Tuber yield potential and nutritional requirements are impacted by variety characteristics and by environmental characteristics such as the length of the growing season (Westerman, 1993). As noted by Love et al. (2003), the full potential of a new variety may not be realized until proper management is implemented. There is increasing pressure on potato producers to utilize best management practices to reduce the environmental footprint for potatoes. The costs of such shifts in production practices will be borne primarily by producers.

The purpose of this project was to pool resources to evaluate potential varieties from a range of sources, using a cooperative approach. This trial was established to collect local agronomic data on varieties from breeding programs in Canada, the U.S. and elsewhere. The varieties were planted in replicated plots at the Crop Diversification Centre in Brooks, AB and were provided with 180 lbs/ac N and, if requested, 100 lbs/ac N. Alberta data is essential when selecting varieties appropriate for our climate, our customers and industry stakeholders.

Objectives

- A. To evaluate potential new varieties for chip processing;
- B. To provide the potato industry an opportunity to assess varieties grown under local conditions;
- C. To compare varieties from several breeding programs (including AAFC) under Alberta conditions; and
- D. To determine the response of new chipping varieties to nitrogen fertilizer rates.

Materials and Methods

The variety evaluation was conducted in small plots at the Crop Diversification Centre South in Brooks, AB. Fertility for the low N plots (100 lbs/ac) was achieved through a combination of soil fertility (83 lbs/ac N; 253 lbs/ac P) and broadcast fertilizer (90 lbs/ac of 11-52-0) incorporated prior to planting. Low N plots received an additional top-dressing (15 lbs/ac of 46-0-0) at hilling, for a total of 100 lbs/ac N. Moderate N plots received an additional top-dressing (189 lbs/ac of 46-0-0) at hilling, for a total of 180 lbs/ac N. Within each level of nitrogen, varieties were planted in four replicate rows in a randomized complete block design along with standard varieties (Atlantic, AC Vigor and Monticello). Each block was planted adjacent to guard rows to reduce any edge effects (see plot plans, Appendix A).

Eptam 8E (1.8 L/ac) was applied prior to planting (May 4) to control weeds. Seed of standard cultivars was provided by Edmonton Potato Growers and seed of test cultivars was provided by each participant. Potatoes were planted May 30, 2017 (Low N Main) and May 29, 2017 (Moderate N Main) approximately 12 to 15cm deep using a two-row tuber unit planter. Seed was planted at 30cm spacing in 6m rows spaced 90cm apart. The plots were irrigated to maintain soil moisture close to 70%. Foliar fungicides were applied twice during the growing season to prevent early and late blight from developing (Table 1).

Table 1: Foliar fungicides applied to the potato crop in 2017 to prevent early and late blight development.

<i>Date of Application</i>	<i>Fungicide</i>	<i>Rate</i>
7 July	Ridomil Gold/Bravo	0.83L/ac
25 July	Quadris	324mL/ac



Figure 1: Variety evaluation trial at CDCS in Brooks, AB June 26, 2017.

Reglone was applied (1.0 L/ac) September 1 to the Low N and Medium N plots. The Low N plots were harvested September 14 to 15, 2017 and Moderate N plots were harvested September 12 to 13 using a 1-row Grimme harvester.

Chipping tubers were stored at 14.5°C until graded. Tubers were graded into size categories (less than 48mm, 48 – 88mm, and over 88mm). A sample of twenty-five tubers (48 – 88mm) from each replicate was used to determine specific gravity using the weight in air over weight in water method. These tubers were cut longitudinally to assess internal defects. A composite sample of 8 tubers (2 per rep) was stored at 10°C until culinary analyses were performed. Samples were evaluated for chip color using a Hunter Colorimeter in October 2017.

Marketable potatoes were made available to cooperators for additional storage evaluations, but data will not be provided here.

The data presented here have been statistically analyzed using ANOVA and Tukey’s Multiple Comparison Test; (SPSS; $p \leq 0.05$). Statistical summaries are available upon request. T-tests were used to compare results for each variety at different levels of N.

Results and Discussion – Chippers

Sample hills of each variety were dug for a field day at CDCS August 24, 2017. Photos of these varieties are shown in Figure 2.



Figure 2. Chipping varieties at CDCS field day August 24, 2017: a) AC Hamer, b) AC Vigor, c) ODF007, d) ASPI17-5, e) Atlantic, f) Destiny, g) ODF009, and h) Monticello.

Yield data (total yield; ton/ac) and specific gravities of each of the chipping cultivars are shown in Table 2. When grown on moderate nitrogen (180 lbs/ac), total yield ranged from 22.4 ton/ac for ODF009 to over 30 ton/ac for AC Vigor and ASPI17-5. The yields of Destiny and ODF009 were significantly lower than yield of ASPI17-5, Atlantic and AC Vigor, but were not statistically different from Monticello or other cultivars in the trial. When grown on low N (100 lbs/ac), yield ranged from 24.1 ton/ac for Destiny and ODF009 to over 30 ton/ac for ODF007, but none of the yields were statistically different at this level of N. ASPI17-5 yielded significantly more on medium N (180 lbs/ac) compared to the low rate of N (100 lbs/ac) indicating that nitrogen fertilizer is required to optimize yield. On moderate N, specific gravity of tubers ranged from 1.088 for AC Hamer and AC Vigor to 1.107 for ODF009. Specific gravities ranged from 1.093 for ASPI17-5 to 1.109 for ODF009 when grown on lower N. All specific gravity measurements were above the threshold for light chip color, in fact, many were

perhaps too high. In 2017, the specific gravity of four entries were significantly reduced when grown on the moderate rate of N, AC Hamer, ODF007, Atlantic, and Destiny.

Further addressing the agronomic needs of each variety may well result in improvements to yield and size profiles when compared to the results in this trial.

Table 2: Estimated total yield (ton/acre) and specific gravity for each chipping variety grown on approximately 180 lbs/ac nitrogen (Moderate N) and 100 lbs/ac nitrogen (Low N). Data shown is the mean of four replicates. Data followed by the same letter in each column of the table are not significantly different at the $p < 0.05$ level.

CDCS	Yield (ton/ac)	SG
<i>Moderate N</i>		
AC Hamer	26.6 abc	1.088 c†
AC Vigor	30.3 ab	1.088 c
ODF007	27.9 abc	1.097 b†
ASPI17-5	32.0 a†	1.087 c
Atlantic	28.9 ab	1.097 b†
Destiny	22.6 c	1.101 ab†
ODF009	22.4 c	1.107 a
Monticello	24.7 bc	1.103 ab
<i>Low N</i>		
AC Hamer	24.4 a	1.105 a†
AC Vigor	26.7 a	1.097 bc
ODF007	30.2 a	1.103 ab†
ASPI17-5	25.4 a†	1.093 c
Atlantic	26.9 a	1.106 a†
Destiny	24.1 a	1.108 a†
ODF009	24.1 a	1.109 a
Monticello	26.7 a	1.108 a

† Data between the regular and low N plots was statistically different at the $p \leq 0.05$ level.

The mean percentage of total tuber number in each size category is shown in Table 3. The majority of tubers for each variety fell into the marketable category (48 – 88mm) for all cultivars except Destiny whether grown on moderate or low N. AC Hamer and Destiny produced a significantly higher percentage of tubers in the small size category and a significantly lower percentage of medium sized tubers compared to the standard cultivars when grown on moderate N. When grown on moderate N, AC Hamer, Destiny and ASPI17-5 produced a significantly higher percentage of small tubers than the standard entries. All of the entries produced significantly lower percentages of oversized tubers than Atlantic grown on low N. ASPI17-5 was the only variety with a significant shift in the percentage of tubers in each size category as a response to N fertility, with a shift toward larger tuber size in response to moderate N.

Table 3: Percentage of total tuber number in each size category (< 48mm, 48 to 88mm, > 88mm, and deformed) for each chipping variety grown on moderate nitrogen (approximately 180 lbs/ac) and 100 lbs/ac nitrogen (Low N). Data shown is the mean of four replicates. Data followed by the same letter in each column of the table are not significantly different at the $p < 0.05$ level.

CDCS	< 48mm	48 to 88mm	> 88mm	Deformed
<i>Moderate N</i>				
AC Hamer	44.8 b	54.5 c	0.3 b	0.5 a
AC Vigor	26.3 c	71.0 ab	1.8 b	0.5 a
ODF007	28.8 c	69.8 ab	0.5 b	1.3 a
ASPI17-5	31.0 c†	66.3 abc†	2.3 ab†	0.5 a
Atlantic	14.8 d	78.0 a	6.3 a	0.8 a
Destiny	59.3 a	40.3 d	0.0 b	0.8 a
ODF009	35.0 bc	63.5 bc	1.3 b	0.0 a
Monticello	28.8 c	68.3 ab	3.0 ab	0.0 a
<i>Low N</i>				
AC Hamer	42.3 a	57.3 bc	0.2b	0.3 b
AC Vigor	26.8 b	72.3 a	0.5 b	0.0 b
ODF007	25.8 b	71.5 ab	1.5 b	1.0 b
ASPI17-5	41.5 a†	52.3 c†	0.0 b†	6.3 a
Atlantic	19.8 b	71.3 ab	7.3 a	2.0 ab
Destiny	49.3 a	49.5 c	0.0 b	1.3 b
ODF009	28.8 b	69.3 ab	0.3 b	1.0 b
Monticello	27.0 b	70.5 ab	2.0 b	0.5 b

† Data between the regular and low N plots was statistically different at the $p \leq 0.05$ level.

The yield of tubers (estimated ton/ac) of each variety is shown by size category in Table 4. Yield of medium sized tubers ranged from 14.7 ton/ac for Destiny to 26.2 ton/ac for ASPI17-5 on the moderate N plots. Yield of medium potatoes ranged from 18.1 ton/ac for ASPI17-5 to 25.7 ton/ac for ODF007 when grown on low N plots. When grown at a moderate rate of N, Destiny yielded significantly higher yield of tubers under 48mm than other cultivars and significantly lower yield of tubers of marketable size than other entries. Atlantic yielded more tubers over 88mm than other varieties at both levels of N. There were no significant differences in yield of deformed tubers from the moderate N plots, but on low N, ASPI17-5 produced significantly more deformed tubers than other cultivars. When grown on moderate rates of N, ASPI17-5 produced significantly greater yields of tubers 48 to 88mm and over 88mm than when grown on low N.

Table 4: Estimated yield (ton/ac) in each size category (< 48mm, 48 to 88mm, > 41mm, and deformed tubers) for each chipping variety grown on moderate nitrogen (approximately 180 lbs/ac) and at a lower rate of N (100 lbs/ac). Data shown is the mean of four replicates. Data followed by the same letter in each column of the table are not significantly different at the $p < 0.05$ level.

CDCS	Yield of <48mm (ton/ac)	Yield of 48 to 88mm (ton/ac)	Yield of > 88mm (ton/ac)	Yield of deformed (ton/ac)
<i>Moderate N</i>				
AC Hamer	4.9 b	21.4 ab	0.2 b	0.1 a
AC Vigor	2.9 c	25.3 a	1.6 b	0.5 a
ODF007	3.4 c	23.6 a	0.5 b	0.4 a
ASPI17-5	3.4 c	26.2 a†	2.2 ab†	0.3 a
Atlantic	1.4 d	22.0 ab	4.9 a	0.5 a
Destiny	7.6 a	14.7 c	0.0 b	0.3 a
ODF009	3.4 c	17.8 bc	1.2 b	0.0 a
Monticello	2.5 cd	20.5 ab	1.8 b	0.0 a
<i>Low N</i>				
AC Hamer	5.0 ab	19.0 a	0.2 b	0.2 b
AC Vigor	2.7 cd	23.1 a	0.7 b	0.2 b
ODF007	2.6 cd	25.7 a	1.6 b	0.3 b
ASPI17-5	4.5 abc	18.1 a†	0.0 b†	2.8 a
Atlantic	1.5 d	20.1 a	4.9 a	0.3 b
Destiny	5.8 a	17.9 a	0.0 b	0.4 b
ODF009	3.2 bcd	20.2 a	0.4 b	0.3 b
Monticello	2.8 cd	22.0 a	1.8 b	0.1 b

† Data between the regular and low N plots was statistically different at the $p \leq 0.05$ level.

Tubers were assessed subjectively for Uniformity of Size and Overall Appearance. Scores are presented in Table 5. There were no significant differences in Uniformity of Size between cultivars grown at either rate of N. At a moderate rate of N, Destiny was scored significantly lower in overall appearance compared to other cultivars. At a lower rate of N, Atlantic scored lowest for overall appearance. AC Hamer, AC Vigor and Monticello scored significantly better than Atlantic for overall appearance. In 2017, there were no significant differences in overall appearance scores by cultivars between low and moderate N.

Table 5: Subjective tuber assessments: Uniformity of Size was subjectively assessed on each replicate by the same individual during the grading process. Overall Appearance was based on uniformity of size and uniformity of shape, skin colour, deformities and eye depth. Data shown is the mean of 4 replicates.

	Uniformity of Size ¹	Overall Appearance ²
<i>Moderate N</i>		
AC Hamer	3.8 a	3.8 a
AC Vigor	3.5 a	3.5 a
ODF007	3.8 a	3.5 a
ASPI17-5	3.5 a	3.3 a
Atlantic	2.3 a	2.5 ab
Destiny	2.5 a	1.8 b
ODF009	3.0 a	3.3 a
Monticello	3.0 a	3.3 a
<i>Low N</i>		
AC Hamer	3.3 a	3.3 ab
AC Vigor	3.3 a	3.5 a
ODF007	3.0 a	2.8 abc
ASPI17-5		
Atlantic	2.0 a	2.0 c
Destiny	2.8 a	2.3 bc
ODF009	3.3 a	3.0 abc
Monticello	3.0 a	3.3 ab

¹Uniformity of Size: 1 (very variable) - 5 (very uniform)

²Overall Appearance: 1 (very poor) - 5 (outstanding)

‡ Data between the regular and low N plots was statistically different at the $p \leq 0.05$ level.

Tuber samples used to measure specific gravity were evaluated for hollow heart, brown center, stem-end discoloration, other types of internal necrosis and scab. At the moderate rate of N, very few tubers exhibited hollow heart or brown center. Many of the samples had some level of stem-end discoloration or vascular discoloration but these were not tested for wilt organisms. Some level of black scurf was noted on several entries, especially AC Hamer, but no seed treatment was used in the trial. Common scab was noted on isolated tubers from a number of samples, including ODF007, ASPI17-5, and Monticello. At the low rate of N, very few tubers exhibited hollow heart or brown centre. A few tubers showed some stem-end discoloration or vascular discoloration. Internal necrosis was evident in a small percentage of ODF007, Atlantic, and Monticello. Black scurf was noted on AC Hamer, AC Vigor, Atlantic, and Destiny, but no seed treatment was used in the trail. Scab was present at low levels on AC Vigor, Atlantic, Destiny and Monticello. Two cultivars in the low N trial, ODF009 and Atlantic, showed signs of white knot, which is often present in tubers with exceptionally high dry matter.

Chip colour scores of composite samples are presented in Table 6. All of the samples gave excellent chip scores in 2017. A higher L-value indicates a lighter chip. At the moderate rate of N, the lightest chips were produced from ASPI17-5 and AC Hamer. At the low rate of N, the lightest chips were produced from AC Vigor, AC Hamer and Destiny. AC Hamer, AC Vigor, Destiny, ODF009 and Monticello had lighter chips when grown with low N, while Atlantic and ODF007 produced lighter chips from the moderate N plots. These are composite samples from one year of testing and additional testing may be required to determine optimal agronomic conditions for chip quality.

Table 6: Chip colour scores from subsamples of each variety grown at moderate nitrogen (approximately 180 lbs/ac) and at a lower rate of N (100 lbs/ac). Data shown is the mean of duplicate analyses of a composite sample evaluated on a Hunter Colorimeter (L is a lightness score; higher numbers are lighter).

	L (Moderate N)	L (Low N)
AC Hamer	69.9	72.3
AC Vigor	67.4	72.3
ODF007	65.2	57.2
ASPI17-5	69.0	n/a
Atlantic	68.8	64.0
Destiny	68.1	72.6
ODF009	65.4	69.3
Monticello	63.6	68.0

Conclusions

The 2017 variety trial included 5 chipping potato cultivars with potential in southern Alberta. Atlantic, AC Vigor and Monticello were included in the trial as check varieties at both rates of N.

Total yield of Destiny and ODF009 was significantly lower than that of Atlantic when provided with moderate rates of N, but differences in total yield were not significant on the low N plots. Specific gravity was significantly higher for ODF007, Destiny, AC Hamer and ODF009 grown on low N compared to moderate N.

Yield of marketable sized tubers was greatest for ASPI17-5, although only significantly higher than Destiny and Kibbbitz on moderate N. This variety also responded positively to additional N.

All samples gave excellent chip colour. On Moderate N plots, the lightest chips were observed for ASPI17-5 and AC Hamer. On low N plots, AC Hamer, AC Vigor and Destiny had the highest chip scores.

The trial was designed to provide regional data for a wide range of potato cultivars. Addressing the agronomic needs of each variety may well result in improvements to yield and size profiles when compared to the results in this year of the trial.

Recommendations

- Varieties should be grown in southern Alberta for at least 3 years and these results need to be compiled to ensure a reasonable evaluation.
- To establish better estimates of yield potential and size profile for the varieties, each variety should be grown under optimal agronomic conditions (fertility, plant density, etc.).

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Variety Medium N Brooks - 2017 - Ful

20 Seed pieces per row

24 x 88m = 2112m²

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12" spacing		Guard		Guard		Guard		Guard		Guard		Guard		Guard		Guard			
24	3001	Destiny	3011	EPG17-4	3021	Russet Burbank Calif	3031	Bonnata	3041	ODF007	4001	Yukon Gold	4011	LW17-1	4021	EPG17-1	4031	EPG17-4	
23	3002	Excellency	3012	Monticello	3022	Atlantic	3032	ASPI17-9			4002	ASPI17-5	4012	ODF010	4022	Norland	4032	ODF007	
22	3003	PGP17-1	3013	Blazer Russet	3023	ASPI17-4	3033	Red Apple			4003	AC Vigor	4013	Russet Burbank	4023	Shepody	4033	Destiny	
21	3004	Kennebec	3014	ASPI17-2	3024	Basin Russet	3034	LW17-1			4004	Russet Burbank Cali	4014	ASPI010	4024	ASPI17-2	4034	ASPI17-7	
20	3005	AC Hamer	3015	ASPI17-1	3025	Rosa Gold	3035	ASPI17-7			4005	Kennebec	4015	Cerata	4025	Bridget	4035	LW17-2	
19	3006	Bridget	3016	ASPI17-8	3026	ASPI010	3036	LW17-2			4006	ASPI17-9	4016	Atlantic	4026	RV012	4036	AC Hamer	
18	3007	RV012	3017	Yukon Gold	3027	ASPI17-5	3037	EPG17-1			4007	ASPI17-1	4017	ASPI17-4	4027	ASPI17-8	4037	AC Hamer	
17	3008	Norland	3018	ODF010	3028	EPG17-3	3038	Russet Burbank			4008	ODF009	4018	PGP17-1	4028	Red Apple	4038	Bonnata	
16	3009	EPG17-2	3019	AC Vigor	3029	Shepody	3039	Cerata			4009	Blazer Russet	4019	EPG17-3	4029	Basin Russet	4039	Excellency	
15	3010	EPG17-5	3020	AC Hamer	3030	ODF009	3040	ASPI17-2	4041	Monticello	4010	EPG17-2	4020	Rosa Gold	4030	EPG17-5	4040	ASPI17-2	
13	Guard	3 m	Guard	Guard	Guard	Guard	Guard	Guard	Guard	Guard	Guard	Guard	Guard	Guard	Guard	Guard	Guard	Guard	
6m																			
12" spacing																			
Guard = Russet Burbank																			
12	1001	ASPI17-2	1011	ODF009	1021	Destiny	1031	EPG17-2	1041	AC Hamer	2001	ASPI17-2	2011	ODF007	2021	LW17-1	2031	ASPI17-7	
11	1002	ASPI17-2	1012	Basin Russet	1022	Rosa Gold	1032	Bonnata	1042	ODF007	2002	ASPI17-5	2012	Destiny	2022	ASPI17-9	2032	EPG17-4	
10	1003	ASPI17-8	1013	Bridget	1023	Yukon Gold	1033	ASPI17-4	1043	ODF009	2003	Basin Russet	2013	EPG17-5	2023	Rosa Gold	2033	EPG17-1	
9	1004	Kennebec	1014	RV012	1024	EPG17-5	1034	Russet Burbank	1044	Monticello	2004	Bridget	2014	AC Vigor	2024	AC Hamer	2034	ODF009	
8	1005	Shepody	1015	ODF010	1025	Norland	1035	ASPI17-5	1045	5004	2005	2005	2015	2025	2025	2035	2035	2035	
7	1006	ASPI17-1	1016	AC Vigor	1026	LW17-1	1036	EPG17-4	1046	Atlantic	2006	ASPI010	2016	Atlantic	2026	EPG17-3	2036	EPG17-2	
6	1007	ASPI17-9	1017	LW17-2	1027	AC Hamer	1037	Russet Burbank Calif	1047	AC Hamer	2007	ASPI17-4	2017	Red Apple	2027	LW17-2	2037	ASPI17-1	
5	1008	EPG17-1	1018	PGP17-1	1028	Atlantic	1038	ASPI010	1048	Destiny	2008	Bonnata	2018	Shepody	2028	ASPI17-8	2038	Kennebec	
4	1009	Monticello	1019	Excellency	1029	ODF007	1039	Red Apple	1049	AC Vigor	2009	Russet Burbank	2019	Russet Burbank Cali	2029	Cerata	2039	Yukon Gold	
3	1010	EPG17-3	1020	Blazer Russet	1030	ASPI17-7	1040	Cerata	2041	ODF010	2010	ASPI17-2	2020	Norland	2030	Blazer Russet	2040	Monticello	
2	Guard	3 m	Guard	Guard	Guard	Guard	Guard	Guard	Guard	Guard	Guard	Guard	Guard	Guard	Guard	Guard	Guard	Guard	
1	6m																		