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www.sweetpotatoconvention.com



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FIELD MEETING OCTOBER 27, 2016, WITH LSU PLANT BREEDER DR. DON LaBONTE

Please join me on Thursday, October 17 for a brief field day and lunch to see examples of the Advanced Line Trial (ALT). This year there are about 50 entries from NCSU and LSU. As a result, harvest will begin the day before, on October 26. Samples will be on display at Dave Souza's seed building. The main emphasis of the trial is to evaluate new red yam varieties, but there are also sweets, Japanese, and even some purple/purples. Don will also be there to discuss the licensing program and answer your questions. Box lunch provided.

Sweetpotato ALT Harvest Field Day

Thursday, Oct 27, noon - 1:30 pm

D&S Seed Storage Shed, corner of Sunset and Hull Rds

Lunch: Boxed sandwich and drinks + BBQ sweetpotatoes (come taste the new entries hot off the grill)

Special Guest: Dr. Don LaBonte, LSU

General Notes:

The Sweet Potato Council of California hosts the 55th annual convention this year, in San Diego. Please make your registration and room reservations soon.

Harvest-to-date suggests we have good yields and quality this year. I was initially worried about Bellevue because it had good plant production last spring, which is atypical for this variety. The fields I have observed, however, have had good set and quality. Now that it is past mid October, it is susceptible to air cracking. Any late harvests should be done in the afternoon if possible.

Nimitz nematicide received federal registration this year, which means this product may be registered in California in 2018. It is effective, but application methods still need to be determined.

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