[**Late blight forecast for August 18th, 202**](https://d-linnard.github.io/LateBlight/)**3**

**Forecast:** Late blight has not been reported in the Columbia Basin of Washington. The probabilities that late blight will occur in 2023 are presented below.

* Othello: 0.21
* Tri-Cities: 0.26
* Prosser: 0.18

**Recommendations:**

1. Eliminate culls, tuber refuse, and volunteer potato plants, especially in fields with or near late blight last year.
2. Monitor fields for late blight on regular bases. This is very important for (i) effective management and (ii) accurate forecasting. Growers, field representatives, and extension agents serve as the eyes on the ground. We need this information to provide meaningful forecasts.

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