

4th National Virus Forum
10th Feb 2020
Via teams Meeting

9.00am Start, finish by 12.30
Mark Taylor Chairing

Note to all – we are compressing quite a large agenda into a relatively short meeting. Celebrate what's been achieved since we started, but please can everyone be concise with their updates, cut to the important information and focus wherever possible on key challenges, activity to be completed and next steps – thank you.

- Welcome, housekeeping and re-cap – **Mark Taylor**
- Updates on key activity and progress
- MT notes 23rd Jan 2023 – the running order is primarily last years
 - Regulatory & Technical Sub-groups – **Gerard Croft** Not sure we need to look back too much. Do we re-visit the sub-group activity? Or just look forward? What should the focus be? Continue to liaise with SASA and APHA/Defra over required adjustments to the SPCS to reflect changing virus pressure. Eg should compulsory burn down take account of aphid pressure as well as the level of virus present within a crop at inspection?
 - Inspection & certification – APHA **John Mundy**, SASA **Christophe Lacomme** John Howlett and Jon Pickup are sending apologies. Report findings from 2022 inspections and observations please Thoughts on reasons behind the increase in PLRV findings and any changes for the 2023 crop
 - DEFRA – latest thinking on legislative change & provisional recommendation – **Helen Fasham** – are you OK with this Helen?
 - Sampling & Testing – Fera **Adrian Fox**, SASA **Christophe Lacomme**, NIAB **Charlotte & Kostya**. Can you please coordinate your feedback and presentation please. Does this year's Tuber Indexing information indicate any concerns?
 - Aphid monitoring and YWT – Fera, **Larissa Collins** Appreciate English information remains confidential to subscribers. Can you talk to trends please? Information ex Scotland? Should some aphid monitoring be included within the SPCS to provide information for inspectors?
 - Comfort Break
 - Technical update Scotland – **Eric Anderson** Scottish Agronomy
 - Technical update England – **Graham Tomalin** VCS Potatoes **John Sarup** – could this include Yorkshire both from a seed and ware perspective?
 - On-farm trials and management approaches – **Sophie Bambridge** B&C Potatoes – are you able to join Sophie?
- Open discussion to identify
 - Feedback and key questions from updates
 - Gaps and essential work
 - Messages to industry and communication
 - Any lobbying activity?

- AOB