

Pale Cyst Nematode (PCN) Program

Infested Field Deregulation Protocol (if remaining in host crop production)

Summary:

A field is declared positive for PCN (infested). Pressure washing and steam sanitation requirements are implemented for all equipment in contact with field soil. Additional regulatory requirements are implemented for movement of commodities from the field. Growing PCN host crops (susceptible potatoes or host weed species) is prohibited until two viability testing methods (live/dead staining assay and bioassay) are negative for viable PCN. To become deregulated, the field must complete a stepwise series of tests to demonstrate that the infestation has been fully eradicated.

