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Potato Healthy Tuber - Industry commited to sustainability & productivity for potato production in China

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How do we feed a growing

world population?

Farm new land

Get more from existing farmland

China largest world potato producer and expected to grow

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- % Total global potato production 2013*
- China is the largest world producer
- Producing 96m tonnes (1/4 world producion) & using an area of 5.6m hectares
- Chinese production expected to double over the next 5-10 years (10m hectares)
- Potato will become the 4th staple crop of the Chinese population
- Current average potato yield in China is 17 tonnes/ha, below the average global yields (19 tonnes/ha) and less than half of that attained in US or Belgium (46 tonnes/ha)



* 2105 Potato Market and Trade Review published by Agri Market

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Syngenta Good Growth Plan – Commited to improve productivity and sustainability

By 2020





Potato Healthy Tuber – what did we set out to do?



PHT





PHT Sustainable Programs - Broad portfolio used in propagation & commercial field crop production



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Registrations expected 2016-2020

PHT – Virus control platform to improve tuber quality



Aphid Control

- Understand and monitor aphid population
- Establish insecticide
 protocols with good rotation
- Assess mineral oil
- Development of new products to extend products available for the grower

Sanitation, roguing & crop management

- Disinfection of planting equipment
- Guidelines on roguing
- Guidelines on proper disposal of infected field material
- Guidelines on field placement
- Guidelines on weed control

Virus testing

- Establishing protocols to monitor virus at planting, during the season, at harvest & storage for tuber propagation
- Evaluate ELISA, PCR & GenChip to increase speed and accuracy while reducing costs

Ensuring quality assessment during all stages of potato propagation



PHT - Monitoring aphids using yellow sticky and dish traps











PHT – understanding aphid species & population dynamics to assess virus risk





PHT – Providing crop protection programs for best aphid control ensuring resistance management





PHT – Virus testing comparison of methods to optimize tuber quality

	ELISA	PCR	GeneChip*
Time (h)	12	5	5
Extraction	Grinding samples by hand	Grinding samples by machine	Grinding samples by hand
Number Virus / test	1	2-3	8
Sensitivity	Low	High	High
Accuracy	Low	High	High
Tissue stage	Leaf	Leaf and tuber	Leaf and tuber
Disadvantage	Low sensitivity	Primer design	Samples grinding and no high throughput today



* GeneChip developed by GeneTop

PHT – Stewardship on crop protection products as part of sustainability



Application technology training in Snow Valley Farm July 2017 Application technology training in Zheng Feng Farm July 2017





Our journey together for better potato production

- Enhancing potato productivity while ensuring sustainability:
 - Collaboration & commitment with local and international partners to meet the challenge
 - Bring technology and knowhow to Chinese potato growers to improve their production and yields
 - Re-evaluate traditional production systems and implement proven management practices with innovation to achieve sustainable productivity in potato
- Through Potato Healthy Tuber







Bringing plant potential to life