Researcher: Luis Esneider Acosta and Yeison Torres **Research organization:** Agroglobal S.A., Bogota, Colombia **Farmer:** Nicolas Sierra

Location: Samaca, Boyaca, Vereda Centro, Colombia *Variety:* R12

Planting date: December 22, 2017

Experimental design: A potato trial was initiated on 1.0 hectare of a potato field, where Vitazyme was applied to compare its effects with adjoining untreated control areas.

1 Control 😢 Vitazyme

Fertilization: 15-15-15 % N-P₂0₅-K₂0 + boron +zinc applied in-furrow at planting

Vitazyme applications: (1) 1 liter/ha, plus an insecticide and Proggib applied in-furrow at planting; (2) 1 liter/ha sprayed on the leaves and soil 38 days after planting; (3) 1 liter/ha sprayed on the leaves and soil 88 days after planting

Applications at 38 days after

planting: Minerva 50 WP fungicide, Peg-p fertilizer, Magestic insecticide, clorpiryfos insecticide, and Yuma fungicide

Applications at 88 days after

planting: Dkp 500, Strike, Carrier, CaMg Nitrongs, Green Mix, Irriplant CaMgK, Orthocide, Forum, Diligent, and Chlorpyricol

Growth and yield results at 143 days after planting: This sampling was

performed 30 days before harvest, due to excessive rains. Ten plants from the treated and control areas were harvested for evaluations.



Increase in tuber number with Vitazyme: 80%



The effect of Vitazyme (Globaplant) to improve not only tuber numbers, but also uniformity of tubers and total yield, is clearly seen in this Colombia study.



The Vitazyme treated plants had many larger tubers and many fewer small tubers.

Conclusion: A potato field trial in Colombia, using three 1 liter/ha Vitazyme (Globaplant) applications from planting to 88 days after planting, produced excellent results in terms of tubers per plant (+58%), total tuber weight (+100%), and average tuber weight (+12%). The size distribution for Vitazyme was skewed towards the larger sizes versus the untreated control. These results display the great efficacy of Vitazyme (Globaplant) for use with potato production in Colombia.



Increase in total tuber weight with Vitazyme: 100%

Average Tuber Weight



Increase in averaage tuber weight with Vitazyme: 12% Tubor Cizo Dictribution

Researcher: Diana Urrea Ramirez

Research organization: Agroglobal S.A., Bogota, Colombia **Location:** Andes Mountains

Variety: unknown

Planting rate: unknown

Planting date: unknown

Experimental design: A potato field received Vitazyme on one portion, while the remainder of the field was left untreated. Yield and plant quality effects of the product were evaluated.

🚺 Control 😢 Vitazyme

Fertilization: unknown

Vitazyme applications: (1) 1 liter/ha banded in-furrow at planting; (2) 1 liter/ha sprayed foliar along with a fungicide Tuber quality results: The tubers for representative plants were classified into 3 categories, and calculated as a percentage of the



Vitazyme produced a much higher quality of tuber, on average, than the untreated control plants, the number 1 plants being 12.7% higher, with far fewer number 3 tubers as well.



Conclusion: This potato trial with Vitazyme [Globaplant] in Colombia produced an excellent response from an in-furrow application, plus a foliar spray, both at 1 liter/ha. Compared to the untreated control, Vitazyme caused a 58% increase in

tuber number and a 46% increase in tuber weight per plant and yield. This program is shown to be an excellent addition to the agronomic practices of potato growers in Colombia.

Tuber yield results:

Researcher: Luis Esneider Acosta and Yeison Torres **Research organization:** Agroglobal S.A., Bogota, Colombia **Location:** Samaca, Boyaca, Colombia **Variety:** R1 **Experimental design:** A potato field was selected for a

Vitazyme (Globaplant) trial, 1.0 hectare of which was treated with the Vitazyme program to compare with the untreated control. The purpose of the trial was to determine the effect of this product on potato growth and yield. **Fertilization:** unknown

1 Control 😢 Vitazyme

Vitazyme applications: (1) 1 liter/ha of Vitazyme (Globaplant) sprayed on the leaves and soil at an unspecified time, mixed with Progibb (a gibberellin growth regular) and an insecticide; (2) 1 liter/ha of Vitazyme (Globaplant) sprayed on the leaves and soil 71 days after the first application.

Yield results 133 days after planting: Two plants per treatment were evaluated.



The effects of Vitazyme (Globaplant) on potato growth is obvious in this photo, showing greater top and root mass, more leaf chlorophyll, greater tuber number and size, and thus greater yield potential.



Increase in tuber number with Vitazyme: 58% Tuber Weight Per Plant



Increase in tuber weight with Vitazyme: 46% **Conclusion:** A potato trial in Colombia, using two Vitazyme (Globaplant) applications, revealed that the tuber number per plant was increased by 58% and the tuber weight per plant by 46% with Vitazyme. This program is an excellent one for potato growers in Colombia.

Potatoes with Vitazyme application

Researcher: V.V. Plotnikov

Research organization: Plant Designs, Inc, Rochester, New York, and Agro Expert International, Kaharlyk, Ukraine

Location: Illintsi District, Vinnytsia Region, Slobodyshche Village, Gontareve Farm, Ukraine

Variety: Roko, first generation

Planting date: May 9, 2018

Previous crop: winter wheat

Soil type: typical chernozem (humus = 4.5%)

Planting rate: 42,000 tubers/ha

Field preparation: disking to 6-8 cm, plowing to 20-22 cm, cultivation to 10-12 cm

Experimental design: A potato field was divided into Vitazyme treated and untreated portions to evaluate the effectiveness of this program to increase tuber yield and income.

1 Control 🕗 Vitazyme

Fertilization: in the autumn of 2017, 60 tonnes/ha of manure, and 300-150-360 kg/ ha of N-P₂0₅-K₂0

Vitazyme application: (1) 1 liter/ha sprayed on the leaves and soil at 15 to 20 cm plant height on June 14; (2) 1 liter/ha sprayed on the plants at early bloom on June 25

Yield results:

Treatment	Tuber yield	Yield change
	tonnes/ha	tonnes/ha
Control	55.0	—
Vitazyme	72.0	17.0 (+31%)

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Vitazyme applied to potatoes enhances chlorophyll development, thus fixing more carbon dioxide and sunlight energy for greater tuber production.



Tuber yield increase with Vitazyme: 31% Income results: The tuber yield increase of 17 tonnes/ha provided \$2,006/ha more income Conclusions: This Ukrainian potato study, which utilized two 1 liter/ha foliar/soil applications, at 15 to 20 cm height and at early bloom, caused a remarkable yield increase of 31%, leading to \$2,006/ha more income. This program is thus shown to be highly effective for potato growers in Ukraine.

Researcher: W. H. "Butch" Palmer

Palmer Research organization: Reality Research, Williamson, New York

Location: Williamson, New York

Variety: Atlantic Planting date: June 24, 2017 Tillage: Conventional Row spacing: 3 feet In-row spacing: 8 inches

Plant population: 21,780 plants/acre

Function 21,700 plants/acre

Experimental design: A randomized complete block design with six replications was selected for a potato trial, using plots that were 12 x 100 feet. Five treatments were used, including Vitazyme and WakeUp Summer, alone and in combination, to evaluate the effects of these treatments on tuber yield, plant growth, and tuber quality.

Fertilization: See the table to the right.

Vitazyme application: See the table to the right.

WakeUp Summer application: See the table to the right. WakeUp Summer is a vegetable-based adjuvant.

Yield, quality, and growth results: Harvest occurred on August 27, 2017. In all cases, means followed by the same letter are not significantly different at P=0.10.

Treatment	Fertilizer ¹	Vitazyme ²	WakeUp Summer ³
1. Control	0	0	0
2. Vitazyme + Fert	х	х	0
3. WakeUp + Fert	х	0	х
4. Vita + WakeUp+ Fert	х	х	х
5. Fertilizer only	х	0	0

 $^{1}1,000$ lb/acre of a 15-15-15 dry fertilizer to give 150-150-150 lb/acre of $N\text{-}P_{2}0_{s}\text{-}K_{2}0;$ applied June 29.

²(1) 13 oz/acre (1 liter/ha) in-furrow at planting on June 24; (2) 13 oz/acre (1 liter/ha) sprayed on the leaves and soil at tuber initiation (July 28); (3) 13 oz/acre (1 liter/ha) sprayed on the leaves at tuber bulking (August 28).
 ³(1) 4 oz/acre (0.3 liter/ha) in-furrow at planting on June 24; (2) 4 oz/acre (0.3 liter/ha) sprayed on the leaves and soil at tuber initiation (July 28); (3) 4 oz/acre (0.3 liter/acre) sprayed on the leaves at tuber bulking (August 28).

Treatment	Emerged plants, 7-11	Plant height, 8-3	Leaf chlorophyl, 8-4	Leaf length, 8-4	Leaf width, 8-4	Plant height, 8-29	Plant width, 8-29	Plant width, 8-3
	%	in	value	cm	cm	in	in	in
1. Control	24.2 d	19.0 d	39.3 c	—	—	15.7 b	15.5 d	26.0 cd
2. Vitazyme	84.2 ab	24.8 a	46.2 a	6.5 a	4.2 ab	19.5 a	43.0 b	31.2 bc
3. WakeUp	90.0 a	24.0 ab	42.6 b	6.2 b	4.0 b	21.2 a	40.8 b	27.0 cd
4. Vitazyme + WakeUp	70.8 b	21.0 с	46.6 a	6.5 ab	4.3 a	22.0 a	50.2 a	24.3 d
5. Fertilizer only	53.3 c	23.0 b	_		_	22.1 a	25.7 c	45.8 a

Treatment	Tubers per plants, 8-3	Total tuber weight, 8-3	Average tuber weight, 8-3	Tubers per plant, 8-29	Total tuber weight, 8-29	Average tuber weight, 8-29	Root weight fresh, 8-3
		g	g		g	g	g
1. Control	5.2 b	50.5 c	10.8 a	8.0 a	190.5 c	25.2 d	108 a
2. Vitazyme	9.3 ab	104.7 ab	13.4 a	10.3 a	772.6 ab	78.3 bc	222 a
3. WakeUp	10.5 a	101.5 abc	11.1 a	9.8 a	577.6 b	64.2 c	176 a
4. Vitazyme + WakeUp	8.5 ab	58.0 bc	10.0 a	9.7 a	715.2 ab	79.6 abc	180 a
5. Fertilizer only	7.2 ab	114.7 a	16.5 a	10.0 a	943.5 a	97.4 ab	248 a

Treatment	Foliage wt. fresh, 8-3	Root wt. fresh, 8-29	Total wt. sellable Chefs	Dry matter in roots, 9-5	Foliage wt. fresh, 8-29	Total wt. sellable, As	Dry matter in foliage, 8-14	Total wt. sellable, Bs
	kg	g	cwt/acre	%	kg	cwt/acre	%	cwt/acre
1. Control	0.46 a	80 a	0 c	23.8 a	0.6 a	89.83 b	64.9 a	40.08 cd
2. Vitazyme	3.21 a	222 a	4.60 c	25.7 a	3.2 a	376.95 a	73.8 a	64.25 a
3. WakeUp	2.21 a	176 a	12.25 c	24.4 a	2.2 a	384.62 a	63.8 a	59.23 ab
4. Vitazyme + WakeUp	4.68 a	180 a	58.77 bc	25.0 a	4.7 a	431.45 a	81.2 a	39.37 cd
5. Fertilizer only	3.48 a	280 a	125.95 a	23.0 a	5.8 a	435.90 a	81.3 a	30.13 d

Many other measurements were taken in this study, some of which are summarized in the graphs that follow along with some of the data shown in the graphs on the previous page.

Treatment	Total weight sellable tubers
	cwt/acre
1. Control	89.8 b
2. Vitazyme	376.9 a
3. WakeUp	384.6 a
4. Vitazyme + WakeUp	431.5 a
5. Fertilizer only	435.9 a





Emerged Plants on July 11 Percent Plants Emerged 100— 90.0 90— 84.2 80— 70.8 53.3 24.2 20-10-0 Control Vitazyme WakeUp Vita+WakeUp Fertilizer

Dry Matter in Plant Foliage & Roots on September 5



Tuber Yield by Grade (Size) 450-410<u>.2</u> **Chef's Total Yield** 400-380.4 Chef's Yield of SELLABLE 360.8 Average cwt/acre (100 lb/acre) 350-A's Total Yield 329.4 318.9 A's Yield of SELLABLE 308.9 303.5 300-**B's Total Yield** 276.6 **B's Yield of SELLABLE** 250— 218.4 200-150-126.0 115.2 110.9 100— 64.3 64.3 60.5 59.2 58.8 <u>46.1</u> 40.8 40.1 50-30.9 30.1 40.<u>1</u> 39.4 19.8 4.6 26.1 12.3 0 0 0-WakeUp Vita + WakeUp Control Vitazyme Fertilizer

Hollow Heart in Tubers



Conclusions: A medium-sized plot potato trial in western New York produced very interesting results in terms of effects of Vitazyme, WakeUp, and fertilizer effects on the crop. All plots were treated with a 15-15-15 fertilizer, except for the control, and Vitazyme and WakeUp were applied in-furrow and twice more foliar—at tuber initiation and at tuber bulking. The statistically analyzed data revealed the following

- Significantly faster emergence of plants with Vitazyme and WakeUp, alone and in combination, compared to the control and fertilizer alone
- Greater height and width of plants mid-season for Vitazyme, WakeUp, and the combined products than fertilizer alone or the control

- Higher leaf chlorophyll with Vitazyme and WakeUp than the control, though Vitazyme alone and combined with the WakeUp had significantly more chlorophyll in the leaves than did WakeUp alone
- No significant difference in dry matter of the leaves and roots among th five treatments
- No significant total sellable tuber weight among the four treatments, all of them exceeding the control at P=0.10
- Significantly less hollow heart in Chef grade tubers for both Vitazyme and WakeUp alone (14.3 and 15.0%) compared to the combined products and to fertilizer alone (53.3 and 56.7%)
- Tuber size effects: The Vitazyme, WakeUp, and Vitazyme + WakeUp treatments all produced more medium-sized (Grades A and B) tubers than did the fertilizer treatment alone, though the fertilizer alone produced the greatest number of large (Chef) sized tubers. Note the following size distribution graph to the right.

Tuber Percentages in Size Categories* 100 81 Vitazyme alone 80 WakeUp alone 75 Vita+Wakup **Tuber Percentages** Fertilizer alone 50 29 25 0 А В C Chef Potato Grade (Size) *Based on percentage of sellable tubers for each size category.

Vitazyme and WakeUp Summer, alone and in combination, modified the fertilizer effects on potatoes by increasing the number of medium-grade tubers, especially Grade A, while reducing the number of large Chef-sized tubers. Total tuber yields were not significantly different.

Potatoes with Vitazyme application

Researcher: Vadim Plotnikov

Research organization: "Gontarevo" Farm, Ukraine, Plant Designs, New York, USA, and Agro Expert International, Ukraine

Location: Illintsi District, Vinnytsia Region, Slobodyshche Village, Ukraine Variety: Grenada (generation 1) Seeding rate: 50,000 tubers/ha Planting date: April 25, 2017

Previous crop: wheat

- **Soil type:** typical Chernozem; humus = 4.5%
- **Soil preparation:** disking to 6-8 cm, plowing to 22-24 cm, harrowing to 10-12 cm

Experimental design: A potato field was divided into Vitazyme treated and untreated control areas to determine the efficacy of this product in promoting yield increases.

1 Control 🕗 Vitazyme

- **Fertilization:** 40 tons/ha of manure before plowing, the fall of 2016, providing 200-100-240 kg/ha of N-P₂0₅-K₂0
- Vitazyme application: 1 liter/ha sprayed on the leaves and soil at flower bud formation (June 11), and 1 liter/ha sprayed on the leaves at mid-flowering (July 1)

Growing season weather: dry



These potatoes grown in Ukraine show a pronounced advantage when treated with Vitayme. Note the plant size, tuber number, and tuber uniformity.

Yield results:

Treatment	Tuber yield	Yield change
	tons/ha	ton/ha
1. Control	41.0	—
2. Vitazyme	62.0	21.0 (+51%)

Yield increase in tuber yield with Vitazyme: 51%



- **Income results:** At a price of \$97.95/ton of potatoes, the added 21.0 tons/ha gave an additional \$2,057/ha income.
- **Conclusions:** A potato field-scale trial in central Ukraine proved that Vitazyme, applied two times at 1 liter/ha, at flower bud formation and at mid-bloom, yielded an additional 21.0 tons/ha of tubers (51%) compared with the untreated control. This additional yield provided the farmer an additional \$2,057/ha of income, revealing the great efficacy of this program for potato production in Ukraine.

/ita<mark>Earth</mark> 2015 Crop Results

Potatoes with Vitazyme application

Researchers: Martin Perez, Jonathan Pedroza, and Lucero Fernandez Farmer: Virginia Perez Heredia Research organization: Quimica Lucava Location: San Francisco del Rincon, Guanajuato, Mexico Variety: Agatas

Planting date: January 31, 2015 **Experimental design:** A 2 ha part of a potato field was treated with three Vitazyme applications to determine the effect of the product on tuber yield and size, and income.



Fertilization: unknown

Vitazyme application: (1) banded over the seed pieces at 1 liter/ha at planting; (2) 1 liter/ha sprayed on the leaves and soil on March 26;

(3) 1 liter/ha sprayed on the leaves and soil on April 25.

Harvest date: June 3, 2015, 123 days after planting

Growth observations: On April 25, plants were evaluated and showed the following:

- A greater number of tubers with Vitazyme
- Better tuber uniformity with Vitazyme
- Greater root development and thicker stems with Vitazyme

Tuber size evaluation: Two areas were harvested for each sample listed in the table below.



Notice that the Vitazyme treatment had more tubers in the larger categories (I, II, and III) compared to the control, while there were considerably fewer small tubers (IV).



The third application of Vitazyme is being sprayed on the potato crop at San Francisco del Rincon in this Mexican trial.



An excellent response to three Vitazyme treatments is shown(right), with greater numbers and uniformity of tubers. Yield increased by 6%.



Tuber yield: The number of 100 kg sacks/0.3 ha were counted to determine the yield.

Tuber size						
Treatment	Ι	II	III	IV	Total	Change
	tons/ha					
Control	18.26	14.32	11.36	9.62	53.56	—
Vitazyme	19.70	17.65	13.26	6.14	56.75	3.19(+6%)
Increase in tuber yield with Vitazyme: 6%						

Income results:

Treatment	Yield	Yield change	Added income ¹	Net income ²	Cost : Benefit	
	kg/ha	kg/ha	USD/ha	USD/ha		
Control	53,560					
Vitazyme 56,740 3,180 2,639 2,522 21.5					21.5	
¹ Wholesale potato price = USD 0.83/kg. ² Vitazyme program cost (with labor) = 117.24 USD/ha.						

Added income with Vitazyme: 2,522 USD/ha Increased cost : benefit with Vitazyme: 21.5

Conclusion: A potato trial in Guanajuato, Mexico, revealed that three Vitazyme applications produced healthier plants having more roots, stems, and leaves, as well as a greater percentage of large tubers (sizes I, II, and III), and fewer small tubers (size IV) than the untreated control. The tuber yield was increased by 6%, giving a greater profit of 2,522 USD/ha. This income increase produced a cost : benefit of 21.5, showing the excellent efficacy of the program for Mexican potato production.

Potatoes with Vitazyme application. A study conducted in 2013

Research organization: Soepenberg

and Agro Macaj, Kralova, Slovakia *Location:* Senci, Slovakia *Variety:* unknown

Experimental design: A potato field was divided into Vitazyme treated and untreated control areas to determine the yield of the crop.

1 Control 😢 Vitazyme

Fertilization: unknown

Vitazyme application: 1 liter/ha (time unknown)

Yield results:

Treatment	Yield	Yield change		
	tons/ha	tons/ha		
Control	25.60	—		
Vitazyme	29.18	3.58 (+14%)		
Increase in tuber yield with Vitazyme: 14%				

Tuber Yield,
tons/ha35—tuber yield,
tons/ha30—29.1825—25.6020—15—ControlVitazyme

Conclusions: Potatoes grown in Slovakia

responded very well to Vitazyme, producing a 14% yield increase, showing the efficacy of this program for growers in this region.

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2014 Crop Results						
Vitazyme on Potatoes						
Researcher:unknownResearch organization:Viva Plus LLC, UkraineLocation:Brovary District, Kiev Region, Krasylivka Village, UkraineVariety:MarphonaPlanting date:unknownExperimental design:A potato field was divided into a control and an adjoining Vitazyme treated area toevaluate the effect of the product on potato tuber yield.All other factors of the experiment were identical for						
both treatments except for Vitazyme application.	2 Vitazyme					
<u>Fertilization</u> : unknown	2. Vitazyine					
Vitazyme application: (1) 1 liter/ha sprayed on the leaves	at flower bud formation (June 10); (2) 1 liter/ha					
sprayed on the leaves during bloom (June 24)						
<u>Yield results</u> :	90 Tuber yield,					
Treatment Yield Yield change	kg/ha					
kg/ha kg/ha	60					
$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Control} & 61 &\\ \text{Vitazyme} & 79 & 18 (+30\%) \end{array}$						
	30					

with Vitazyme: 30%



Income results: The net increase in income was 26,390 UAH/ha (\$1,675.77 at 1 UAH = 0.0635 USD). Conclusions: A considerable tuber yield increase of 30% (18 tons/ha) was achieved in this split-field study with two applications of Vitazyme, at bud formation and bloom. The net income rose by 26,390 UAH/ha (\$1,675.77/ha), showing how effective this program to boost yields and profits for potato growers in Ukraine.

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Researcher:Israel Calva PaliFarmer:Armando RamirezLocation:Free, Puebla, MexicoVariety:unknownExperimental design:A potato field was divided into three treatment areas receiving Nutrisorb, CarbonBoost, and Vitazyme in separate areas, applied beneath the seed pieces at planting.The purpose of the trialwas to evaluate the relative effectiveness of the three products to influence potato growth and yield.1. Nutrisorb1. Nutrisorb2. Carbon Boost3. Vitazyme						
<u>Vitazyme applicat</u> <u>Nutrisorb applicat</u> <u>Carbon Boost app <u>Growth results</u>: I the other two proc</u>	<i>Fertilization</i> : unknown <i>Vitazyme application</i> : 1 liter/ha applied beneath the seed pieces at planting <i>Nutrisorb application</i> : 8 liters/ha applied beneath the seed pieces at planting <i>Carbon Boost application</i> : 0.5 liter/ha applied beneath the seed pieces at planting <i>Growth results</i> : Evaluations were made during October of 2012, and revealed that Vitazyme outperformed the other two products:					
 Greater overall plant growth More stems per plant (3.5 versus 2.0) Greater stalk diameter Increased tuber number Improved tuber uniformity Yield results: A weigh wagon was used to quantify yields.						
Treatment	Tuber Yield tons/ha	Yield change* tons/ha	Increase in tuber yield with			
Nutrisorb Carbon Boost	21 29	8 (+38%)	Above Nutrisorb 67%			

*Increase of Carbon Boost and Vitazyme over Nutrisorb.

Vitazyme

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Above Nutrisorb 67% Above Carbon Boost 21%

<u>*Conclusions*</u>: In this Mexican potato trial, Vitazyme greatly increased tuber yield above both Nutrisorb (+67%) and Carbon Boost (+21%), showing this product to be an excellent additive to potato growing programs in Mexico.

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2011 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Potatoes

Researcher:Steven DavidResearch organization:Organic Farming Systems, Perth, AustraliaLocation:Manjimup, Western AustraliaVariety:NadinePlanting date:December 1, 2010Experimental design:A potato field was divided into a Vitazyme treated and untreated area alongside, to
determine the effect of the product on tuber yield and quality.

1. Control2. Vitazyme*Fertilization*:usual farm practice, including TM21 plus Calsap

<u>*Vitazyme application*</u>: (1) 1 liter/ha in-furrow at planting; (2) 1 liter/ha on the leaves and soil at tuber initiation

<u>*Tuber quality*</u>: The Vitazyme treated tubers were **cleaner** at harvest, with **less skin damage and disease**. <u>*Yield results*</u>: The field was sampled on April 14, 2011, 135 days after planting, and total weight, tuber number, and marketable tubers were evaluated.

Treatment	Total weight	Tuber number	Marketable tubers
	kg	number	number
Control	9.49	76	50
Vitazyme	9.81 (+3%)	91 (+20%)	70 (+40%)



<u>Conclusion</u>: A potato study in Western Australia revealed that Vitazyme, applied at planting and at tuber initiation, increased the total yield (3%), tuber number (20%), and marketable tubers (40%), while improving skin integrity by reducing skin damage and disease incidence. Vitazyme is shown to be an excellent addition to potato production in Australia.

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2011 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Potatoes

<u>Researcher (farmer)</u>: Don Fitzpatrick

Variety:Dark red NorlanSoil type:gravely loamRow spacing:34 inchesIn-row spacing:8 inches

Location: Houlton, Maine *Planting date*: May 20, 2011

Experimental design: A 7-acre field was divided into 3 acres treated with Vitazyme at planting, applied in the seed row, and 4 acres untreated for a control. No other applications were made.

1. Control

2. Vitazyme

<u>*Fertilization*</u>: 190-190-75 lb/acre of N-P₂O₅-K₂O applied through the planter at planting; 200 lb/acre of potassium magnesium sulfate (0-0-22-11-23% N-P₂O₅-K₂O-Mg-S) topdressed in mid-June when the plants were breaking through

<u>Vitazyme application</u>: 13 oz/acre in the seed row at planting through the Admire machine, along with Quadras and one other pesticide

Observations during growth: The Vitazyme treated plants had the following characteristics:

- 1. Deeper green leaves
- 2. Longer leaf life; the control area died back earlier.
- 3. Leaves were shinier, and healthier looking.
- 4. The untreated area had a severe insect infestation, but the untreated area was fairly insect free, right to the dividing row.

Harvest date: September 19, 2011

Weather: Temperatures were normal, but rain was excessive during the growing season.

<u>Yield results</u>:

Treatment	Tuber yield	Yield change
	cwt/acre	cwt/acre
Control	305	—
Vitazyme	323	18 (6%)

Increase in yield with Vitazyme: 6%



<u>Conclusion</u>: This potato trial in northern Maine showed that Vitazyme increased tuber yield by 18 cwt/acre, 6% more than the untreated control. The increase was due to only a single application, at planting, and would likely have improved much more had one or two foliar treatments been made later on. The treated plants were more aggressive, healthier, and insect free during the growing season than the control plants.

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2011 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Potatoes Pre-Planting Evaluation

Researcher:Steven DavidResearch organization:Organic Farming Systems, Perth, AustraliaLocation:Manjimup, Western AustraliaVariety:Royal Blue

Planting date: December 1, 2010

Experimental design: To evaluate the effect of an early, pre-planting Vitazyme application on potato yield, a potato field was divided into two parts, both receiving at-planting and pre-row closure treatments, but one also receiving a pre-plant Vitazyme application.

1. Vitazyme twice

2. Vitazyme twice + pre-plant

Fertilization: usual farm practice

<u>Vitazyme application</u>: Both treatments: (1) 1 liter/ha in-furrow at planting; (2) 1 liter/ha on the leaves and soil before row closure. Treatment 2 received an additional 1 liter/ha on the soil before planting during a rotary hoe operation.

Yield results: The treatments were sampled on April 14, 2011, 135 days after planting.

Treatment	Tuber weight	Tuber number	
	kg	number	
Vitazyme twice	5.14	88	
Vitazyme twice + preplant	4.92 (-4%)	83 (-6%)	

<u>Conclusion</u>: This potato trial in Western Australia proved that an additional application of Vitazyme preplant did not benefit tuber yield and number, when both treatments received two other applications, at planting in the row and at pre-row closure. No untreated control was included in this study.

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2009 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Potatoes

<u>Researchers</u>: Brandon Barranco, Farm Manager, and Alan Perry, President <u>Location</u>: near Pearsall, Texas <u>Organization</u>: Black Gold Potato, Pearsall, Texas. and Bedrock Soil Balancing Services, Farm Technologies Network, Presque Isle, Maine <u>Variety</u>: Frito Lay 1867

Seeding rate: 34-inch rows, 10 inches in the row

Planting date: February 9 and 10, 2009

Tillage: conventional, with row hilling

<u>Variety</u>: Frito Lay 1867 <u>Soil type</u>: sandy <u>Previous crop</u>: unknown <u>Irrigation</u>: center pivot

<u>Soil test levels</u>: organic matter, 1.4%; pH, 7.2; N (estimated N release), 48 lb/acre; S (as SO_4), 10 lb/acre; P (as P_2O_5), 409 lb/acre; Ca, 1,927 lb/acre; Mg, 311 lb/acre; K, 706 lb/acre; Na, 110 lb/acre; B, 2.3 lb/acre; Fe, 386 lb/acre; Mn, 106 lb/acre; Cu, 1.6 lb/acre; Zn, 9.0 lb/acre; base saturations, 64% Ca, 17% Mg, 12% K, 3% Na, 4% other bases.

Experimental design: A uniform field under center-pivot irrigation was divided into Vitazyme treated and untreated portions, with the purpose of discovering the effect of Vitazyme on tuber yield and quality.

1. Control

2. Vitazyme applied twice

Fertilization: unknown

<u>Vitazyme application</u>: (1) 1 liter/ha applied on February 12, 2009, along with Dual herbicide by a ground sprayer rig; (2) 1 liter/ha applied May 28, two weeks before harvest

<u>Harvest date</u>: June 10 to 12, 2009

<u>Yield results</u>:

Treatment	Yield	Yield cl	nange
	tons/ha	ton/ha	%
Control	12.5		
Vitazyme	16.0	3.5	28



Increase in tuber yield with Vitazyme: 28%

Quality results: The tubers at harvest were more uniform on the Vitazyme treated area, than in the control treatment.

<u>Conclusions</u>: In this south Texas potato trial, Vitazyme triggered a 28% yield increase above the untreated control, and also produced more uniform tubers, which was a beneficial effect for this variety on top of the tuber increase.

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2009 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Potatoes

<u>Researcher</u>: Binad Fingh, Ph. D. <u>Location</u>: Morepur, Harpur, India <u>Planting date</u>: October 23, 2008

Row spacing: 66 cm

Planting depth: 10 to 12.5 cm

<u>Organization</u>: Merino Industries <u>Variety</u>: Chip-1 <u>Soil type</u>: sandy loam <u>In-row spacing</u>: 15 cm

Soil analysis: pH, 8.06; electrical conductivity, 0.36 ds/m; organicmatter, 0.66%; P, 7.5 kg/ha; K, 210 kg/ha; Zn, 1.99 ppm; Fe, 12.2 ppm; Mn, 1.48 ppm; Cu, 0.58 ppm.

Weed control: hand rouging on December 10 and December 28, 2008

Experimental design: A field was divided into three portions, two treated with Vitazyme, to evaluate the effect of this product on potato yield, tuber size, and profitability

1. Control2. Vitazyme in-furrow + 50 DAP3. Vitazyme on seeds + 50 DAPFertilizer over all areas:(1) Basal treatment: 12.5 tons/ha vermicompost; 200, 150, and 175 kg/ha of N, P_2O_5 , and K_2O as urea, DAP (diammonium phosphate), and MOP (monorthophosphate), with 40% of urea,80% of DAP, and 67% of MOP as a basal dose; 25 kg/ha ZnSO4 was broadcast at planting.

(2) Side-dressing at 30 days after planting: 20% of the DAP; 33% of the MOP; 30% of the urea.

(3) Sidedressing at 40 days after planting: 30% of the urea.

(4) Foliar during growth: 19-19-19% N-P₂O₅-K₂O at 2.5 kg/ha; 13-0-45% N-P₂O₅-K₂O at 1.25 kg/ha. *Vitazyme application*:

<u>vitazyme application</u>.

Treatment	Treatment 1	Treatment 2
1. Control (general practice)	none	none
2. Vitazyme in-furrow	in-furrow at planting at 1 liter/ha	leaves and soil at 1 liter/ha
3. Vitazyme seed treatment	on seeds at 1 liter/ha	leaves and soil at 1 liter/ha

<u>Pesticide application</u>s: Jassid white flies and aphids: 0.25% Thiamethoxam and 0.25% Imidachlorprid; late blight: 2.5 ml/liter Mancozeb, 3 ml/liter Cymoxanil, and 2.5 ml/liter Metaxyl + Mancozeb. <u>Germination results</u>: Both Vitazyme treatments increased the speed of germination above the control, but the tuber treatments gave the greatest boost.

Tubers per area results: The tubers were harvested on March 3, 2009, 92 days after planting.

Tubers Per Square Meter, by Tuber Size



Total Tubers Per Square Meter

Treatment	Total tubers	Change
	tubers/	meter ²
Control	35.9	
Vitazyme in-furrow	54.4	18.5 (+52%)
Vitazyme on seeds	64.3	28.4 (+79%)

Increase in tuber number	
Vitazyme in-furrow 52	%
Vitazyme on seeds 79	%

Tuber yield results:



Total Tuber Yield

Treatment	Total yield	Change
	tor	ns/ha
Control	24.18	
Vitazyme in-furrow	23.96	(-) 0.22 (-1%)
Vitazyme on seeds	25.28	1.10 (+5%)

Increase in tuber yield, Vitazyme on seeds: 5%

NOTE: The low yield results for Vitazyme in this report do not correlate with the tuber numbers reported above. Since the tuber numbers are much greater for both Vitazyme treatments (52% and 79%), and in both treatments the proportion of the 28 to 55 mm tubers is considerably greater than for the same sized tubers of the control, then the yield of both Vitazyme treatments should be at least 52% and 79% greater than the control yield.

Tuber size results:



Vitazyme use, especially on the seeds, produced a much higher proportion of the preferred 28 to 55 mm tubers than did the control.

Increase in 28 to 55 tube	rs
Vitazyme in-furrow	14%
Vitazyme on seeds	24%

Income results: T	he value of ea	ch tuber siz	e was calculated	l for the yield	l data, and totale	d in the table below.

Treatment	Income per tuber size, and totals					
	< 28 mm	28-55 mm	> 55 mm	Cut	Total	Increase
			Rs./h	a		
Control	570.33	1286.91	16.71	1.11	1875.07	—
Vitazyme in-furrow	399.54	1528.68	13.24	0.74	1942.19	67.12
Vitazyme on seeds	293.93	1688.49	5.60	0.47	1988.49	113.42

<u>Conclusions</u>: This potato trial in India, which investigated the effects of Vitazyme on potato growth, yield, and income, showed that the seed and in-furrow treatments, plus a foliar-soil application, hastened emergence and early growth. At harvest, the Vitazyme treatments greatly increased tuber number, by 79% for the seed treatments and by 52% for the in-furrow treatment. The valuable 28 to 55 mm tuber size was much greater for the Vitazyme treatments presented in the report were small — 5% for the seed treatment — but based upon much greater tuber numbers and considerably higher ercentage of 28 to 55 mm tubers for both Vitazyme treatments, these two yields should have been much higher than reported. Likewise, the modest income improvements with Vitazyme should be higher than the above chart shows. It is apparent from this study that Vitazyme does indeed improve potato production and profits in India.

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2009 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Potatoes, for seed

<u>Researcher</u>: David Radtke <u>Variety</u>: Blazer Russet Research organization:San Luis Hills Farm, Fort Garland, ColoradoSoil type:unknownPlanting date:May 19, 2009

<u>*Watering*</u>: center pivot (a long drought period due to well problems)

Experimental design: A potato field having uniform soils was selected for a potato trial, wherein one portion was set off to receive two applications of Vitazyme. The objective was to evaluate the effort of this product on yield and quality of the tubers.

1. Control

2. Vitazyme

<u>*Fertilization*</u>: uniform across the test area, with a total application for the crop of 200-180-150-70-3 of N- P_2O_5 - K_2O -S-Zn, applied preplant or through the irrigation system

<u>Vitazyme application</u>: (1) 13 oz/acre (1.0 liter/ha) in the seed furrow at planting; (2) 13 oz/acre (1.0 liter/ha) on the leaves and soil with a fungicide on July 29, 2009 (well past tuber initiation) Harvest date: unknown

<u>*Yield results*</u>: Five small-sample replicates of 50 to 62 pounds were dug for each treatment to enable a statistical analysis to be performed. These tubers were weighed and categorized into three size groups.

Treatment	Market yield*	Change		
	cwt/acre	cwt/acre		
1. Control	277 a			
2. Vitazyme	273 а	(-) 4 (-1%)		
*Means followed by the same letter are not significantly different at				

*Means followed by the same letter are not significantly different at P=0.05.

Tuber weight results:



The marketable yields of the two treatments were nearly identical.

It is obvious that Vitazyme stimulated a higher percentage of large (>9 oz) tubers, while reducing the percentage of 6 to 9 oz tubers. These changes were significant at P=0.12 and P=0.17, respectively.

- Increase is >9oz tubers with Vitazyme: 23%
- Decrease in 6 to 9 oz tubers with Vitazyme: 12%

Conclusions: This potato trial on Blazer Russets in southern Colorado showed that Vitazyme, while not improving yield, significantly increased the tuber size. The >9 oz tubers were increased by 23% over the untreated control, while the medium-sized tubers (6 to 9 oz) were significantly increased by 12% more than the control. Tuber numbers were not evaluated, but it is presumed that a Vitazyme application at tuber initiation would have increased tuber numbers — an important issue for seed growers — which would make this product an especially valuable product for potato seed production. The drought period, induced when the irrigation well would not operate, also likely affected the results adversely.

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2009 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Potatoes

<u>Researcher</u>: Binad Fingh, Ph. D. <u>Organization</u>: Merino Industries <u>Soil type</u>: sandy loam <u>Row spacing</u>: 66 cm <u>Seed piece size</u>: >55 mm cut in two <u>Previous crop</u>: rice *Location*: Usha Agro Farms, Garh, India *Variety*: Bahar *Planting date*: November 3, 2008 *In-row spacing*: 15 cm *Planting depth*: 10 to 12.5 cm

Soil analysis: pH, 8.42; electrical conductivity, 0.33 ds/m; organicmatter, 0.52%; P, 30 kg/ha; K, 288 kg/ha; Zn, 0.83 ppm; Fe, 6.63 ppm; Mn, 2.68 ppm; Cu, 0.60 ppm.

Experimental design: A field was divided into three portions, two treated with Vitazyme, to evaluate the effect of this product on potato yield, tuber size, and profitability

1. Control2. Vitazyme in-furrow + 50 DAP3. Vitazyme on seeds + 50 DAPFertilizer over all areas:(1) Basal treatment: 12.5 tons/ha vermicompost; 200, 150, and 175 kg/ha of N, P_2O_5 , and K_2O as urea, DAP (diammonium phosphate), and MOP (monorthophosphate), with 40% of urea,100% of DAP, and 67% of MOP as a basal dose; 25 kg/ha ZnSO4 was broadcast at planting.

(2) Side-dressing at 30 days after planting: 33% of the MOP; 30% of the urea.

(3) Side-dressing at 40 days after planting: 30% of the urea.

(4) Foliar during growth: 19-19-19% N-P₂O₅-K₂O at 2.5 kg/ha; 13-0-45% N-P₂O₅-K₂O at 1.25 kg/ha.

Vitazyme application:

Treatment	Treatment 1	Treatment 2
1. Control (general practice)	none	none
2. Vitazyme in-furrow	in-furrow at planting at 1 liter/ha	leaves and soil at 1 liter/ha*
3. Vitazyme seed treatment	on seeds at 1 liter/ha	leaves and soil at 1 liter/ha*
*At 50 days after planting		

<u>*Pesticide applications*</u>: Jassid white flies and aphids: 0.25% Thiamethoxam and 0.5% Imidachlorprid; late blight: 2.5 ml/liter Mancozeb, 3 ml/liter Cymoxanil, and 2.5 ml/liter Metaxyl + Mancozeb.

Harvest date: March 1, 2009, 99 days after planting

Germination results: Vitazyme treated seed tubers germinated first, followed by the in-furrow treatment, and then the control treatment.



Income results: The value of each tuber size was calculated for the yield data, and totaled in the table below. At a cost for Vitazyme of 2188 Rs.ha, the cost:benefit ratio for Vitazyme is as follows:

Treatment		Income per tuber size, and totals			
	<30 mm	30-45 mm	>45 mm	Total	Increase
			Rs./ha		
Control	3810	17240	84680	105730	
Vitazyme in-furrow	4620	28040	80760	113420	7690 (+7%)
Vitazyme on seeds	4620	15400	98440	118460	12730 (+12%

Vitazyme in-furrow: 3.5 Vitazyme on seeds: 5.8

<u>Conclusions</u>: This potato trial in India showed that Vitazyme greatly increased total tuber yield, by 8% for the in-furrow applications and by 12% for the seed application. Both Vitazyme treatments increased the percentage of largest (>45 mm) tubers above the control treatment. Income was increased as well for both Vitazyme treatments above the control, by 7% for the in-furrow treatment and by 12% for the seed treatment. Cost-benefit ratios for these two regimes were highly attractive: 3.5 for in-furrow application and 5.8 for the seed application. Clearly, Vitazyme is a highly effective management tool for improving potato tuber yield and size, and raising profitability in India.

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009 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Potatoes

Researchers: O.V. Kornijchuk, V.V. Plotnikov, and agronomic scientists

Organization: Vinnytsia State Agricultural Experiment Station, Ukraine Acadamy of Agrarian Sciences, Planting rate: 2.8 tons/ha Vinnytsia, Ukraine Variety: Agave, elite

Planting date: April 27, 2009

Previous crop: winter wheat

Tillage: plowing, harrowing, and cultivating

Soil type: gray forest steppe soil; in the 0-30 cm layer, 2.2% organic matter, 8.4 mg/100 g of soil "hydrolyzed nitrogen", 15.8 mg/100 g of soil phosphorus, 12.4 mg/100 g of soil exchangeable potassium, and pH=5.5. Experimental design: One-hectare plots were arranged in a randomized complete block design to apply two Vitazyme treatments, in an effort to evaluate the effects of this product on potato yield.

1. Control 2. Vitazyme at emergence *Fertilization*: 90 kg/ha N, 60 kg/ha P₂O₅, and 60 kg/ha K₂O

Vitazyme application: (1) 1 liter/ha to the leaves and soil at emergence, and (2) the first treatment plus 1 liter/ha to the leaves at bloom

Yield results:

Treatment	Tuber yield	Change
	ŧons/ha	
Control	25.5	
Vitazyme early	28.2	2.7 (+11%)
Vitazyme early + bloom	30.1	4.6 (+18%)

Increase in tuber yield with Vitazyme: 11 to 18%



3. Vitazyme at blooming

Income results:

Income increase with Vitazyme applied once: 11% Income increase with Vitazyme applied twice: 18%

Conclusions: This potato trial in Ukraine, with Vitazyme at emergence, and at emergence and bloom, resulted in excellent increases of tuber yield by 11 and 18%. Income was substantially increased as well. This program is highly viable for Ukrainian conditions.

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2008 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Potatoes

Researchers: O.V. Kornijchuk, V. V. Plotnikov, and agronomic scientists

<u>Organization</u>: Vinnytsia State Agricultural Experiment Station of Forage Institute, Ukraine Academy of Agrarian Sciences, Vinnytsia, Ukraine

Location: Ukraine central forest – steppe area near Vinnytsia

Variety: Finka Elite Seeding rate: 2.8 tons/ha

<u>Soil Type</u>: gray forest steppe soil; in the 0-30 cm layer, 2.2% organic matter, 8.4 mg/100 g of soil "hydrolyzed nitrogen", 15.8 mg/100 g of soil phosphorus, 12.4 mg/100 g of soil exchangeable potassium, and pH = 5.5.

Planting date: May 12, 2008 *Previous crop*: winter wheat

Tillage: plowed to 22-24 cm, and harrowed to 10-12 cm

Experimental design: A uniform field area was selected to place 1.0 ha plots, replicated four times, over the test area. The objective was to determine if Vitazyme could favorably influence crop yields for this gray forest soil area of Ukraine.

1. Control

2. Vitazyme applied once

Fertilization: In the fall of 2007 a broadcast application of 30-60-90 kg/ha N-P₂O₅-K₂O was made.

Vitazyme application: 1 liter/ha applied on July 8, 2008, at bloom

Harvest date: unknown

<u>Yield results</u>:



Treatment	Tuber yield	Yield increase	
	tons/ha	tons/ha %	
1. Control	15.3	<u> </u>	
2. Vitazyme	16.8	1.5 10	

Increase in tuber yield with Vitazyme: 10%

Income results: Based on current potato prices, the increase in income with Vitazyme was 1,674 hrn/ha. *Conclusions*: In this Ukraine potato study on a gray forest-steppe soil, Vitazyme at only 1 liter/ha at blossom prompted an excellent 10% yield increase, and a great income improvement of 1,674 hrs/ha. Had Vitazyme been applied at least once more — especially at planting — and preferably three to four times total, the yield increase would likely have been much greater.

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2007 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Potatoes *A Quality Study*

Farmer.ConfidentialLocation:Hancock, WisconsinVariety:Russet BurbankSoil parameters:Results of four analyses in different sectors of the field: exchange capacity, 4.71 to 5.66 meq/100g; pH, 6.4 to 6.7; organic matter, 1.3 to 1.6%; N, 46 to 52 lb/acre; SO₄-S, 20 to 32 lb/acre; P₂O₅, 702 to 849 lb/acre;Ca, 1,108 to 1,416 lb/acre; Mg, 226 to 284 lb/acre; K, 200 to 394 lb/acre; Na, 37 to 69 lb/acre; B, 1.16 to 1.34 lb/acre;Fe, 812 to 1,008 lb/acre; Mn, 136 to 216 lb/acre; Cu, 2.6 to 5.0 lb/acre; Zn, 47.6 to 57.0 lb/acre; percent base saturations for Ca (56 to 63%), Mg (20 to 21%), K (5 to 9%), Na(5%), H (5 to 9%).

Soil texture: loamy sand

Row width: 36 inches

Plant population: unknown

Planting date: April 20 to April 23

Experimental design: A potato field was divided into Vitazyme treated and untreated areas, with the objective of evaluating the effects of the product on tuber quality and yield.

1. Control

2. Vitazyme

<u>*Fertilization*</u>: All areas received the following: 2,000 lb/acre 80-89 grade lime, 500 lb/acre 0-0-60% N-P₂O₅-K₂O, 586 lb/acre 7-28-14-5.4-2.2-1.23-1.55-1.15% N-P₂O₅-K₂O-S-Ca-Mg-B-Zn, 0.5 lb/acre B, 428 lb/acre (NH₄)₂SO₄, 322 lb/acre urea, 500 lb/acre Cal-Sul, 5 lb/acre 0-50-30-5-1% N-P₂O₅-K₂O-Ca-Mg, 5 lb/acre 20-20-20% N-P₂O₅-K₂O, 20 ga/acre 18-0-0-5-1% N-P₂O₅-K₂O-Ca-Mg. In addition, the Vitazyme treatment received a total of 4 lb/acre MgSO₄ and 6.25 lb/acre Beau-Ron (B).

Vitazyme application: (1) 13 oz/acre on May 17, and (2) 13 oz/acre on June 27.

Weather conditions: a very warm and dry mid-summer period

Harvest date: unknown

Tuber quality: About 700 to 850 pounds of tubers were sampled per treatment, and half of this weight was graded.



Tuber Size Distribution



Vitazyme improved all of the quality parameters noted here, including usable yield, hollow heart, soft rot, and size distribution of the tubers. Of special note is the increase in number of U.S. number 1 grade tubers (7.17 percentage points more).

Yield results: A truck collected the tubers from a measured row length, and the load was weighed.



<u>Conclusions</u>: This north central Wisconsin potato trial revealed that Vitazyme, together with $MgSO_4$ and additional boron, produced superior potatoes and 3% more usable tubers. Of this improved usable yield, there were 7.17% more U.S. number 1 grade tubers, and more 7 to 10 oz and minimum to 10 oz sizes. Besides, there was a reduction in small tubers, and those less than 10 oz. Percent usable yield was 4.0 percentage points higher, hollow heart (caused by boron deficiency) was reduced by 1.1 percentage points, and soft rot was decreased by 1.66 percentage points. This program caused a definite improvement in production and quality.

Another field nearby did not produce quite as great an improvement in tuber quality, but the U.S. Number 1 grade was increased by 1.79 percentage points, and the minimum to 7 oz size was improved by 3.12 percentage points with Vitazyme.

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2007 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Potatoes

<u>Researcher</u>: Sergei Velichko and Zhenya Moskalov

Location: Dnepropetrovsk, Agro Oven, Ukraine

Planting date: April 30, 2007

Soil type: mollisol

<u>Organization</u>: Agrimatco – Ukraine, Kiev, Ukraine <u>Variety</u>: Sante <u>Watering</u>: center-pivot irrigation <u>Planting rate</u>: unknown

Experimental design: A field was divided into a Vitazyme treated and untreated area to determine the effect of the product on increasing tuber yield. Another product, called Amcolon B, a fertilizer, was added to Vitazyme to evaluate a possible synergism.

1. Control

2. Vitazyme

3. Vitazyme + Amcolon

<u>*Fertilization*</u>: autumn of 2006, 300 kg/ha 0f 16-16-16% $N-P_2O_5-K_2O$; spring of 2007, before planting, 150 kg/ha of 16-16-16% $N-P_2O_5-K_2O$

<u>Vitazyme application</u>: three foliar treatments of 1 liter/ha each time: (1) bud formation; (2) flower initiation (25 days after the first application); (3) four weeks before harvest, on August 23, 2007

<u>Amcolon application</u>: A 30-0-22.5-3.5 (Mg)-1.5 (B) + TE product (applied with Vitazyme at an unknown rate) <u>Harvest date</u>: September 28, 2007

<u>Yield results</u>:

Treatment	Yield	Yield change
	tons/ha	tons/ha
1. Control	37.0	
2. Vitazyme	47.0	10.0 (+27%)
3. Vitazyme + Amcolon	48.7	11.7 (+32%)

Tuber increase with Vitazyme: 27%



<u>Conclusions</u>: In this Ukrainian sugar potato using Vitazyme and Amcolon B, the beet yield responded very well to Vitazyme with a 27% yield increase. Amcolon B increase yield an additional 5%. This added yield substantially increased production and profits for this potato grower.

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2006 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Potatoes

<u>Researcher</u>: unknown Planting date: unknown *Location*: Ukraine

Variety: unknown

<u>*Planting rate*</u>: unknown

Experimental design: A potato plot ("Area 6") was divided into a Vitazyme treated and an untreated area (0.6 ha each) to evaluate the product's effects on yield.

1. Control

2. Vitazyme

Fertilization: unknown

Vitazyme application: 1 liter/ha on the leaves and soil, at unknown dates

Harvest date: August 21, 2006

Yield results:

Treatment	Yield, 0.6 ha	Yield, 1.0 ha	Change
	kg	kg/ha	kg/ha
Control	18.8	31.3	
Vitazyme	20.7	34.5	3.2 (+10%)
(Increase in notate viold: 10%)			



<u>Conclusions</u>: In this Ukraine Vitazyme study, potatoes were improved in yield by 10% with the treatments given, a significant increase on these fertile Eastern European soils.

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2005 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Potatoes

Farmer: Barbaro Galvan *Soil type*: red ferralitic

Location: Matanzas Province, Cuba *Previous crop*: unknown

<u>Variety</u>: Romano <u>Planting date</u>: unknown

Irrigation: row irrigation

Experimental design: A potato field was treated with Vitazyme once over 5.4 hectares, while the rest of the field was left untreated, to evaluate the product's effect on tuber yield.

1. Control

2. Vitazyme

Fertilizer: the same for both treatments: 1,341 kg/ha of a 9-13-17% $N-P_2O_5-K_2O$ fertilizer

Vitazyme application: 3.44 liters/ha to the leaves and soil at 60 days after planting

<u>Harvest date</u>: unknown Yield results:

Treatment	Tuber yield	Change
	tons/ha	tons/ha
Control	16.95	
Vitazyme	33.82	16.87 (+100%)

Tuber yield increase: +100%



Conclusions: Vitazyme applied only one time, but at a high rate (3.49 liters/ha), doubled the tuber yield in this Cuban on-farm potato trial. Both treatments were treated equally in all other ways. These results illustrate the potential of Vitazyme to benefit potato yields in Cuba.

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2005 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Potatoes

Farmer: Jim Echevierria Alamosa, Colorado *Soil type*: sandy loam *Row spacing*: 34 inches <u>Researcher</u>: Jon Gilley and B <u>Location</u>: Hooper, Colorado <u>Previous crop</u>: barley <u>In-row spacing</u>: 11 inches

Jon Gilley and BillCrowder, Agro-Engineering,oper, ColoradoVariety:<u>2</u>: barleyPlanting date:May 3, 2005

Experimental design: A center-pivot irrigated, uniform potato field was partially treated with Vitazyme (30 acres), and an adjoining area of 30 acres was left untreated. The object of the study was to compare the effects of Vitazyme on tuber yield.

1. Control

2. Vitazyme

<u>*Fertilization*</u>: preplant, 286 lb/acre $(NH_4)_2SO_4$ and 167 lb/acre KCl; at planting, 42 lb/acre 10-34-0 N-P₂O₅-K₂O, 3.5 lb/acre Thiosol 12-0-0-29 (S), and 2 lb/acre ammoniated Zn; in-season, 25 lb/acre 28-0-0-5 (S) <u>*Vitazyme application*</u>: 13 oz/acre shortly after plant emergence, through the irrigation system of the first irrigation; 13 oz/acre at tuber initiation through the irrigation system

Harvest date: September 20, 2005

Yield results: All weights were gathered by weighing trucks on a scale from both treatments.

Treatment	Truck weight	Yield	Change
	lb	cwt/acre	cwt/acre
Control	17,300	504.0	
Vitazyme	18,140	528.2	24.2 (+5%)

Increase in tuber yield: 5%



Increase in income: \$181.50/acre

Income results: At \$7.50/cwt bulk price, then 24.2 cwt/acre would gross the farmer \$181.50/acre more income.

<u>Conclusions</u>: This potato study in the San Luis Valley of southern Colorado provided a 5% yield increase with Vitazyme, which meant \$181.50/acre more income for the farmer. This result is consistent with tests conducted in the same locale for several years that have shown increases in yield with Vitazyme of up to 10%, along with a more uniform tuber size with more tubers in the most valuable size classes.

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2005 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Potatoes

<u>Researchers</u>: unknown <u>Planting date</u>: February 10, 2004 <u>Previous crop</u>: tomatoes Location: Los Mochis, Sinaloa, Mexico Planting density: 70,000 pieces/ha Row spacing: 90 cm

<u>Variety</u>: Mondial <u>Irrigation</u>: trickle <u>Soil type</u>: Barriol

Experimental design: A potato field was selected to evaluate the effectiveness of Vitazyme to improve tuber yield and quality. A portion of the field was divided into nine plots, each two rows wide (1.8 meters) x 30 meters long. Three treatments were replicated three times in a randomized complete block design.

1. Control 2. Vitazyme two times 3. Vitazyme four times

<u>*Fertilization*</u>: 194-206-238-7-47 lb/acre of N, P_2O_5 , K_2O , Mg, and Ca, distributed during the growing season as 72-150-91 pre-plant, 19-38-19-1 (Mg) at emergence, 52-11-58 5(Mg)-19(Ca) at tuber initiation, 41-7-54-1(Mg)-19(Ca) at tuber filling, and 10-0-16-9(Ca) at ripening

<u>Vitazyme application</u>: Treatment 2: 1 liter/ha on the seed pieces at planting, and 1 liter/ha 2 weeks later on the leaves and soil; Treatment 3: the same first two applications as for Treatment 2, plus 1 liter/ha on the leaves and soil 3 weeks after the second application, and 800 ml/ha 3 weeks after the third application

Fungicide and insecticides: Syngenta products

Growth results: The tubers were harvested, weighed, and classified on June 7, 2004.



Income results: Treatment 2 produced 3.59 tons/ha more potatoes, and at 3,000 pesos/ton the extra income generated was 10,770 pesos/ha. With a product cost of 470 pesos/ha, the net increase in income was 10,300 pesos/ha.

<u>Conclusions</u>: In this Mexican potato study, Vitazyme applied at 1 liter/ha at planting and again two weeks later produced an excellent, significant (at P=0.05), 16% yield increase. This increase translated into 10,300 pesos/ha more net income, while increasing the percentage of first class tubers from 26% in the control to 34% with Vitazyme. Four Vitazyme applications did not increase yield but improved the tuber quality even further, by producing 36% first class tubers. Vitazyme at two applications per cropping cycle is an excellent potato treatment in Mexico.

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2005 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Potatoes

Research organization:Guira de Melena VCE, Havana Province, CubaFarms:Fregat 1, Fregat 2, and MameyVariety:ChieftanSoil type:red ferraliticPlanting date:unknownPrevious crop:unknownIrrigation:center pivotExperimental design:Three potato fields received Vitazyme on one portion of the test field (Fregat 1, 26.84)

ha; Fregat 2, 29.52 ha; Mamey, 40.26 ha), to evaluate the product's effectiveness to improve tuber yield under equal fertilization.

1. Control

2. Vitazyme

<u>*Fertilizer*</u>: All fields received 1,490 kg/ha of 9-13-17% $N-P_2O_5-K_2O$.

Vitazyme application: 3 liters/ha, although application times were not specified.

Harvest date: unknown

Income results: Based on a potato price of 209.84 Ps/ton, the Vitazyme treatment for Fregat 1 produced an economic benefit of 402.53 Ps/ha. [Economic effect = (Value – Cost of Vitazyme treatment) – (Value – Cost of Control treatment)]

Yield results:

Treatment	Tuber yield	Change
	tons/ha	tons/ha
	Fregat 1	
Control	25.49	
Vitazyme	26.97	1.48 (+6%)
	Fregat 2	
Control	26.04	
Vitazyme	26.25	0.21 (+1%)
	Mamey	
Control	18.10	
Vitazyme	22.83	4.73 (+26%)

Tuber yield increases: +1%, 6%, and 26%

Conclusions: Despite several problems in the conduct of this study including delayed planting times, severe *Phytophthora* infestations, and inadequate irrigation water, Vitazyme increased tuber yields by up to 26% in this Cuban potato trial. Fertilizer reductions of 10 to 25% would likely have shown benefits in cost savings, but even so the economic benefit of Vitazyme was 402.53 Ps/ha.



Vitazyme *Economic results*: Vitazyme and a fertilizer reduction resulted in an increased income of 1,105.66 Ps/ha for Field 1. Quality results: Vitazyme treatment produced a higher dry matter content by 1.0 percentage point (18.7% vs.

(17.7%), and more starch by 0.9 percentage point (12.3% vs. 11.4%) versus the control in Field 1. Field 2 showed very slight advantages for dry matter and starch with Vitazyme.

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Control

Conclusions: This Cuban potato trial, using 3 liters/ha of Vitazyme, proved that this product produced a consistent 14% yield increase, and also improved potato quality.

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2004 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Potatoes

Farmer:Mitchell ChandlerLocation:Presque Isle, MaineVariety:ShepodyMarket:McCains FoodsPlanting date:May 22, 2004Row spacing:34 inchesIn-row spacing:16 inchesSoil type:gravely loamExperimental design:A farmer's field was divided into Vitazyme treated and control areas, all other treatmentsof the entire field being the same

1. Control

2. Vitazyme

Fertilization: 1,300 lb/acre of 12-15-15% $N-P_2O_5-K_2O$ on May 13

Vitazyme application: (1) 13 oz/acre on the leaves and soil on June 25; (2) 13 oz/acre on the leaves and soil on July 12, 2004

Yield results: Tuber weights were determined during harvest by measuring load weights.



Income results: The increased yield of 18.0 cwt/acre, at \$5.30/cwt, produced additional income of \$95.40/acre

Conclusions: Vitazyme in this split field potato study in Main revealed that the product increased yield by 18 cwt/acre (+5%), that meant \$95.40 more income/acre for the farmer.
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2004 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Potatoes

Farmer:Ron BarnesLocation:Foss Farm, Fort Fairfield, MaineVariety:NorwisRow spacing:34 inchesIn-row spacing:6.6 inchesSoil type:gravely loamPlanting date:May 16, 2004Market:seedSoil type:gravely loamExperimental design:A potatofield was divided into two parts, one treated with Vitazyme and the other leftuntreated.All other treatments were the same for both sides.Variety:

1. Control

2. Vitazyme

Fertilization:1,100 lb/acre of 12-15-15% N-P₂O₅-K₂O plus other materials

Vitazyme application: (1) 13 oz/acre on the leaves and soil on June15, 2004; (2) 13 oz/acre on the leaves and soil on July 1, 2004

<u>Yield results</u>: Ten-foot row sections were dug for each treatment, and the tubers were weighed, counted, and sized. Each 10-foot section had 13 plants.

Treatment	Tuber weight	Change	Tuber number	Change
	lb/10 ft of row	lb/10 ft of row	number	number
Control	25.0		112	
Vitazyme	29.0	4.0 (+ 16%	116	4 (+ 4%)



There was little difference in the size distribution of the tubers for the two treatments, except for a small tendency for Vitazyme to produce larger potatoes, especially at the largest size (3 to 4 inches). <u>Conclusions</u>: This in-field potato study in northern Maine showed that Vitazyme increased tuber yield by 16% while slightly increasing the average tuber size. There were also **significantly more roots noted with Vitazyme treated plants**, noticed particularly at digging.

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2004 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Potatoes

<i>Farmer</i> : John Myers	Researcher: Jon Gilley, Agro-Eng	ineering, Alamosa, Colorado							
Location: Center, Colorado	Variety: Norkotah 8	<i>Planting date</i> : May 1, 2004							
Row spacing: 34 inches	In-row spacing: 11 inches	Soil type: loamy sand							
Soil test results: NO ₃ -N, 48 lb/acre	Previous crop: potatoes	Harvest date: October 1, 2004							
Experimental design: A potato field under center pivot irrigation was split into a control (untreated) area and a									
Vitazyme treated area to determine th	e effect of Vitazyme on tuber weight	t classifications.							
1. Cor	ntrol 2. Vitazyn	ne							
Fertilization: 168-199.5-30.5 lb/acre of N-P-K, 70 lb/acre S, 2.5 lb/acre Zn									

<u>Vitazyme application</u>: (1) 13 oz/acre with the first irrigation; (2) 13 oz/acre at tuber initiation (hook stage) through the irrigation system

<u>Tuber size results</u>: Samples were dug and weighed for both treatments, and a sack of tubers was collected for each. These tubers were individually weighed and recorded for later analysis, when they were arranged according to size units.

Treatment	<u> </u>	4.1-6oz	6.1-8oz	8.1-9oz	9.1-10oz	10.1-11oz	11.1-12oz	12.1-18oz	18.1-20oz
Control	15.49	% 23.1%	28.6%	6.6%	11.8%	9.7%	2.6%	5.6%	0
Vitazyme	10.39	% 25.3%	22.4%	9.6%	8.6%	1.1%	2.6%	18.0%	2.1%



Average Tuber Weight



<u>Conclusions</u>: In this San Luis Valley potato trial, Vitazyme produced considerably larger tubers, on average, than the control treatment, by 14%. Especially for the 12 to 18 ounce grouping, the treated plants produced heavier tubers, and a lower percentage of the lighter categories as well,

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2004 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Potatoes

Farmer: McNitt Produce **Researcher:** Jon Gilley, Agro-Engineering, Alamosa, Colorado Location: Monte Vista, Colorado Variety: Norkotah 296 Planting date: May 12, 2004 *Row spacing*: 34 inches In-row spacing: 11 inches Soil type: cobbly gravely loam *Previous crop*: potatoes Soil test results: pH, 7.6; NO₃-N, 28 lb/acre; P, 118 units; K, 186 mg/l; S, 55 mg/l; Zn, 3.89 mg/l; Fe, 17 mg/l; Cu, 1.07 mg/l; Mn, 9.6 mg/l; Na, 1% of CEC; salinity hazard, low; lime haz-

ard, none. *Experimental design*: To evaluate the effect of Vitazyme on potato yield, a field irrigated by a center pivot sys-

tem was divided into treated and untreated parts. All other treatments were the same throughout the field.

2. Vitazyme *Fertilization*: 186.5-101-230 lb/acre of N-P₂O₅-K₂O, and 107 lb/acre of S

1. Control

Vitazyme application: (1) 13 oz/acre with the first irrigation; (2) 13 oz/acre at tuber initiation (hook stage) through the irrigation system

Harvest date: September 30, 2004

<u>Tuber size results</u>: Tubers were dug and weighed with a truck for both treatments, and a sack of tubers for each treatment was collected. These tubers were weighed and recorded for later analysis to group by weight categories.

Treatment	<4oz	4.1-8oz	8.1-9oz	9.1-10oz	10.1-11oz	11.1-12oz	12.1-18oz	18.1-10oz	>20oz
Control	4.0%	23.7%	5.8%	6.4%	0	11.7%	28.1%	12.8%	7.4%
Vitazyme	16.5%	29.4%	5.2%	11.3%	3.2%	3.6%	30.8%	0	0



Treatment	Tuber weig	ht Change	
	oz/tuber	oz/tuber	
Control	9.43		
Vitazyme	6.65	(-) 2.78 (- 29%	70

Decrease in tuber size: - 29%

Vitazyme led to a reduction of average tuber weight in this sampling. There were no large tubers (>18 oz) with Vitazyme.

Yield results: Trucks for each treatment holding a harvested yield for half an acre were weighed.

Treatment	Truck weight	Yield	Change	
	lb	cwt/acre	cwt/acre	
Control	31,400	628.0		
Vitazyme	30,760	615.2	(-) 12.8 (-2%)	

Decrease in tuber yield: - 2%

There was a very small yield reduction for the Vitazyme treatment. Normally there is a yield increase, as obtained in all other Vitazyme tests in the San Luis Valley in 2004.

Income results: Tuber weight categories were multiplied by the price for the particular weights to give a total value for the samples.

Treatment	Tuber yield	Tuber price	Total income	Income change
	cwt/acre	\$/cwt	\$	\$
Control	628.0	4.70	2,951.60	_
Vitazyme	615.2	4.80	2,952.96	(-) 1.36

<u>Conclusions</u>: This Vitazyme potato study in the San Luis Valley of Colorado revealed that the product did not, for some unknown reason, initiate a yield increase. On the other hand, the material produced somewhat smaller average tubers without the very large, less valuable tubers, which resulted in a higher value for the treated tubers. This higher value produced an income that was about the same as for the untreated control.

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2004 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Potatoes

Farm: 4 A FarmsResearcher: Jon Gilley, Agro-Engineering, Alamosa, ColoradoLocation: Center ColoradoVariety: Norkotah 296Planting date: April 27, 2004Soil: loamy sandRow spacing: 34 inchesIn-row spacing: 9, 10, and 11 inches

Soil test results: pH, 8.2; NO3-N, 80 lb/acre; P, 96units; K, 317 mg/l; S, 34 mg/l; Zn, 1.71 mg/l; Fe, 7.1 mg/l;

Cu, 0.63mg/l; Mn, 8.6mg/l; Na, 4% of CEC; salinity hazard, low; lime hazard, low.

Previous crop: potatoes *Harvest date*: September 27, 2004

Experimental design: A center pivot irrigated field of potatoes was divided into two parts, Vitazyme treated and untreated, but all other treatments across the field were identical. The effects of Vitazyme on tuber yield and size were then evaluated.

1. Control

2. Vitazyme

Fertilization: 197.5-199.5-100 lb/acre of N-P-K, 128.5 lb/acre of S, and 3 lb/acre of Zn

<u>Vitazyme application</u>: (1) 13 oz/acre with the first irrigation; (2) 13 oz/acre at tuber initiation (hook stage) through the irrigation system

<u>Tuber size results</u>: Samples were dug and weighed for both treatments, and a sack of tubers was collected for each. These tubers were individually weighed and recorded for later analysis, when they were arranged according to size units.

9-Inch Spacing

Treatment	<u>≤</u> 4oz	4.1-6oz	6.1-8oz	8.1-9oz	9.1-10oz	10.1-11oz	11.1-12oz	12.1-18oz	18.1-20oz ≥20o	DZ
Control	18.1%	22.4%	22.8%	7.6%	5.4%	5.9%	6.5%	11.3%	0	0
Vitazyme	16.5%	19.3%	24.3%	10.2%	9.4%	3.5%	5.0%	11.8%	0	0





11-Inch Spacing										
Treatment	<u>≤</u> 4oz	4.1-6oz	6.1-8oz	8.1-9oz	9.1-10oz	10.1-11oz	11.1-12oz	12.1-18oz	18.1-20oz	<u>≥</u> 20oz
Control	8.1%	22.7%	22.3%	13.8%	5.6%	2.5%	8.2%	11.8%	2.1%	2.8%
Vitazyme	10.2%	19.7%	17.7%	16.0%	12.7%	8.1%	2.6%	12.9%	0	0



Vitazyme tended to increase average tuber weight,

especially for the 9-inch spacing, moving the average weight towards the larger size while, in general, increasing the mid-range sizes of 9 to 18 oz. This effect was especially pronounced with the 11-inch spac-

ing. The net effect was to move the size ranges towards those that were more profitable, as will be shown later in this report.

As expected, average tuber weight increased with increased in-row plant spacing for both treatments. See the accompanying graph.

<u>Yield results</u>: Samples for each treatment were weighed on a scale and calculated to determine per acre yields. See the results on the next page. Yield increases were consistent for all three row spacings, ranging from 6 to 7%.



Treatment	Tuber weight	Change	520	T 1	1.4	
	cwt/acre	cwt/acre	Stratig Mit	Tuber yie	10,	- SMARKES /
<u>9-inch spac</u>	ing		500	c w tracit		Contain 13
Control	457		100	Strength of a	Contra Co	
Vitazyme	487	30 (+7)	480-		Contract of the	
10-inch spa	icing		10			
Control	455*		400-			
Vitazyme	497*	42 (+9%)	140			
11-inch spa	icing		440-			
Control	474		420	V 1		
Vitazyme	504	30 (+6%)	9.	inch	10-inch	11-inch
*Average of	two samples.		-		Row spacing	

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9, 10, and 11-inch row spac-

ings from 6 to 9% over the

These increases

controls.

Income results: Each tuber size category was weighted to a percentage of the total weight, and that percentage was multiplied by the price for that category. When added, those sums gave a total value for the crop.

Tuber Weight Increase 9-inch spacing: + 7% 10-inch spacing: + 9% 11-inch spacing: + 6%

For all row spacings					
Vitazvme increased	Treatment	Tuber weight	Tuber price*	Total income	Income increase
notato income substan-		cwt/acre	cwt/acre	\$/acre	\$/acre
tielly. This increase was	<u>9-inch spaci</u>	ng			
not only due to higher	Control	457	4.53	2,070.21	_
vielde but also due to a	Vitazyme	487	4.58	2,230.46	160.25
higher average price for	10-inch space	sing			
tubers that were of	Control	455	4.64	2,11.20	_
higher valued weight	Vitazyme	497	4.72	2,345.84	234.64
classes	11-inch space	sing			
Conclusions: In this	Control	474	4.77	2,260.98	
Colorado potato study,	Vitazyme	504	4.97	2,504.88	243.90
Vitazyme increased yields at	* D		T	6 C 1 - 1 6 N	1 2004

* Potato prices per cwt in the San Luis Valley of Colorado for November, 2004, are \$1.00 (<4oz), \$4.50 (4-8oz), \$5.51 (8-9oz), \$6.15 (9-10oz), \$6.82 (10-11oz), \$7.42 (11-12oz), \$6.00 (12-18oz), \$2.00 (18-20oz), and \$1.00 (>20oz).

produced tubers that were of higher value than the control due to better weight distribution, so that yields were increased by \$160.25 to \$243.90/acre.

Increase in income with Vitazyme 9-inch spacing: \$160.25/acre 10-inch spacing: 234.64/acre 11-inch spacing: \$243/acre

These income increases revealed an income:cost benefit of about \$16 to \$24 per dollar invested in product.

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2004 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Potatoes

Farmer: Beiringer Farms *Location*: Hooper, Colorado Soil: loamy sand

Researcher: Jon Gilley, Agro-Engineering, Alamosa, Colorado Variety: Norkotah 278 Planting date: May 7, 2004 In-row spacing: 10, 11, and 12 inches

Previous crop: sudan grass

Row spacing: 34 inches Soil test results: pH, 8.5; NO₃-N, 110 lb/acre; P, 49 units; K, 562 mg/l;

S, 49 mg/l; Zn, 1.12 mg/l; Fe, 9.1 mg/l; Cu, 0.7 mg/l; Mn, 7.5mg/l; Na, 3% of CEC; salinity hazard, low; lime hazard, low.

Experimental design: A potato field with center pivot irrigation was divided into Vitazyme treated and control areas for three different in-row spacings — 10, 11, and 12 inches — to determine effects on tuber yield and size.

(1) 10-inch spacing: Control

(3) 11-inch spacing: Control

- (2) 10-inch spacing: Vitazyme
- (4) 11-inch spacing: Vitazyme
- (5) 12-inch spacing: Control (6) 12-inch spacing: Vitazyme

Fertilization: 149-201-30 lb/acre of N-P₂O₅-K₂O, 22 lb/acre of S, 2.5 lb/acre of Zn

Vitazyme application: (1) 13 oz/acre with the first irrigation; (2) 13 oz/acre at tuber initiation (hook stage) through the irrigation system

Harvest date: September 27, 2004

Tuber size results: Samples were dug and weighed for each treatment, and a sack of tubers for each treatment was collected. These tubers were individually weighed and recorded for later analysis, when they were arranged according to size units.

10-Inch Spacing

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Treatment	≤4 oz	4.1-6oz	6.1-8oz	8.1-9oz	9.1-10oz	10.1-11oz	11.1-12oz	12.1-18oz	≥18oz	
Control	19.1%	32.2%	23.6%	9.2%	4.2%	3.5%	3.8%	4.3%	0	2
Vitazyme	28.4%	31.7%	17.4%	6.5%	5.1%	5.8%	3.8%	1.3%	0	







Average Tuber Weight, 11-Inch Spacing





Vitazyme reduced average tuber size at both the 10 and 11-inch spacings (-14\$ and -7%, respectively), but at the 12-inch spacing Vitazyme increased tuber size by 5%. At the 12-inch spacing the largest tubers were also produced, 4.4% of them being over 18oz in weight. As the graph shows, all sizes above 10oz were increased by Vitazyme, especially the 12 to 18oz range. On the other hand, the lightest (<4oz) tubers were increased at both 10 and 11-inches.

<u>Yield results</u>: Samples for the two 12-inch spacing treatments were weighed on a scale and calculated to determine tuber weight on a truckload for the same area of each treatment.

12-inch row spacing yield						
Treatment Truck weight Area yield Chang						
	lb	cwt/acre	cwt/acre			
Control	26,160	523.2	,			
Vitazyme	27,640	552.9	29.7 (+ 6%)			

Increase in tuber weight: + 6%



Income results: Tuber weight categories were weighted for value according to the price for each category, and the totals for both of the two 12-inch spacing treatments were determined.

Treatment	Tuber yield	Tuber price*	Total income	Income increase
	cwt/acre	\$/cwt	\$/acre	\$/acre
Control	523.2	4.72	2,469.50	
Vitazyme	552.9	4.73	2,615.22	145.72

*Potato prices per cwt in the San Luis Valley of Colorado for November, 2004, are \$1.00 (<40z), \$4.50 (4-80z), \$5.51 (8-90z), \$6.15 (9-100z), \$6.82 (10-110z), \$7.42 (11-120z), \$6.00 (12-180z), \$2.00 (18-200z), and \$1.00 (>200z).

Vitazyme increased the value of these two harvested potato samples by \$145.72/acre.

<u>Conclusions</u>: This Colorado potato study utilizing 10, 11, and 12-inch row spacings revealed that Vitazyme increased the overall tuber yield of the 12-inch spacing by 6%; yields for the other two spacings were not determined. Vitazyme increased the average tuber size at the 12-inch spacing, but did not for the 10 and 11-inch spacings. Income was increased by Vitazyme by \$145.72/acre at the 12-inch spacing.

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2004 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Potatoes

Farmer: Jamie Hart *Researcher*: Jon Gilley, Agro-Engineering, Alamosa, Colorado Location: Monte Vista, Colorado Variety: Norkotah 223 Planting date: May 5, 2004 *Soil type*: cobbly loam Row spacing: 34 inches *In-row spacing*: unknown Soil test results: pH, 6.8; NO₃-N, 100 lb/acre; P, 81 units; K, 115 mg/l; S, 8 mg/l; Zn, 5.16 mg/l; Fe, 14.5 mg/l; Cu, 0.67 mg/l; Mn, 9.1 mg/l; Na, 2% of CEC; salinity hazard, low; lime hazard, none. **Previous crop**: potatoes Harvest date: October 1, 2004 Experimental design: A center pivot irrigated potato field was divided into Vitazyme treated and untreated portions to determine the product's effects on tuber yield and weight classifications. 1. Control 2. Vitazyme *Fertilization*: 164.5-180-230 lb/acre of N-P₂O₅-K₂O, 68.5 lb/acre S, 1 lb/acre Zn

Vitazyme application: (1) 13 oz/acre with the first irrigation; (2) 13 oz/acre at tuber initiation (hook stage) through the irrigation system

<u>Tuber size results</u>: Samples were dug and weighed for both treatments, and a sack of tubers was collected for each. These tubers were individually weighed and recorded for later analysis, when they were arranged according to size units.

Treatment	<u>≤</u> 4oz	4.1-6oz	6.1-8oz	8.1-9oz	9.1-10oz	10.1-11oz	11.1-12oz	12.1-18oz
Control	26.8%	31.5%	11.8%	10.1%	0	5.0%	5.3%	9.5%
Vitazyme	9.6%	17.1%	19.5%	5.7%	8.2%	7.1%	5.1%	27.8%





In this field, Vitazyme greatly increased average tuber size (+40%), and skewed the weight towards the larger weight categories. There were many more tubers less than 6 oz with the control than with Vitazyme, and many more large tubers above 12 oz as well.

Tuber yield results: A four-row section of each treatment (0.33 acre) was harvested and weighed.

Treatment	Tuber yield	Change
	cwt/acre	sacks/acre
Control	357	
Vitazyme	345	(-) 12 (- 3%)

Change in tuber yield: - 3%

Income results: Prices for the various weight ranges were multiplied by those weights, and the totals were added on a percentage basis to give a value for the samples.

Treatment	Tuber yield	Tuber price	Income	Change
	cwt/acre	\$/cwt	\$/acre	\$/acre
Control	357	4.08	1,456.56	
Vitazyme	345	5.09	1,756.05	299.49

Increase in income: \$299.49/acre

<u>Conclusions</u>: Vitazyme in this sample of potatoes grown in the San Luis Valley of Colorado caused a slight yield reduction, but caused a **dramatic increase in tuber weight (+ 40%)**. This increased tuber size resulted in a substantial improvement in tuber value (a \$1.01/cwt increase in value), which netted the farmer an extra \$299.49/acre in income.

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2004 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Potatoes

Farmer: Jim Echeverria *Location*: Hooper, Colorado *Soil*: loamy sand *Previous crop*: wheat Researcher:Jon Gilley, Agro-Engineering, Alamosa, ColoradoVariety:NorkotahPlanting date:Row spacing:34 inchesIn-row spacing:9, 10, and 11 inches

Soil test results: pH, 8.3; NO₃-N, 12 lb/acre; P, 74 units; K, 376 mg/l; S,

41 mg/l; Zn, 1.05 mg/l; Fe, 4.4 mg/l; Cu, 0.39 mg/l; Mn, 8.4 mg/l; Na, 3% of CEC; salinity hazard, low; lime hazard, high.

Experimental design: A center pivot irrigated field was divided into Vitazyme treated and untreated areas for three different in-row spacings — 9, 10, and 11 inches — to determine effects on tuber yield and tuber size.

- (1) 9-inch spacing: Control
- (2) 10-inch spacing: Control
- (3) 11-inch spacing: Control
- (4) 9-inch spacing: Vitazyme
- (5) 10-inch spacing:Vitazyme
- (6) 11-inch spacing:Vitazyme

<u>*Fertilization*</u>:195-209-50 lb/acre of N-P₂O₅-K₂O, 78.5 lb/acre of S, 4 lb/acre of Zn <u>*Vitazyme application*</u>: (1) 13 oz/acre with the first irrigation; (2) 13 oz/acre at tuber initiation (hook stage)

through the irrigation system

Harvest date: September 25, 2004

<u>Tuber size results</u>: Samples were dug and weighed for each treatment, and a sack of tubers for each treatment was collected. These tubers were all weighed and recorded for later analysis, when they were arranged within different size units.

9-Inch Spacing

Control 13.3%	37.9%	9.7%	5.4%	6.0%	8.9%	14.1%	2.2%	2.6%
Vitazyme7.3%	29.4%	11.1%	4.1%	9.1%	7.3%	27.6%	4.0%	0





11-Inch Spacing



Vitazyme increased the average tuber weight by 20% at the 9-inch spacing, but by only 9% at the 10inch spacing, while actually decreasing tuber weight slightly at the 11-inch spacing. The relationship between tuber weight change and in-row spacing is nearly straight-line, as shown in the graph. Vitazyme is shown to more effectively increase tuber weight at closer spacing intervals than at wider intervals. 10

At 9 and 10-inch spacings the tuber size distribution was very similar, with Vitazyme producing more tubers in the 9 to 18 ounce range than the control. At the 11-inch spacing, Vitazyme caused the growth of more 9 to 11 ounce tubers, but reduced the number of tubers on either side of that range, except for the large tubers over 20 ounces.



Yield results: Samples for each treatment were weighed and calculated to determine per acre yields.



Yield increases at all three row spacings were consistent, ranging from 6 to 10%

Income results: Each tuber size category was weighted with the market price for that category on a percentage basis, and the size values were added to give a total value per cwt for each treatment.

Tuber Weight Increase9-inch spacing: + 6%10-inch spacing: + 9%11-inch spacing: +10%

Treatment	Tuber weight	Tuber price*	Total income	Income increase
	cwt/acre	\$/cwt	\$/acre	\$/acre
9-inch spac	ing			
Control	420	6.42	2,696.40	
Vitazyme	444	7.73	3,432.12	735.72
10-inch spa	cing			
Control	441	6.82	3,007.62	—
Vitazyme	482	7.42	3,576.42	568.80
11-inch spa	cing			
Control	439	7.33	3,217.87	
Vitazyme	482	7.08	3,412.56	194.69

* Potato prices per cwt in the San Luis Valley of Colorado for November, 2004, are \$1.00 (<40z), \$4.50 (4-80z), \$5.51 (8-90z), \$6.15 (9-100z), \$6.82 (10-110z), \$7.42 (11-12 oz), \$6.00 (12-180z), \$2.00 (18-200z), and \$1.00 (>200z).

Vitazyme substantially increased potato income at all three row spacings, but especially at the 9 and 10-inch spacings. For the 9 and 10-inch spacings the tuber value was improved due to Vitazyme tuber size improvements, though such an effect was not noted for the 11-inch spacing.

Increase in potato income with Vitazyme

9-inch spacing: \$735.72/acre 10-inch spacing: \$568.80/acre 11-inch spacing: \$194.69/acre

<u>Conclusions</u>: In this Colorado potato trial using 9, 10, and 11-inch row spacings, Vitazyme boosted potato yields 6, 9, and 10%, respectively. These yield increases resulted in a higher value for the tubers, because of size improvements, for the 9 and 10-inch spacings, although this did not hold true for the 11-inch spacing. The increased total yield and better sizes contributed to good income increases for all three row spacings, but especially for the 9-inch spacing where an increase of \$735.72/acre was achieved.

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2004 Crop Results



Farmer:Keith DoyenLocation:W.E. Doyen and Sons, Mapleton, MaineVariety:KatahdinMarket:seed or tableRow spacing:34 inchesIn-row spacing:7.5 inchesPlanting date:May 22, 2004Soil type :gravely loamExperimental design:A potato field was divided into two parts, one part treated with Vitazyme, to evaluate the effects on yield and tuber size.

1. Control

2. Vitazyme

Fertilization: unknown

Vitazyme application: 13 oz/acre on July 2; 13oz/acre on July 29

<u>Chlorophyll effects</u>: On July 30, 30 plants from each treatment were evaluated for chlorophyll content using a Minolta SPAD meter.

Treatment	Leaf chlorophyll	Change	55	Leaf chlorophyll,	
	SPAD units	SPAD units		SPAD units	
Control	46.8	—	50		
Vitazyme	52.9	6.1 (+13%)	50		
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<u> </u>				Control	Vitazyme

On this date the Vitazyme treated plants were visibly greener than the control treatment. Tubers from sample plants were noticeably larger for the treated plants.

<u>Yield results</u>: Two 10-foot control row sections and three 10-foot Vitazyme treated sections were dug before harvest, and the tubers were weighed and sized. Values were averaged for the two treatments.

Treatment	Tuber weight	Change	Tuber num	ber Chang
	lb/10 ft	1b/10 ft	number/10 ft	number/10 f
Control	30.0	ē;.	90.0	—
Vitazyme	31.5	1.5 (+ 5%)	101.7	11.7 (+ 13%

Tuber Weight and Number



<u>Conclusions</u>: Vitazyme in this on-farm Maine potato study increased the yield by 5% and tuber number by 13%. Tuber distribution with Vitazyme was moved in favor of the 2.25 to 3.5 inch size, where there were 3.6% more tubers than for the control. Other observations during harvest were the following:

- ✓ The Vitazyme treated tubers had a brighter appearance than the controls.
- ✓ Less soil adhered to the Vitazyme treated tubers than to the controls.
- ✓ Little if any rhizoctonia was evident with the Vitazyme treated potatoes, though some was evident for the control tubers.

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2004 Crop Results



Farmer: Larry Ireland *Row spacing*: 34 inches *Planting date*: unknown Location: Presque Isle, Maine In-row spacing: 7.5 inches Market: seed <u>Variety</u>: Andover <u>Soil type</u>: gravely loam

Experimental design: This split-field comparison evaluated ACA and Equity on the east side, and Vitazyme on the west side of the field. Both yield and tuber size were compared at harvest.

1. Control (ACA + Equity) 2. Vitazyme

Fertilization: unknown

Vitazyme application: (1) 13 oz/acre on the seed pieces at planting; (2) 13 oz/acre on the leaves and soil at tuber initiation

<u>Yield results</u>: Ten-foot row sections were dug for each treatment on September 6, 2004, and the tubers were counted, weighed, and sized. Each 10-foot section had 11 plants.

Treatment	Tuber weight	Change	Tuber number	Change
	lb/10ft of row	lb/10ft of row	number	number
ACA+Equity	24.0		80	
Vitazyme	26.5	2.5 (+ 10%)	81	1 (+ 1%)



Vitazyme produced larger tubers, on average, than did the ACA + Equity treatment.

<u>Conclusions</u>: For this on-farm field comparison in northern Maine, Vitazyme produced a 10% greater yield of larger, more acceptable tubers than the other treatment. In addition, the soils treated with Vitazyme were "softer", and the potatoes were deeper, than for the ACA+Equity treatment.

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2003 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Potatoes

Researcher:Jon Gilley, Agro-Engineering, Alamosa, ColoradoFarm: Ford Farm, Field 8Location:Saguache, ColoradoVariety:Norkotah TX 112Soil type:sandy loamPlanting date:unknownPopulation:10-inch spacingRow spacing:34 inchesExperimental design:A portion of a center pivot irrigation circle was selected to apply Vitazyme, while

the nearby areas of the circle served as the controls. **1. Control 2. Vitazyme**

Fertilization: 130 lb/acre N, 100 lb/acre P₂O₅

<u>Vitazyme application</u>: (1) 13 oz/acre soon after planting, through the irrigation system; (2) 13 oz/acre at the early hook stage

Harvest date: unknown

<u>*Yield results:*</u> A 2 acre area of the treated potatoes was dug, weighed on a truck scale, and compared to a nearby untreated area.

Treatment	Yield	Change
	cv	vt/acre
Control	542	
Vitazyme	560	18 (+3%)



Income results: A price of \$10.00/cwt is used in these calculations.

Treatment	Tuber yield	Income	Increase		
	cwt/acre	\$/acre	\$/acre		
Control	542	5,420			
Vitazyme	560	5,600	180		

<u>Conclusions</u>: Vitazyme applied to potatoes in this southern Colorado test produced a modest 3% yield increase, that gave the grower \$180/acre more income. Not evaluated in this study was tuber size distribution, which very likely would have shown a higher percentage of medium-sized tubers. Such a size improvement, seen in several earlier potato trials in the same area, would further enhance this income figure.

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2003 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Potatoes

Researcher: Alan Perry, Bedrock Soil Balancing Services, Presque Isle, Maine

Farmer: Robert Shaw *Variety*: Frito Lay 1879 *In-row spacing*: 8 inches *Planting date*: unknown Location: Ft. Fairfield, Aroostook County, Maine Soil type: gravely loam Row width: Population: unknown Previous cr

<u>Row width</u>: 36 inches *<u>Previous crop</u>*: cereal rye

Experimental design: A potato field was divided into two parts, one receiving Vitazyme three times and the other receiving only the normal program.

1. Control

2. Vitazyme

Fertilization: standard for the farm

Vitazyme applications: three applications of 13 oz/acre each time: in the furrow at planting, at blossom, and a few weeks later

<u>Yield results</u>: While no yield figures are available for the control and treated areas, the yield improvement was easily noticed, and was estimated by the farmer to be 3,000 lb/acre, possibly more.

Increase in yield: 3,000 lb/acre

<u>*Tuber size*</u>: There were **fewer "B-sized" tubers** (2 inches or less in diameter) with Vitazyme, and **more uniformity in tuber size.**

<u>Conclusions</u>: Vitazyme, in this northern Maine trial produced a higher yield of more uniform sized tubers, with fewer in the small "B" range. With FL1879 potatoes it is difficult to get a yield increase, but this program proved that an increase is certainly possible.

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2003 Crop Results



Researcher: Jorge and Ignacio Gonzalez Duran, Vitazyme S.A. de C.V., Leon, Mexico; Alberto Cortes, Ag BioTech, Inc., Ensenada, B.C., Mexico

Ranch manager: Casimiro Gonzalez Perez

Sabritas supervisor: Andres Otero

Location: El Ranch "Cerro de agua", Saltillo, Coahuila, Mexico

Variety: Frito Lay variety *Soil type*: high-calcium stony clay (desert soil); very compact *Previous crop*: unknown

Experimental design: Two potato fields under separate center pivot irrigation were divided into sections having Vitazyme treatments and controls. Each field had a separate treatment regime. Vitazyme applications were made with a field sprayer.

1. Control

2. Vitazyme

Fertilization: N-P-K plus certain micronutrients

Vitazyme applications: Field 9: three soil/foliar sprays at 1 l/ha, beginning 45 days after planting Field 8: three soil/foliar sprays at 1 l/ha, beginning 30 days after planting

Harvest date: unknown



Vitazyme cost: 3 applications x 231 pesos = 693 pesos/ha

Income – Cost ratio:

Field 8: 50,921.8 pesos/693 pesos =

Conclusions: In this potato study near Saltillo, Mexico, Vitazyme applied three times produced remarkable increases in yield of 31% when applied fairly late in the growth cycle, and 78% when applied earlier. Increases may have been even greater if the product had been applied at or near planting as well. These very high yield increases translated into income increases of over 27,00 to nearly 57,000 pesos per hectare, with remarkable income:cost ratios of 39.7 to 73.5:1.

These two studies show the potential of Vitazyme to substantially increase the yields of potatoes grown in northern Mexico under the typically stressful conditions of high heat, compaction, low organic matter, and high calcium and mineral imbalances. This product enables plants to overcome many environmental stresses, as evidenced well in these tests.

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2003 Crop Results



Researcher:Jorge Alfonso Gonzalez DuranResearch organization:Agritec del Centro, S. de P.R. de RL., Leon, Guanajuato, MexicoTest location:Zamora de Hidalgo, Michoacan, MexicoPlanting date:August 10, 2002Soil type:unknownRow spacing:Previous crop:unknownExperimental design:A 10-acre field of potatoes was split into two equal parts, one half treated with Vitazymeand the other half left untreated.All input parameters except for Vitazyme for both sides were equal.1. Control2. VitazymeFertilization:At planting, 100 kg/ha 18-46-0 (%N-P2O5-K2O), 100 kg/ha 16-16-16, 150 kg/ha 0-50-18, 100

kg/ha 22-22-4, and 100 kg/ha sulfur.

<u>Vitazyme treatments</u>: Two applications at 1 liter/ha, sprayed on each time, a few weeks after planting and at the hook stage

Harvest date: December 20, 2002

<u>Yield results</u>: At harvest time, two samples of 1 meter² each were collected from each of the two treatments. These two values for each treatments have been arranged for all of the yield figures below. The tubers were sorted according to size into five categories.

Yield and size distribution results:

Yield and Tuber Size Data

The Vitazyme treatment produced tubers that were considerably larger than for the untreated plants. The weights

			Tuber size		
Treatment	1 A (large)	2 A (medium)	3 A (small)	4 A (very small)	5 A (extremely small)
	number kg/m ²				
Control	6.5 0.91 —	7.5 0.75 —	16.5 0.83 —	8.5 0.17 —	2.5 0.07 —
Vitazyme	10.5 1.48 (+63%)	14.0 1.43 (+91%)	10.5 0.53 (-36%)	14.5 0.30 (+0.76)	11.5 0.12 (+71%)

for the large and medium sizes were 63 and 91% greater, respectively, with Vitazyme than without it. The Vitazyme treatment produced 2.91 kg/m² out of a total of 3.84 kg/m²,

Treatment	Total Tubers	Total weight	Total yield		
	number	kg/m ²	tons/ha		
Control	41.5 —	2.72 —	28.016 —		
Vitazyme	61.0 (+47%)	3.84 (+41%)	39.552 (+41%)		

or 76% of the total tuber weight, whereas the control produced 1.66 kg/m² out of a total of 2.72 kg/m², which was 61% of the total tuber weight. Total tuber production was 71% higher with Vitazyme.

Tuber yield increase with Vitazyme: 41%

Increase in tuber size (large and medium) with Vitazyme: 15% above the control



Income results: Prices used in calculating these values are according to tuber size, using the following schedule.

9 pesos = 1 dollar.

Size 1 A — 8.0 pesos/kg Size 2 A — 7.0 pesos/kg Size 3 A — 6.5 pesos/kg Size 4 A — 5.0 pesos/kg Size 5 A — 5.0 pesos/kg

	S	ize 1 A		Size 2 A			
Treatment	Yield	Value		Yield	Val	ue	
	kg/ha	Pesos/ha	\$/ha	kg/ha	Pesos/ha	\$/ha	
Control	9,385.4 (33.5%)	75,083.2	8,342.58	7,704.4 (27.5%)	53,930.8	5,992.31	
Vitazyme	15,029.8 (38.0%)	120,238.4	13.359.82	15,029.8 (38.0%)	105,208.3	11,689.81	

	S	ize 3 A		Size 4 A					
Treatment	Yield	Yield Value		Value Yield		Yield	Val	Value	
	kg/ha	Pesos/ha	\$/ha	kg/ha	Pesos/ha	\$/ha			
Control	8,544.9 (30.5%)	55,541.7	6,171.30	1,821.0 (6.5%)	9,105.2	1,011.69			
Vitazyme	5,339.5 (13.5%)	34,706.9	3,856.32	2,966.4 (7.5%)	14,832.0	1,648.00			

Size 5 A				Total Value					
Treatment	Yield	Va	lue		Pesos/ha	\$/ha	change, Pesos/ha	change, \$/ha	
	kg/ha	Pesos/ha	\$/ha	Control	197,162.9	21,906.99			
Control	700.4 (2.5%)	3,502.0	389.11	Vitazyme	280,918.6	31,213.17	+83,755.7	+9,306.19	
Vitazyme	1,186 (3.0%)	5,933.0	659.22						
	~ ~ ~ ~ ~	10)	Increa	ase in in	come:	83,755.7 pe	sos/ha	
							9,306.19 \$/	ha	

<u>Conclusions</u>: Vitazyme greatly improved the performance of this potato crop in Mexico, as determined by a split-field design. The tubers were larger on average with Vitazyme, the 1 A and 2A classes being increased by 15% above the controls in terms of percentage of the total weight. The total yield of tubers with Vitazyme was 41% greater than for the control, and total income was increased by 83,755.7 pesos/ha (\$9,306.19/ha) using this highly effective crop biostimulant.







Vitazyme

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2002 Crop Results



<u>Researcher</u>: Jon Gilley <u>Farm</u>: Sun Valley Farm <u>Planting date</u>: June 5, 2002 <u>Population</u>: 10-inch spacing Research Organization:Agro-Engineering, Alamosa, ColoradoLocation:Center, ColoradoVariety:Soil type:sandy loamRow spacing:34 inches

<u>Experimental design</u>: A center pivot irrigated field was divided into Vitazyme treated and untreated areas. **1. Control 2. Vitazyme**

Fertilization: unknown

<u>Vitazyme treatments</u>: (1) 13 oz/acre soon after planting, through the irrigation system; (2) 13 oz/acre at the early hook stage

Harvest date: September 1, 2002

Yield results: A yield monitor evaluated 20 to 30 acres of both the control and Vitazyme treatments.

Treatment	Tuber yield	Change	290	Tuber yield,	
Control Vitazyme	cwt/act 278 285	re 7 (+3%)	280-		
Tuber vi	eld increas	se: 3%	270-		
			260		

Control Vitazyme

Income results: Based on an estimated price of \$10.00/cwt, the following potato values are calculated. No size determinations were made on these tubers.

Treatment	Tuber yield	Income	Increase
	cwt/acre	\$/acre	\$/acre
Control	278	2,780	
Vitazyme	285	2,850	70

Income increase: \$70.00/acre (not including size distribution improvements)

<u>Conclusions</u>: Vitazyme applied to these Yukon Gold potatoes increased the yield by 3%, with a \$70/acre increase in gross income, but these figures do not take into account a likely improvement in the uniformity of the tubers which would increase income further. Such a size distribution was not determined in this study, but other tests in the San Luis Valley have shown that Vitazyme improves the uniformity, and therefore the marketability and price, of the tubers.

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2002 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Potatoes

<u>Researcher</u>: Jon Gilley <u>Farm</u>: Ford Farm <u>Planting date</u>: June 10, 2002 <u>Population</u>: 10-inch spacing Research organization:Agro-Engineering, Alamosa, ColoradoLocation:Saguache, ColoradoVariety:Soil type:sandy loamRow spacing:Harvest date:September 20, 2002

Experimental design: A section of an irrigated (center pivot) potato field was treated with Vitazyme, and the remainder of the field served as a control.

1. Control

2. Vitazyme

Fertilization: 130 lb/acre N, 100 lb/acre P₂O₅

<u>Vitazyme treatments</u>: (1) 13 oz/acre soon after planting, through the irrigation system; (2) 13 oz/acre at the early hook stage

Chlorophyll levels: On July 24 chlorophyll determinations were made using a Minolta SPAD meter, on 30 leaves for both the control and treated areas of the field.

TreatmentSPAD valueChangeSPAD unitsControl40.8_____Vitazyme41.81.0

Increase in leaf chlorophyll: 1.0 SPAD unit

<u>Yield results</u>: Four-acre samples of the Vitazyme treated and the control areas of the test area were harvested and weighed on a truck scale.

Tuber yield	Change
cwt/ac	re
376.0	<u> </u>
382.6	6.6 (+2%)
	Tuber yield cwt/ac 376.0 382.6

Tuber yield increase: 2%



<u>*Tuber size results*</u>: Samples of potatoes were collected from each treatment, and individual tubers were weighed to determine the percentages of tubers in each size range.

	< 4	oz	4 – !	5.5 oz	6 - 7	7.5 oz	8 –	10 oz	10 –	12 oz	> 12	oz
	Number	Weight	Number	Weight	Number	Weight	Numbe	r Weight	Numbe	r Weight	Number	Weight
2		lb		lb		lb		lb		lb		lb
Control	0	0	4	1.2 (4.5%)	7	3.0 (11.3%)	13	7.0 (26.4%)	15	10.2 (38.5%)	6	5.1 (19.2%)
Vitazyme	14	1.8 (7.1%)	22	6.0 (23.6%)	12	5.0 (19.7%)	9	4.8 (18.9%)	8	5.3 (20.9%)	3	2.5 (9.8%)



Income results: A price of \$10.00/cwt is used in these calculations, although because of a more favorable size distribution with Vitazyme the prices actually received for the tubers with Vitazyme would be higher.

Treatment	Tuber yield	Income	Increase
	cwt/acre	\$/acre	\$/acre
Control	376.0	3,760	3 <u></u>
Vitazyme	382.6	3,826	66

Income increase: \$66.00/acre (not including size distribution improvements)

<u>Conclusions</u>: Vitazyme increased the total yield by 2% in this field of Yukon Gold potatoes, but the size distribution of the tubers was markedly increased in the 4 to 10 oz size versus the untreated control. This change in size distribution would lead to higher prices for the producer, which prices were not easy to calculate in this study. The increase in chlorophyll content of the leaves measured in July indicated an increased fixation of energy to generate the yield increase.

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2002 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Potatoes

<u>Researcher</u>: Allen Perry <u>Variety</u>: Superior <u>Planting date</u>: unknown *Farmer*: Mike Fitzpatrick *Soil type*: gravely loam

Location: Watson Farm, Houlton, Maine *Row width*: 36 inches

Experimental design: A field was divided into two parts, one part (the west side) treated with conventional fertility methods and the other (the east side) with the Albrecht system along with Vitazyme.

1. Control – conventional

Fertilization: unknown

Vitazyme treatments : 13 oz/acre on the seeds at planting; 13 oz/acre on the leaves and soil at blossom time *Harvest date*: unknown

<u>*Yield results*</u>: Near harvest time, two 10-foot row sections from each treatment were dug and weighed to give an estimate of yield.

Treatment	Tuber number	Sample weight	Tuber < 2 in	Yield	Yield change
	no./20 ft	lb/20 ft	no./20 ft	cwt/acre	cwt/acre
Control	156	40.0	15	264.0	
Vitazyme	175	41.5	16	274.5	+10.5 (+4%)

Increase in tuber yield: 4%



Income results: At \$7.00/cwt, the added 10.5 cwt/acre with the Vitazyme/Albrecht program would give \$73.50/acre added income.

Income increase: \$73.50/acre

<u>Conclusions</u>: In this potato trial in Maine, Vitazyme plus the Albrecht mineral balancing program increased yield by 4%, a very profitable increase as income was boosted by \$73.50/acre. In addition, there was **greater uniformity** of the tubers and, generally speaking, **more large tubers** with the Vitazyme/Albrecht treatment.

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2002 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Potatoes

<u>Researcher</u>: Jon Gilley <u>Farm</u>: Lyle Nissen Farm East <u>Planting date</u>: June 10, 2002 <u>Population</u>: 11-inch spacing

Research Organization:Agro-Engineering, Alamosa, ColoradoLocation:Mosca, ColoradoVariety:Soil type:sandy loamRow spacing:34 inches

Experimental design: A section of an irrigated (center pivot) potato field was treated with Vitazyme, while the remainder of the field served as a control.

1. Control

2. Vitazyme

<u>*Fertilization*</u>: 200 lb/acre N (one-third applied applied pre-plant), 150 lb/acre P₂O₅ (pre-plant), 0.25 lb/acre Zn <u>*Vitazyme treatments*</u>: (1) 13 oz/acre soon after planting, through the irrigation system; (2) 13 oz/acre at the early hook stage

Harvest date: September 25, 2002

Leaf chlorophyll: On July 24, 2002, the leaf chlorophyll of about 30 leaves for both treatments was measured and averaged using a Minolta SPAD chlorophyll meter.

Treatment	SPAD value	Change
	SPAD u	nits
Control	46.0	
Vitazyme	47.5	1.5

Yield results: A 0.5-acre sample was harvested and weighed for each treatment.

Treatment	Tuber yield	Change	550	Tuber yield, cwt/acre	
	cwt/act	re	545		
Control	541				
Vitazyme	548	7 (+1.3%)	540-	mannany .	
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			530 /~		
har waight rasul	lte			Control	Vitazyme

Tuber weight results:

	< 4	oz	4 - 7	.5 oz	8 – 1	1.5 oz	12 – 16	oz	> 16 (oz
	Number	Weight	Number	Weight	Number	Weight	Number	Weight	Number	Weight
		lb		lb		lb		lb		lb
Control	1	0.2 (0.4%	20	7.0 (14%)	27	16.9 (33%)	19	16.2 (31%)	12	11.4 (22%)
Vitazyme	e 2	0.4 (1%)	33	11.5 (23%)	35	20.2 (40%)	18	15.5 (31%)	2	2.7 (5%)



Income results:

A price of \$6.50/cwt is used in these calculations, although because of a more favorable size distribution with Vitazyme the prices actually received for the tubers with Vitazyme would be higher.

Treatment	Tuber yield	Income	Increase
	cwt/acre	\$/acre	\$/acre
Control	541	3,516.50	
Vitazyme	548	3,562.00	45.50

Income increase: \$45.50/acre (not including size distribution improvements)

<u>Conclusions</u>: Vitazyme increased the yield of these Norkota potatoes by only 1.3% in this Colorado potato study, but the improvement in size distribution – drastically increasing the number of tubers in the 4 to 16 oz range – reveals how Vitazyme can increase the farmer's income in qualitative as well as quantitative means. Many growers are interested in producing a larger number of medium-sized tubers, which Vitazyme assists in accomplishing in a significant way. An increase in leaf chlorophyll content and enhanced rhizosphere activity during the season helped the plants produce more tubers of a more uniform size.

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2002 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Potatoes

<u>Researcher</u>: Jerel Lindgren <u>Variety</u>: Frito Lay 1533 *In-row spacing*: 8 to 9 inches *Location*: Tri-Campbell Farms, Grafton, North Dakota *Soil type*: sandy clay loam *Row spacing*: 36 inches *Planting date*: unknown

Experimental design: A potato field ("Ron's West") was divided into two parts, the north side left untreated and the south side treated with Vitazyme. Fertilization and other cultural practices were the same over the entire field.

2. Vitazyme

Fertilization: unknown

Fungicides : sprayed every 7 days

1. Control

<u>Vitazyme treatments</u>: 13 oz/acre on the seed pieces at planting; 13 oz/acre on the leaves and soil at flowering <u>Yield results</u>: At harvest the tuber weights for specific areas were determined by weighing loaded trucks.



Income results: At \$7.00/cwt, the increase of 7.7 cwt/acre gave \$53.90/acre more income.

Income increase: \$53.90/acre

<u>Conclusions</u>: In this North Dakota potato study, Vitazyme increased the tuber yield by 2.4% and increased income by \$53.90/acre. No changes in size distribution of the tubers were determined.
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2002 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Potatoes

Farmer: Richard Porter *Planting date*: May 29, 2002 **Previous crop**: barley

Location: King Farm, Mars Hill, Maine *Row spacing*: 36 inches

Variety: FL 1833 *Soil type*: gravely loam

Experimental design: A field was divided into three parts to test Vitazyme at one, two, or three applications.

1. One	2. Two	 Three applications
application	applications	of Vitazyme
of Vitazyme	of Vitazyme	(at planting and July
(at planting)	(at planting and July)	and August)

Fertilizer treatments: 1,400 lb/acre of a 14-14-17% N-P₂O₅-K₂O applied at planting (banded) *Vitazyme treatments* : (1) 13 oz/acre at planting on May 29; (2) 13 oz/acre at blossoming on the leaves and soil on July 31, 2002; (3) 13 oz/acre on the leaves and soil on August 13, 2002

Insecticide applications: Admire in the furrow at planting

Kill date: September 3

Second kill date: September 10

<u>Yield results</u>: Twelve rows from each plot were harvested and weighed on a truck scale; actual field acreage was not determined. Before harvest, 10-foot row sections were also harvested for yield estimates of all three sec-**Tuber yield** tions.

_	Truck v	weights	10-fc	oot row s	amples
Ī	Load weigh	nt Change	Weight	Yield**	Change
	lb		lb	cwt/acre	
1. One application	30,640		20	264	
2. Two applications	32,190*	1,550 (+5%)	21	277	13 (+5%)
3. Three application	s 33,820	3,180 (+10%)	22	290	27 (+10%)
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* This load was adjusted slightly for rocks and soil in the potatoes. ** Yield = 10-foot row weight x 8 = barrels/acre x 1.65 = cwt/acre.



Yield increase with Vitazyme: 5% with two applications 10% with three applications

Both the weighed truck samples and the hand-dry samples were remarkably consistent, revealing 5 and 10% increases in yield with both sampling methods.

Tuber sizes: The 10-foot row samples were sized according to diameter, and the weights of these sized samples were determined.



Extra applications of Vitazyme tended to produce larger tubers having more weight, as noted especially in the 2.25 to 3 inch diameter range. The largest single tuber was for three applications.

Income results:	A value of \$6.00) per cut of	potatoes is	estimated
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Treatment	ment Tuber yield Total inco		Income above a single application	Approximate cost:benefit
ratio				
	cwt/acre	\$/acre	\$/acre	
1. One application	264	1,584		
2. Two applications	277	1,662	78	9.8

<u>Conclusions</u>: Vitazyme applied twice increased the yield 13 cwt/acre over the single application, and when applied three times increased the yield by 26 cwt/acre over the single application. These applications tended to increase tuber size, and resulted in increased incomes of from \$78 to \$156/acre, giving cost:benefit ratios of 10 to 13.

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2002 Crop Results

<u>Researcher</u>: Allen Perry <u>Variety</u>: Dark Red Norlin <u>In-row spacing</u>: 8 inches *Farmer*: Mike Fitzpatrick *Soil type*: gravely loam *Population*: 17,500 plants/acre *Location*: Watson Farm, Houlton, Maine *Row width*: 36 inches

Experimental design: The field was divided into two parts, one treated twice with Vitazyme and the other left untreated. The fertility program was the same for both treatments.

1. Control 2

2. Vitazyme

Fertilization: unknown

Vitazyme treatments : 13 oz/acre on the seed pieces at transplanting; 13 oz/acre on the leaves and soil in July *Yield results*: On August 8, 2002, two plants were sampled from each area, each plant having the same number of stems and vitality.

	Control	Vitazyme	Change			
	tuber wt (lb)/2 plants					
Tuber yield	2.77	3.81	+1.04 (+38%)			

No weights were determined at harvest, but by converting the dug weights above, the yields are estimated in the following table and graph.

	Control	Vitazyme	Increase
		cwt/acre	
Tuber yield	242.4	333.4	91.0

Increase in tuber yield: 38%



Income results: The potato price is estimated at \$0.07/lb (\$7.00/cwt), meaning that yield increases of 91.0 cwt/acre would bring \$637/acre more income.

Income increase: \$637/acre

<u>Conclusions</u>: The grower in this study noticed a visual improvement in yield at harvest. Despite the fact that weighed yield values were not collected, the sampling in August indicated a marked improvement in yield with Vitazyme as well as a marked increase in income.

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	2002 Crop Results
Vit	azyme on Potatoes
<u>Researcher</u> : Allen Perry	<i>Farmer</i> : Mike Fitzpatrick <i>Location</i> : Watson Farm, Houlton, Maine
Variety: Dark Red Norlin	Soil type: gravely loam Row width: 36 inches
In-row spacing: 8 inches	Population: 17,500 plants/acre
Experimental design: The field w	was divided into two parts, one treated twice with Vitazyme and the other left
untreated. The fertility program	was the same for both treatments.
1. Co	ntrol 2. Vitazyme
<i>Fertilization</i> : unknown	
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Income increase: \$537/acre

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2002 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Potatoes, for Seed

<u>Researcher</u>: C.K. Kim <u>Research organization</u>: Dae Yu Company, Ltd.

Location: Bongsung-Ri, Aeyoul-Eup, Jeju-City, Korea

Variety: Daeji

Soil fertility: unknown Soil type: unknown

Planting date: Autumn of 1999, spring of 2001, fall of 2001

<u>Experimental design</u>: A field area of 100 m^2 (10 "are") was used for this study. Vitazyme and three other products were compared to a control treatment for all three plantings. The five treatments were randomized and replicated three times, with five plants for each plot.

- 1. Control4. Product A-2
 - 2. Vitazyme

- 5. Product B
- 3. Product A-1

Fertilizer treatments: unknown

Vitazyme treatments: (1) 2 liters/hectare (26 oz/acre) as a 1:3,000 dilution, sprayed on the leaves and soil at 25 cm plant height; (2) the same application at early bloom

Other biostimulant treatments: The same applications as for Vitazyme, but for Product A-1 a 1:500 dilution was used; for Product A-2 a 1:1,000 dilution was used; for Product B a 1:1,000 dilution was used.

Results: No individual plot data could be obtained for this study, so only treatment means are shown.

Fall Planting–Plant Response Study

Measurements were made 45 days after planting.

Treatment	Plant height	Change	Stem length	Change	Leaf number	Change	Stem number	Change
			cm					
Control	66.4		44.7		12.5		0.9	70
Vitazyme	75.7	9.3 (+14%)	54.1	9.4 (+21%)	12.2	(-) 0.3 (-2%)	0.8	(-) 0.1 (-11%)
Product A-1	74.9	8.5 (+13%)	51.0	6.3 (+14%)	13.6	1.1 (+9%)	0.5	(-) 0.4 (-44%)
Product A-2	71.9	5.5 (+8%)	48.5	3.8 (+9%)	11.6	(-) 0.9 (-7%)	0.9	0 0
Product B	80.6	14.2 +21%)	56.3	11.6 (+26%)	13.2	0.7 (6%)	0.7	(-) 0.2 (-22%)
80 Plant heig 75- 70- 65- 60 Deckin	ht,		Stem ength, cm	13.0 12.5 12.0 11.5 11.0		Leaf number	1.0 0.9 0.8 0.7 0.6 0.5	Stem number
Control	Vitazyme	Co	ontrol	Vitazyme	Control	Vitazyme	Contr	ol Vitazyme





<u>Conclusions</u>: Vitazyme enhanced early potato growth in this Korean study by 14% in plant height and 21% in stem length. Yields of potatoes were increased by 23 to 34% above the controls, and tuber weight was increased by Vitazyme toward the larger sizes.

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2001 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Potatoes

<i>Farmer</i> : Judd and Greg Hemphill	Location: Presque Isle, Maine	
<u>Variety</u> : Atlantic	Row spacing: 36 inches	Soil type: gravely loam
Experimental design: A strip of a produce	ction field was treated with Vitazyme twice,	and an adjoining strip was
treated with ACA (a 15-0-0% $N-P_2O_5-K_2O_5$) formulation with Zn-NH ₄ -acetate).	
1. Control 2.	ACA 3. Vitazvme	

Fertilization: All field areas were treated the same.

Vitazyme treatments: (1) 13 oz/acre at 4 to 6 inches height on the leaves and soil; (2) 13 oz/acre at blossom on the leaves and soil

<u>Growth responses on August 17</u>: Vitazyme application resulted in a much greater response of roots, tops, and tubers than for the control or ACA treatments. ACA resulted in a yellowing of some of the top leaves.

<u>Yield results</u>: Judd: "Vitazyme was about 25 cwt/acre better [than the untreated control]." Alan Perry: "The potato yield difference was probably better than 25 cwt/acre, since the difference was obvious, and that usually means from 35 to 50 cwt/acre more yield."

	Control	Vitazyme	ACA
		tuber wt (lb)/2 plant	s
Tuber yield*	6.31	8.98 (+42%)	5.66 (-10%)
* Samples were tak vitality, at two loca	en from plants w tions per treatmen	ith the same stem num	mber and average

Yield increase with Vitazyme: 42%







* Average of 30 representative leaves per treatment.



<u>Yield results</u>: On August 20, two average plants from each treatment were selected for tuber yield evaluations.



	Control	Vitazyme 13 oz/acre	Vitazyme 26 oz/acre	
		tuber wt (lb)/2 plants	5	
Tuber yield*	3.16	5.66 (+79%)	6.28 (+99%)	

* Samples were taken from plants with the same stem number and average vitality, at two locations per treatment.

Alan Perry: "The Vitazyme treatment was obviously better, my guess by more than 50 cwt/acre. The uniformity and type [with Vitazyme] were striking."

Yield increase with Vitazyme: > 50 cwt/acre



Clinton Adams: "The Vitazyme treated tubers had better, more uniform size."

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2001 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Potatoes

Farmer:Dennis and Tim KingsberryLocation:Blaine, MaineVariety:Russet BurbankRow spacing:36 inchesSoil type:Experimental design:A potato field was divided into two parts:Soil type:gravely loam

1. Control2. Vitazyme

Fertilization: the same throughout the field using the base saturation (Albrecht) soil balancing system *Vitazyme treatments*: two 13 oz/acre applications on the leaves and soil

<u>Yield results</u>: No large-scale harvest results were determined, but Dennis Kingsberry stated, "The Vitazyme yields were definitely better than the nontreated yields."

Alan Perry: "The Kinsberry's are very pleased with the results they have had with the Albrecht system and Vitazyme so far. Dennis was very aware of finding more roots in and on the harvesting equipment. He kidded me about the trouble all these roots were causing him. We had two fields this year which yielded over 300 cwt/acre, a very good yield for Aroostook County, an improvement over last year and a big improvement for them. A relative said that one field was the best Russet Burbank field he had seen this year in Maine.

On August 19 samples were taken from one Russet Burbank field, and the potatoes were weighed.





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2001 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Potatoes

Farmer: John Auckland *Soil type*: muck (organic) *Harvest date*: unknown Location: Arkport, New York Row spacing: 34 inches <u>Variety</u>: Redsen <u>Planting date</u>: unknown

Experimental design: A muck field of 8 acres was split into three equal sections, and Vitazyme treatments were applied to two of them.

1. Control2. Vitazyme (16 oz/acre)3. Vitazyme (7 oz/acre)*Fertility treatments*:1,100 lb/acre of an 8-8-8% N-P2O5-K2O liquid fertilizer (88 lb/acre of each nutrient), placed2 inches below and 2 inches beside the furrow. Midseason the entire field was sidedressed with 250 lb/acre of urea(115 lb/acre N).

<u>*Yield results*</u>: At harvest, a field length of 6 rows representative of each treatment was harvested and weighed in a truck. Some soil still clung to the tubers, so may have affected weights a bit.

Treatment	Tuber yield	Yield increase
	lt	o/acre
1. Control	18,080	;
2. Vitazyme, 16 oz	19,120	1,040 (+6%)
3. Vitazyme, 7 oz	19,820	1,740 (+10%)



Income results: The potato price is estimated at \$0.12/lb.

Yield increase with Vitazyme: 10%

Vitazyme, 16 oz/acre +\$124.80/acre Vitazyme, 7 oz/acre +\$208.80/acre

<u>Conclusions</u>: In this New York potato trial on muck soils, Vitazyme at both 7 and 16 oz/acre substantially increased tuber yield and income, especially at the 7 oz/acre rate. This rate increased yield by 10% and income by \$208.80/acre.

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Vitazyme on Potatoes A Testimonial

Farmers: Wayne and Ryan Bradstreet

Variety: Kennebec, for seed

Soil type: gravely loam

Row spacing: 36 inches

Location: Bridgewater, Maine

Experimental design: A field was divided into a treated and untreated portion.

1. Control 2. Vitazyme

Fertilization: The base saturation balancing (Albrecht) method was used throughout the field, this being the first year on the system.

Vitazyme treatment: (1) 13 oz/acre pre-bloom about June 10, after weed kill on the leaves and soil; (2) 13 oz/acre about July 15, at bloom, on the leaves and soil

Observations:

Wayne: "It was a very good crop, one of the best Kennebec crops we have had!"

Ryan: "The Vitazyme treated tubers had good uniformity of size, had a very good tuber set, and the tuber numbers were much better than usual."

There were some "common scab" defects on tubers from two parts of the field, but as one moved from the control to the treated portion of the field the scab problem disappeared.

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2000 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Potatoes *a Testimonial*

Farmer: Neil Grass *Planting date*: June 9, 2000 Location: Mars Hill, Maine Row spacing: 36 inches Variety: Kanona Previous crop: fallow

Soil type: gravely loam

Experimental design: A potato field was divided into two parts, one treated with Vitazyme and the other left untreated.

1. Control

2. Vitazyme

<u>Fertilization amount</u>: 1,100 lb/acre of 14-14-14-1.2% N-P₂O₅-K₂O-Mg, with N applied as 50% NH₄NO₃ and 50% (NH₄)₂ SO₄ <u>Vitazyme application</u>: 13 oz/acre twice, the last half of the season after tuber initiation <u>Top kill date</u>: September 12, 2000 <u>Yield and quality comments</u>:

- Neil: "The Vitazyme treated Kanonas definitely had a more uniform size, had more roots, and were definitely better. At harvest the Vitazyme treated area had at least 2,500 cwt more per acre, probably more like 3,500 cwt."
- Alan Perry: "This field had the best yield on the farm. Tuber size was extremely uniform, which allowed them to be killed when more than 50% of them (as high as 70%) were chef size (3 to 4 inches in diameter). This helped increase total yield.

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1999 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Potatoes

Farmers:Bruce AnkenyLocation:Nampa, IdahoVariety:Yukon GoldSoil type:silt loamIrrigation:sprinkler irrigated periodicallyPlanting date:May 29, 1999Experimental design:A garden area of about 12 x 40 feet was prepared and planted in raised rows. Each treatment covered half of the prepared area.Each treatment covered half of the prepared area.Image: Sprinkler irrigated periodically

1. Control 2. Vitazyme

Fertilization: compost at a liberal rate

<u>Vitazyme application</u>: Seed pieces for the Vitazyme treatment were soaked overnight in a 5% Vitazyme solution. Vitazyme was also sprayed using a 2% solution on the leaves at about 5 inches height.

Harvest date: September 15, 1999

Growth observations: The Vitazyme treated plants grew faster from the beginning.

Observation	Control	Vitazyme
Time to first leaves	16 days	7 days
Leaf area		30 to 40% more
Leaf color	Light green	Deep green

Yield results: At maturity 13 hills from each treatment were harvested and weighed.

	Control*	Vitazyme	Increase
		lb	
Yield, 13 hills	30.3	51.8	(+) 21.5 (+71%)
Yield per plant	2.33	3.98	(+) 1.65 (+71%)



Yield increase: 71%

<u>Conclusions</u>: In this garden trial theVitazyme treated potato plants performed much better than the untreated plants in terms of germination and early growth, total leaf area and plant size, leaf color, and tuber yield per plant (1.65 lb/plant more). In addition, after digging the Vitazyme treated plants stayed green for a much longer time than did the control plants. This slower drydown was likely due to thicker cell walls and stronger vascular tissues from greater cellulose, hemicellulose, and lignin deposition.

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2000 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Potatoes

Farmer: Dave Votypka *Planting date*: May 27, 2000 *Soil type*: Bath gravely loam

Location: Wayland, New York *In-row spacing*: 11.5 inches

Variety: Snowden

Previous crop: peas underseeded with clover

2. Vitazyme

Row spacing: 36 inches

Experimental design: One portion of a potato field was treated with Vitazyme, on the seeds at planting, while the remainder was left untreated.

1. Control

Fertilizer treatments: 1,000 lb/acre of 12-15-20% N-P₂O₅-K₂O with zinc

Insecticide treatment: Admire insecticide in the row with Vitazyme

Vitazyme application: 13 oz/acre Vitazyme in the furrow at planting

Chlorophyll results: On August 14, 20 representative leaves from each treatment were analyzed for chlorophyll with a Minolta SPAD meter, and the results were averaged. Leaf chlorophyll, SPAD units

Treatment	Chlorophyll	Change
	SPAD	units
Control	36.5	
Vitazyme	39.1	(+) 2.6



Chlorophyll increase: 2.6 SPAD units

Yield results: At harvest, four rows were harvested from each treatment and weighed



Treatment	Tuber	Tuber yield		
	Per 4 rows	Per acre	per acre	
	lb	lb/acre	lb/acre	
Control	12,960	32, 175	4,738 (+15%)	
Vitazyme	15,020	36,913		

* Area harvested: control—0.4028 acre; Vitazyme—0.4069 acre.

Tuber yield increase: 15%

Income results: The value of potatoes is about \$6.50/cwt.

Income increase: \$307.97/acre

Conclusions: Vitazyme applied at 13 oz/acre only one time — at planting — to these Snowden potatoes produced more intensive growth throughout the season, as evidenced by greater chlorophyll and plant size at midseason compared to the control plants. Final tuber yields reflected this earlier growth response, with Vitazyme increasing the yield by 15% and upping the income by about \$308/acre.



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2000 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Potatoes

Farmers: Tim and Dennis Kingsbury *Variety*: Russet Burbank, for french fries

Location: Blaine, Maine *Row spacing*: 36 inches

Planting date: May 29, 2000 *Soil type*: gravely loam

Previous crop: oats

Experimental design: A potato field was divided into two parts, one treated with Vitazyme and the other left untreated.

1. Control2. Vitazyme

<u>Fertilization</u>: The soil cation balancing system was utilized. Based on a soil test, the following fertilizers were applied: $(NH_4)_2 SO_4 - 250 lb/acre; NH_4NO_3 - 410 lb/acre; sulfur - 20 lb/acre; K_2SO_4 - 400 lb/acre; borax(14% B) - 15 lb/acre; ZnSO_4(36\%Zn) - 35 lb/acre.$

Vitazyme application: two 13 oz/acre applications

Top killing date: September 26, 2000

Yield results:



Conclusions: Vitazyme produced a sizable yield increase in this Russet Burbank potato trial.

Tim: "The Vitazyme treated tubers look very good. I would like to use it on a larger test. It is hard to see difference on a small test.The potatoes on the Vitazyme had fewer small tubers, which made the crop look much bigger going

into storage."

Dennis: "This was the best field on the farm. It had the best size and the best yield."

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2000 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Potatoes

<u>Grower</u>: Semtec: Mark Innes and Amy Kunugi <u>Planting date</u>: May 5, 2000 <u>Soil type</u>: loamy sand Experimental design: A center pivot area of 1 Location: Center, Colorado <u>Variety</u>: Nugget <u>Data collection</u>: Agro Engineering, Alamosa, Colorado <u>Row spacing</u>: alternate 32 in-36 in (average of 34 in)

Experimental design: A center pivot area of 120 acres, having similar soils throughout, was divided into four equal test areas of 30 acres each. These areas were all treated the same except three areas received an application of a different biostimulant product; one area served as a control.

1. Control 2. Vitazyme 3. GroZyme 4. E-2001

Irrigation: total of about 18 inches, every third day at 0.7 inch per irrigation beginning at emergence near the end of May

<u>*Fertilization*</u>: 140 lb/acre N, no P or K plus some S applied through the irrigation system; 400 lb/acre FeSO₄, 200 lb/acre MnSO₄, 35 lb/acre ZnSO₄, 20 lb/acre CuSO₄, 0.5 ton/acre compost, plus 1 ton/acre gypsum, all mixed and applied before planting and incorporated into the soil

Vitazyme treatment: 13 oz/acre through the irrigation system at planting, with about 0.7 inches of water *Harvest date*: October 12 to 14, 2000

<u>Tuber size evaluation</u>: On October 13, Agro Engineering performed a potato size evaluation of each treatment. The tubers were classified according to the ranges listed.

	Potato tuber weight			Average tuber	
Treatment	< 4 oz	> 6 oz	4 to 8 oz	> 8 oz	size
	% of total mass				
Control	11	58	71	21	5.5
GroZyme	11	62	49	41	5.9
Vitazyme	17	54	65	18	4.9
E-2001	11	49	61	28	5.3





The Vitazyme treated tubers tended to skin a bit more than the other treatments at harvest, a result of possibly a soil difference or, more likely, the fact that the plants were still actively growing at harvest time. Had their growth been allowed to continue there would have been more yield and larger tubers.

Based on field notes of the harvesters, the Vitazyme treated potatoes had **medium-sized tubers**, compared to smaller tubers for GroZyme and generally larger tubers for E-2001. However, the size evaluation indicated the largest number of large (> 8 oz) tubers for GroZyme.

<u>*Tuber yield*</u>: On October 13, Agro-Engineering evaluated the yield of each treatment using a yield monitor, which determined 2,610 data points for the control and 1,093 data points for the Vitazyme area. No data was supplied for the GrowZyme and E-2000 areas, but Agro-Engineering stated that **Vitazyme yields were the high-est of all three products tested**.



Income change: A price of \$3.00/cwt is estimated, considering 1999 prices of about \$4.00/cwt and 2000 prices of near \$2.00/cwt.

Income	Change
\$/2	ncre
1,005.00	
1,110.00	(+) 105.00
	Income 1,005.00 1,110.00

Income increase: \$105.00/acre

<u>Conclusions</u>: This large-scale potato trial in southern Colorado proved the effectiveness of Vitazyme in increasing total tuber yield, and in producing a medium sized tuber. At harvest the plants were still growing to some extent. Vitazyme outperformed the other two biostimulants in the study, and increased income by about \$105/acre for a single application applied through the irrigation system.

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2000 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Potatoes *a Testimonial*

Farmers: Frank Kearney *Planting date*: May 23, 2000 *Location*: Mars Hill, Maine *Row spacing*: 36 inches

2. Vitazyme

<u>Variety</u>: Monona <u>Soil type</u>: gravely loam

Previous crop: oats underseeded with clover

Experimental design: A potato field was divided into two parts, one treated with Vitazyme and the other left untreated.

1. Control

Fertilization: The cation balancing system was used on this field. Fertilizers added were as follows: $P_2O_5 - 75$ lb/acre; $NH_4NO_3 - 300$ lb/acre; $(NH_4)_2$ SO₄ - 250 lb/acre; $K_2SO_4 - 400$ lb/acre; borax - 15 lb/acre; ZnSO₄ - 35 lb/acre; sulfur - 25 lb/acre.

Vitazyme treatment: 13 oz/acre on July 6, with the fungicide (Manzate 75 DF)

Top killing date: August 23, 2000

Chlorophyll content: On August 18, 2000, chlorophyll readings were made with a Minolta SPAD meter using 20 randomly selected leaves from each treatment. **Leaf chlorophyll, SPAD units**

	Control	Vitazyme	Change
		- SPAD units -	
Leaf chlorophyll	36.3	39.5	3.2



Leaf chlorophyll increase: 3.2 SPAD units

Yield and quality comments:

Frank: "Very interesting results. Vitazyme gave definitely better roots. The plants looked better all summer, with more even tuber size. I would like a larger test next year."

The leaf chlorophyll level of the Vitazyme treatment was definitely superior during the growing season, showing that the carbon – fixing potential of the treated plants was greater than the control. This apparent advantage translated into a greater yield and the uniformity of the treated tubers.

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2000 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Potatoes

Farmer: Dick Porter

Location: Mars Hill, Maine

Variety: Frito Lay 1625

Row spacing: 36 inches

Planting date: Vitazyme area: May 28; control area: May 22.

<u>Soil type</u>: gravely loam <u>Previous crop</u>: oats

Experimental design: A field was treated with Vitazyme, while an adjoining field with equivalent soil types and crop history were left untreated.

1. Control 2. Vitazyme

Fertilizer treatments: 1,250 lb/acre of a 10-14-17% N-P₂O₅-K₂O fertilizer

Vitazyme treatment: 13 oz/acre on the seed pieces at planting with Admire insecticide; 13 oz/acre on the leaves and soil at blossom time.

Insecticide application: Admire in the furrow at planting

Chlorophyll levels: On August 18, 20 representative leaves from each treatment were evaluated for chlorophyll using a Minolta SPAD meter. **Leaf chlorophyll, SPAD units**



Chlorophyll increase: 1.3 SPAD units

Tuber Yield**

<u>Yield results</u>: Three 10-foot row lengths were dug from each field area. The plant number, total weight, and tuber numbers were recorded. Each plot for both treatments averaged 11 plants.

Tuber yield, lb/acre, x 1,000



	Control*	Vitazyme*	Change
Tuber yield	20.93 b	lb/plot 22.77 a	1.84(+9%)
	276.3 b	300.6a	24.3(+9%)

* Means followed by the same letter are not significantly different at P=0.20 according to Tukey's Honestly Significance Difference Test. $LSD_{0.10}=2.88$. ** Yield calculations in cwt/acre are determined by harvesting a 10-foot row length, and multiplying this weight (in lb.) by 8. This gives barrels (165 lb each). Such a calculation has proven to be fairly accurate in determining actually marketed yield, which takes into account shrinkage in storage, and rocks and debris amongst the tubers.

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Control

Vitazyme





	Control	Vitazyme	Change
	\$/acre		
Total income	3,039.301	3,306.60	267.30

Income increase: \$267.30/acre

<u>Conclusions</u>: Vitazyme applied to these FL 1625 potatoes increased the leaf chlorophyll content, and thus photosynthesis, during the growing season. This increase was translated into more total tuber yield and a 30% greater number of tubers for the same number of plants, though the tuber size on average was less (by 14%). The 9% greater yield means a \$267.30/acre yield increase from the two applications, which is a very significant income improvement from the sound investment in Vitazyme. These improvements in growth, yield, and income occurred in spite of the fact that the Vitazyme treated potatoes were planted six days later than the control potatoes.

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1999 Crop Results



Several potato growers used Vitazyme on all of their acreage in the Presque Isle, Maine, area, so no test comparison with untreated controls could be made. Those having control areas without a Vitazyme application had positive remarks to give about the product.

Jay and David McCrum. On August 8, 1999, the chlorophyll levels of leaves for treated and untreated areas of test fields revealed significant differences. Values were determined by averaging 20 leaves for each treatment, using a Minolta SPAD meter.



Two Vitazyme applications were put on 1,700 acres of their potatoes, at 13 oz/acre each time: (1) at planting on the seed pieces, and (2) one week before flowering. Samples of plants from treated and nearby untreated areas revealed significant yield improvements with Vitazyme, up to a 33% increase.

Alan Irving. Treated potatoes in the test area had greater uniformity of size and better color. No yields were determined for treated and untreated areas.

Terry McPherson. On August 9, 1999, a significant difference in yield was detected between Vitazyme treated and untreated areas of a Russet Burbank field. Samples of two plants from each treatment gave the weights shown on the right. It was impossible to separate yields for the two areas due to wet conditions at harvest. Terry estimated that the treated area yielded at least 20 cwt/area more than the adjacent control area.



Jay Boyd. On August 10, 1999, the Vitazyme treated areas of a field revealed higher leaf chlorophyll levels than nearby untreated areas. Note the graph on the right. The yields of treated field areas, while not documented, were higher than for untreated field areas.



Mike Adams. "[Vitazyme treated] plants looked fuller with more leaves all summer. Tubers had more even size and very nice type."

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1999 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Potatoes

Grower: Bob JohnsonLocation: Naples, FloridaVariety: Red LasotaPlanting date: December 29, 1999Soil Type: gravely (limestone)Harvest date: April 17, 1999Experimental design: A field contained 16-row strips of potatoes divided by drainage ditches. Three strips wereThree strips weretreated with Vitazyme and eight stripswere left untreated.

1. Control (no Vitazyme) 2. Vitazyme

Fertility treatments: 1,300 lb/acre of 7-10-10% N-P₂O₅-K₂O, broadcast preplant and incorporated; 1,200 lb/acre of 12-4-18 dropped in rows four inches apart and scratched into the shoulders of the hills, at the four-inch stage *Fungicide treatments*: 14 during the growing season, on January 20, 26, February 1, 3, 8, 11, 15, 19, 23, 26, and March 9, 15, 20, 2.

Vitazyme application: 13 oz/acre sprayed over the foliage and soil at tuber initation, and 13 oz/acre about 12 days later

Chlorophyll content: On March 5, 1999, evaluations on chlorophyll were taken with a Minolta SPAD meter, using 20 leaves randomly selected across each plot, and averaged. The control areas had 160 values, and the treated areas 100 values.



Leaf canopy temperature: On March 5, 1999, canopy temperatures were taken of each plot using a Raytek infrared thermometer. Plot values were averaged.





Income results: Potato price = \$0.16/lb x 2,400 lb/acre = \$384.00/acre

Income increase: \$384.00/acre

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1999 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Potatoes

Farmer: John Aukland *Soil type*: muck (organic) *Location*: Arkport, New York *Row spacing*: 34 inches

<u>Variety</u>: Reba <u>Planting date</u>: May 5, 1999

Harvest date: October 5, 1999

Experimental design: A field of 5 acres was split in half, one half receiving Vitazyme and the other half another foliar treatment called "ACA" (an anhydrous ammonia + zinc formulation).

1. Control (ACA) 2. Vitazyme

Fertility treatments: 1000 lb/acre of 8-8-8 preplant, and 250 lb/acre of urea sidedressed (193 lb/acre of N total)

<u>Vitazyme and ACA treatments</u>: 13 oz/acre of Vitazyme with Admire insecticide on seed pieces at planting; 1pt/acre of ACA in fertilizer band at planting

<u>Chlorphyll determinations</u>: On August 11, chlorophyll readings were made using a Minolta SPAD meter, and 20 leaves per treatment for an average.



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1999 Crop Results



Farmer:James HarrisonLocation:North Yorkshire, EnglandVariety:Cara (seed potatoes)Planting date:first weekend of May, 1999Harvest date:September 1, 1999Soil type:sandy clay loamExperimental design:A potato field was divided into two parts:two-thirds with standard fertilizer practices andone-third with the "Eco-Ag" System, using Vitazyme, humic acids, and beneficial rhizosphore bacteria.

1. Control 2. Vitazyme + Eco-Ag products

<u>*Fertility treatments*</u>: recommended applications of mono-ammonium phosphate, K_2SO_4 , $(NH_4)_2SO_4$, and other minerals

<u>Vitazyme applications</u>: 0.5 liter/ha (6 oz/acre) + humic acids + rhizospore bacteria at planting; 0.5 liter/ha and humic acids at tuber initiation and again at tuber bulking Yield results: **Total Tuber Yield, tonnes/acre**

	<u>Control</u>	<u>Vitazyme</u>	<u>Change</u>
	tonnes/acre	tonnes/acre	tonnes/acre
Yield, net	17.50	19.00	1.50 (+9%)
Yield, seed quality	5.93	7.75	1.82 (+31%)
Yield, food quality	11.57	11.25	-0.32 (-3%)

Income results: Seed potato price = \$286.20/tonne

Total income

Seed yield increase: 31%

Food potato price = \$95.40/tonne

Control

\$1.761.40/acre

20 19 18 17.5 18 17 16 Control Vitazyme

Seed Quality Yield, tonnes/acre



Income increase: \$1,529.90/acre

<u>Comments</u>: The extra profit achieved by the Eco-Ag System in this potato study was \$491.31, after accounting for the extra costs of this system compared to the conventional program. "Mr. Harrison was delighted by the result which he monitored throughout the year. He intends to use Vitazyme on all crops in 2000."

Vitazyme

\$3.291.30/acre

Vitazyme and the Eco-Ag System produced a sizeable (31%) increase in high quality seed potatoes versus the conventional system.

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Vitazyme on Potatoes A Testimonial

Farmer: Mike Conlogue

Location: Littleton, Maine

Variety: Superior

Experimental design: A small field had Vitazyme applied to about half of the field, with an untreated control left for comparison on the other half.

Vitazyme treatment: 13 oz/acre applied to the soil soon after planting

Fertility treatment: base saturation balancing of nutrients

Comments:

- The Vitazyme treated plants had **superior tuber set**, **appearance**, **and size (greater uniformity)** than the untreated control.
- In spite of droughty conditions, **the yield of these Superiors was greater** then similar fields for some of his neighbors.
- **Chlorophyll** in leaves on July 17, using a SPAD meter (average of 20 leaves):

Control - 47.0 Vitazyme - 48.2

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Vitazyme on Potatoes A Testimonial

Farmer:Steve ClockadileLocation:Westfield, MaineVariety:KatahdinExperimental design:Vitazyme over the entire fieldVitazyme treatment:13 oz/acre on the foliage about July 17Fertility treatment:base saturation balancing of nutrientsComments:

- "I think Vitazyme is the best thing I put on my farm this year!"
- At least a **20% yield increase** was achieved over other fields, and over what was expected on this field.
- Part of the field had a poor stand, but rather than yielding misshapen and uneven tubers the Vitazyme caused **very even sizing and few misshapen tubers**. The **yield** for this part of the field was as good as for the part having a good stand.
- Some hills had up to 26 tubers per plant!
- **Sizing** was equal in areas of a poor stand and a good stand.

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1997 Crop Results

Vitazyme on Potatoes A Testimonial

Farmer: Merlon Cronkite *Location*: Presque Isle, Maine Variety: Atlantic *Experimental design*: Much of the field received Vitazyme, with a control strip left untreated. *Vitazyme treatment*: 13 oz/acre on the foliage applied July 15 *Fertility treatment*: base saturation balancing of nutrients Comments:

- The Maine State Inspection Service said that the Vitazyme treated Atlantics were the best of that variety they had seen in 1997.
- Merlon stated that this field produced the **best yield** on Atlantics he has ever seen.
- Compared to the control strip, the Vitazyme treatment did the following:
 - a) Substantially improved the yield
 - b) Produced very even sizing
 - c) Greatly increased the tuber set per plant
- The control potatoes had much less set and therefore grew too large, having **poorer shape and** size uniformity than did the Vitazyme treated plants.
- **Chlorophyll** in leaves on July 17, using a SPAD meter (average of 20 leaves):

Control - 43.3 Vitazyme - 44.4