

WIREWORM CONTROL IN POTATOES

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Several granular insecticides were sidedressed at about the level of potato seed pieces in a sandy soil 19 days after planting but before plant emergence. Only Mocap and T-82-33 kept wireworm damage on tubers within standards for U.S. No. 1 grade, but they were not significantly different from Dasanit, Temik, T-81-32 and Furadan.

At a second location where insecticides were mixed with the soil covering the tubers at the time of planting, Dyfonate and Counter gave significantly better control than other insecticides except Mocap. T-81-32, T-82-33, and a thimet-Temik mixture were significantly less effective than Dyfonate and Counter but were significantly better than the check.