Dickeya dianthicola

Farm biosecurity checklist

- Do you have biosecurity signs in place at property entrance? Does it include a phone number and instruction for visitors to contact the farmer before coming on-farm?
- Can you set up a single access to your property that is able to be shut/locked?
- Do visitors, contractors and staff park in designated signed areas?
- Do all visitors and contractors to the site sign a register and are they informed of your farm's biosecurity measures and not to bring plant material on-farm?
- Are staff trained in biosecurity? Has the training been recorded?
- Do you use certified clean seed/tubers or own 'clean and tested' seed?
- Has a seed register been completed?
- Are clothes and equipment cleaned daily or when moved on and off your property?
- Are boots and secateurs used only on-farm and cleaned between plots?
- Are footbaths available on your property?
- Do you restrict movement of vehicles/livestock/other animals on-farm?
- Do all visitors use a footbath before entering the production area?
- Is there a concrete wash-down area located near to the front of property with run-off collected so as not to contaminate the growing area?
- Do you clean any machinery or vehicles coming onto the growing area or leaving the farm with a high pressure cleaner and disinfectant?
- Is wash-down water collected in confined area (sump, evaporation pond)?
- Do you maintain a complete register of machinery coming onto the farm?
- Do you use on-farm only vehicles, if possible, for transport around the growing area?
- Are all deliveries and produce pickups done at a designated area?
- Are field crates and bins washed and disinfected when moving between production areas?
- Are bins cleaned in a 1% Chlorine bath before going into the farm area and placed on a stand or hard surface area? Do you avoid used or recycled bins?
- Is there a hardstand loading area that is cleaned once produce has been picked up?
- Do you monitor for host weeds and volunteer plants, and remove where possible, especially around wash-down areas?
- Do you know of and can you identify ornamental hosts of Dickeya dianthicola.
- Do you ensure that any ornamental hosts grown on your property are grown from seed or introduced from a source you know to be free of the disease?
- Are fences and nets maintained to restrict access to production areas?
- Do you remove waste away from the growing area to a designated area?
- If possible do you dispose of waste by deep burial, burning or feeding to stock?
- Do you monitor your crops regularly for disease symptoms?
- Do you train workers to identify and report the symptoms of Dickeya dianthicola, including soft rot and blackleg?
- Can you trackback and traceforward all your crops?
- Do you keep record of all movements along the supply chain, from pre-farm and harvest, through to transport, washing, waste disposal, processing, and consumption?