

## Tomlinson, Mary E

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**From:** Nick McCrum <nick@countysuperspuds.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 06, 2016 10:00 AM  
**To:** Tomlinson, Mary E  
**Subject:** Omega in furrow.

To the Board of pesticide control.

I would like to ask you to grant a 24 c for the use of Omega in furrow on potatoes. Powdery scab has been economically damaging disease on our farm in several of the past years. There are very few effective options that a grower can use to combat this disease. We at County Farms would like to have the ability to use Omega in furrow on our most susceptible varieties. This is part of a greater plan including extended rotation and alternative crops to reduce the inoculum in our soil.

In crop years 2015 and 2013 we suffer severe loss from powdery scab which also vectors the mop top virus. Mop top reduces yield and may leave internal brown spots in the tuber. Powdery scab lesions on a chip potato will lead to a sugar accumulation causing undesirable brown edges on the chip. Nothing seems worse as a grower than to turn acres of potatoes under. We put time and resources into each arce we grow, and the ability to use Omega may make the difference between harvesting and discarding fields. Several of our chipping varieties are particularly susceptible to the disease. Unfortunatly our buyer/ customers dictate the level of this varitey that we grow.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter and I encourage you to grant the use of Omega for in furrow use in potatoes.

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