

APHID ALERT UPDATE 4

Suction-trapping period 8th -14th September 2014

There is not much change in the numbers of cereal and oilseed rape aphids caught in suction-traps in England during week 8th – 14th September compared to the previous week. Large numbers of bird cherry–oat aphid are flying, especially around Preston, but many of these will be heading for bird cherry and playing no part in BYDV spread. Next week we will begin testing those caught in the Rothamsted trap to determine the proportions of bird cherry and cereal colonisers.

Note that we have received no data from Scotland this week. I'm sure there's an irony lurking in there. Also we have not been able to look at the samples from Newcastle, Silwood Park or Wye this week.

In summary, aphids are trickling in and colonisation of crops will be occurring. With warm weather those colonisers will reproduce quickly so the slow start to colonisation does not yet mean that virus risk will be low.



Further information

www.hgca.com/pests

www.potato.org.uk/online-toolbox/aphid-monitoring

[Rothamsted Insect Survey](#)

[HDC pest bulletin](#)

<http://www.sasa.gov.uk/seed-ware-potatoes/virology/virus-epidemiology>

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