

## APHID ALERT UPDATE 3

Suction-trapping period 1<sup>st</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> September 2014

*Rhopalosiphum padi* (bird cherry–oat aphid) is flying in large numbers in Scotland and the west of England. Some of these will be flying to bird cherry, not cereals, and within the next two weeks we will begin assessing the proportions of each at Rothamsted.

A few more *Myzus persicae* (peach–potato aphid) flew during Bulletin Week 23 (1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> September) than in the previous week, with low numbers in the suction-traps at Elgin, Dundee, Preston, Kirton and Broom's Barn. The only field report we have heard of this species involves low numbers spotted newly arrived by Agrii agronomists in Kent. They also report *Brevicoryne brassicae* (cabbage aphid) in low numbers in Kent, Lincolnshire and the West Midlands.



### Further information

[www.hgca.com/pests](http://www.hgca.com/pests)

[www.potato.org.uk/online-toolbox/aphid-monitoring](http://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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