

Ontario Seed Potato Growers Association/ SPUD Unit

Rules of Operation for Nuclear Seed Potato Orders effective January 1, 2025.

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Approved by the Board of Directors on November 14, 2024.

- 1) Only active voting members of the OSPGA in good standing, may under individual contract with the OSPGA, utilize the services of the SPUD unit.
- 2) The prices are set by the Executive of the OSPGA in consultation with the SPUD unit for Nuclear seed potatoes produced by the SPUD Unit.
- 3) The rules apply to orders placed after the date that the rules were agreed to and are not retroactive. All public varieties are available to all voting members of OSPGA. If there are no orders for a public variety for one year, it will be dropped from the collection unless an individual grower agrees to pay the annual maintenance fee of \$250/variety/annum that minitubers are not produced.
- 4) Public varieties and PBR varieties brought in for exclusive use of one growers/company pays \$250/annum for any year when the variety is not being multiplied for minituber production. Copies of Material Transfer Agreements (MTAs) between the grower and the owner of the private variety must be provided to the OSPGA and SPUD Unit before an order can be scheduled.
- 5) Nuclear minitubers orders will be taken by the Secretary of OSPGA in 5 lbs increments with a minimum order for a variety from one or more growers of 25 lbs.
- 6) A 50% non-refundable deposit must be submitted to the OSPGA with each Nuclear seed potato order. The OSPGA will composite all deposits and will paid the University of Guelph- SPUD Unit, Ontario Crops Research Centre, New Liskeard by December 15th of the ordering year.
- 7) First time orders by a new seed grower may be required by the OSPGA to pay 100% deposit on their first OSPGA Nuclear seed order.
- 8) Seed growers must accept and pay for up to 10% overage on their order of minitubers for each variety ordered at 75% of the full price. All overage in excess of 10% will be charged at 50 %.
- 9) The acquisition of a new variety and any royalty charges paid by the SPUD Unit will be reported to the OSPGA by June every year. These costs will be covered by the requesting grower(s). These fees will be collected from the growers by the OSPGA and remitted to the SPUD Unit with the Final Payment (see Section 8).
- 10) All shipping costs from the SPUD Unit to the individual growers receiving minitubers will be prepaid by the receiving grower with their contracted courier service. Purolator is the preferred provider.
- 11) Billing procedures for all orders for maintenance fees, minituber orders and other services will all be billed by and paid to the OSPGA. The SPUD lab will invoice OSPGA directly.

- 12) The Minituber price/ pound will be established annually by the OSPGA Board of Directors in consultation with the University of Guelph. Furthermore the selling price for 24 plant tissue cultured plants in magenta jars will also be established annually.
- 13) OSPGA will remit to the University of Guelph- SPUD Unit, Ontario Crops Research Centre, New Liskeard (see Payment Schedule):
- a) First Payment – due each December the deposits for the orders taken that fall
 - b) Final Payment due each July on that year's minituber delivery including
 - i) Balance owed on that year's minituber delivery based on lbs shipped
 - ii) Extraneous Shipping costs (if any) paid by the SPUD Unit
 - iii) Any variety royalties paid by the SPUD Unit
 - iv) Cost of acquiring new varieties paid by the SPUD Unit
 - v) Annual maintenance fees for varieties on the OSPGA list not ordered in the previous production year.

Price schedule for 2024 nuclear Minitubers orders received by growers in the spring of 2025 will be \$51.35/ pound.

Price schedule for 2025 orders:

- 1. Nuclear Minitubers at \$52.65/ pound.**
- 2. 24 plant magenta jars at \$19.00/ jar**
- 3. Cultivar maintenance without orders is \$250/ annum.**
- 4. Importation of a new variety to SPUD with all the necessary steps involved is totally at the cost of the grower who orders it.**