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Potato Growers of Idaho are pleased to add our support to certify spinosad for organic use.

The organic farming industry is growing in importance in Idaho, up more than twenty percent in acreage over the past decade. It has an important future in the economy of Idaho, yet it often finds itself handicapped by the scarcity of pest control products at its disposal.

Literature suggests that spinosad may provide growers in many organic sectors with an important tool to use in increasing both their yield, and the quality and safety of their crops.

We urge you to give full consideration to approving spinosad for organic use.

Sincerely,

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