

The background of the slide is a close-up photograph of potato leaves. Several leaves are visible, showing characteristic late blight lesions. These lesions appear as irregular, brown, necrotic patches on the green leaf surfaces. The lighting is bright, highlighting the texture of the leaves and the extent of the damage.

Task forces and The Late Blight Working Group

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Two Task forces

1. Potatoes
2. Other crops (cereals, rapeseed, seeds, maize, onions, etc.)

Participants

- The Danish Environmental Protection Agency
- The Danish Ministry of Environment and Gender Equality
- The Danish Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries
- The agricultural sector (appointed by the Danish Agriculture & Food Council, L&F)
 - AKV – starch company
 - KMC – starch company
 - SEGES Innovation (advisory service)
 - Danish Potato Association
- Aarhus University

Purpose

- Bring together the authorities and the industry in order to identify potential alternatives to fluorinated pesticides within the existing regulatory framework.
- Kick-off meetings in September 2025.
- The work will conclude by the end of September 2026.
- The Ministry of Environment will keep relevant ministries continuously informed about the task force's work and progress through quarterly reports.

Tasks

- Extended use of existing approved products for other applications
- Possible approval of products with active substances that are approved in the EU but not in Denmark
- Possibility of approving products that have previously been used
- New products, including bio-solutions
- Contribute to prioritizing areas of intervention with the aim of achieving the fastest possible replacement with new solutions
- *The task force may identify any challenges and other possible solutions, such as crop rotation and IPM-measures, and put forward proposals for innovation, research and development, including solutions that cannot immediately be implemented within existing frameworks or in the short term*

Tasks

- In the case of specific challenges requiring political handling or decision-making, including possible financing, these will be addressed by the Ministry of Environment, which will involve other relevant political parties in the Danish Parliament as needed, including other ministries
- If possible, alternatives should be applied for and ready for the 2027 growing season

First milestone – late blight

- Consolidation of the list of alternatives and prioritization regarding potential approval
 - Ametoctradin
 - Cyazofamid
 - Fosetyl-al
 - Potassium phosphonates
 - (Kobber)



First milestone – early blight

- Consolidation of the list of alternatives and prioritization regarding potential approval.
 - Prothioconazole
 - Folpet
 - *B. amyloliquefaciens* (BCA)



The Late Blight Working Group

Danish Potato Association is an association representing potato growers, companies and institutions, working to ensure a favorable framework for potato production and engagement with the Danish society.



Purpose

- Develop targeted proposals for the prevention of potato late blight in **both conventional and organic production**.
- Identify relevant studies and research needs that can document the effects and costs of different IPM-strategies.



Objective

- The objective is to ensure the possibility of continued potato production – both conventional and organic production.
- The group's recommendations are submitted to the board of Danish Potato Association, which ensures that the proposals are addressed by both the conventional and organic growers before decisions are made on best practice or any legislative initiatives.



