**RB209 Nutrient Management Guide – Potato Section Under Review!**

Big news for the potato industry! The Nutrient Management Guide (RB209) section on potatoes is getting a much-needed review, thanks to a project funded by GB Potatoes through a grant from AHDB, utilising the remaining Potato Levy funds

**Investing in Key Industry Projects**

Back in 2024, GB Potatoes signed an agreement with the Agriculture & Horticulture Development Board (AHDB) to utilise the remaining potato levy funds for seven key projects that benefit the whole industry. One of those projects will make sure the RB209 guidance for

**Why Does RB209 Matter for Potatoes?**

The potato section of RB209 was last updated in 2021, but with industry practices evolving and costs rising, it's time to check if the guidance still holds up. Fertiliser is a major expense for growers, and having the right information helps ensure that every pound spent on nutrition is delivering the best return – both financially and environmentally.

**A Collaborative Industry Effort**

To get this done, GB Potatoes is setting up a Technical Working Group (TWG) made up of experts with the knowledge and experience to review the current RB209 guidance. While there’s no budget for brand-new research, this review will pull together the best available current knowledge to make sure the guide remains as accurate and practical as possible.

**What Happens Next?**

The TWG will report into the main RB209 Steering Group, proposing changes that are deemed necessary section 5 (potatoes), as well as contributing insights to Sections 1 & 2 of the guide from the perspective of potatoes. The goal is to ensure the guide continues to provide valuable, up-to-date advice that supports a profitable and sustainable potato sector.

**We Want to Hear from You!**

This is an industry-wide effort, and we’d love your input. If you have any thoughts or feedback on nutrient management for potatoes, get in touch with us at info@gb-potatoes.co.uk.

Let’s work together to keep our industry strong!