

'THINK BEFORE YOU PACK AND DON'T BRING IT BACK'

1 WHY SHOULDN'T YOU BRING PLANT PRODUCTS ON A PLANE?

Plant products can unknowingly bring in pests that threaten local **agriculture, ecosystems** and **food security**.



2 THE THREAT TO TATTIES?

The potato famine was caused by the **American native** plant pathogen ***Phytophthora infestans***.



3 THE POTATO INDUSTRY IN SCOTLAND

Seed potato - Scotland grows most of UK's 'seed' potatoes

Economic value - UK potato industry is worth £5 billion p.a

Importation - Scotland imports very few seed potatoes

Risks - Over 100 pests and diseases threaten UK potatoes



4 DON'T RISK IT

- Buy seed potatoes for your garden from local retailers
- Ensure they are healthy and locally sourced or Plant Healthy certified



HOW IS PHC PROTECTING OUR POTATOES?

The Plant Health Centre is funded by Scottish Government to help Scotland address plant health challenges. Recent work has focused on Potato Cyst Nematode, Root-Knot Nematode and potato viruses.