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potato crop’*



Microplants and minitubers

Microplants and minitubers provide a healthy starting point for potato production, and commercial production lowers unit costs and adds flexibility to the supply chain.

Breeding matters, and in order to meet the challenges of a changing market, Alves Diagnostics has developed technical skills and expertise which have placed it at the forefront of this field.

Alves Diagnostics tests minitubers for a range of diseases. Scientific advances mean that disease organisms can now be identified at very low levels. Highly skilled laboratory technicians at Alves Diagnostics employ technology used in medicine and forensic science, which has been developed for commercial testing.

Disease diagnostics is now a viable tool in the promotion of a healthy potato crop.

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Improved quality and reduced risks

Quality is the key to successful potato production, and Alves Diagnostics has invested heavily in its research and testing laboratories to ensure that farmers achieve a healthy crop.

In the fight to identify, assess and combat many common potato diseases, Alves Diagnostics offers a comprehensive diagnostic service which will benefit commercial growers, merchants, processors, consultants and scientists.

THE SERVICE INCLUDES:

- Blackleg [*Erwinia carotovora* spp *atroseptica*] testing
- Washed brock assessment
- Bruise testing
- Hotbox testing
- Dry rot [*Fusarium*] species analysis

Alves Diagnostics also offers full stock assessment and fry testing.



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