## Plant tissue test

Sample collection instructions

In case of **Blackleg**- Check for the disease plant, look for black discoloration within the hypocotyl tissue, often appearing in a wedge pattern.

- 1. Sample ten random stems, each several paces apart, cut a 2-3 inches piece for testing and repeat in at least 3 areas spread across the field.
- 2. Allow samples to air dry overnight (do not dry under direct sunlight) before packaging to avoid excessive fungal growth.
- 3. Testing will be performed on up to twelve samples per field. Make sure to package samples from each field separately.
- 4. Label each sample container cup/bags with location and serial number to differentiate each sample.
- 5. Transfer all the container cup/bags into the kit box and complete the submission form provided in the kit.
- 6. Ship the collected samples and completed submission form using the addressed envelope provided in the kit.

**Note:** Keep notes on how many stems you surveyed, how many were infected and in which field samples were collected. This will be important when talking to us about variety selection.



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