

### **Potato Storage with Ethylene**

#### **Dirk Garos**



# AGENDA

- History
- Company
- Why
- Benefits
- Fry colors
- Seed Potatoes
- Extend shelf life
- Questions



# Potato Project since 1999 Since 2003 a Company

Major shareholders: 70% Greenvale AP 20% ICA 10% Others

Director: Dirk Garos Operations, Support and Services supplied by Shareholders

### **Pesticide Residues**



- Pressure from Retail Customers
- Consumer Action Groups
- Food Standard Agency
- Legislation



# Since 1930 known...

Apples stored with potatoes

No Sprouting!

....ETHYLENE...



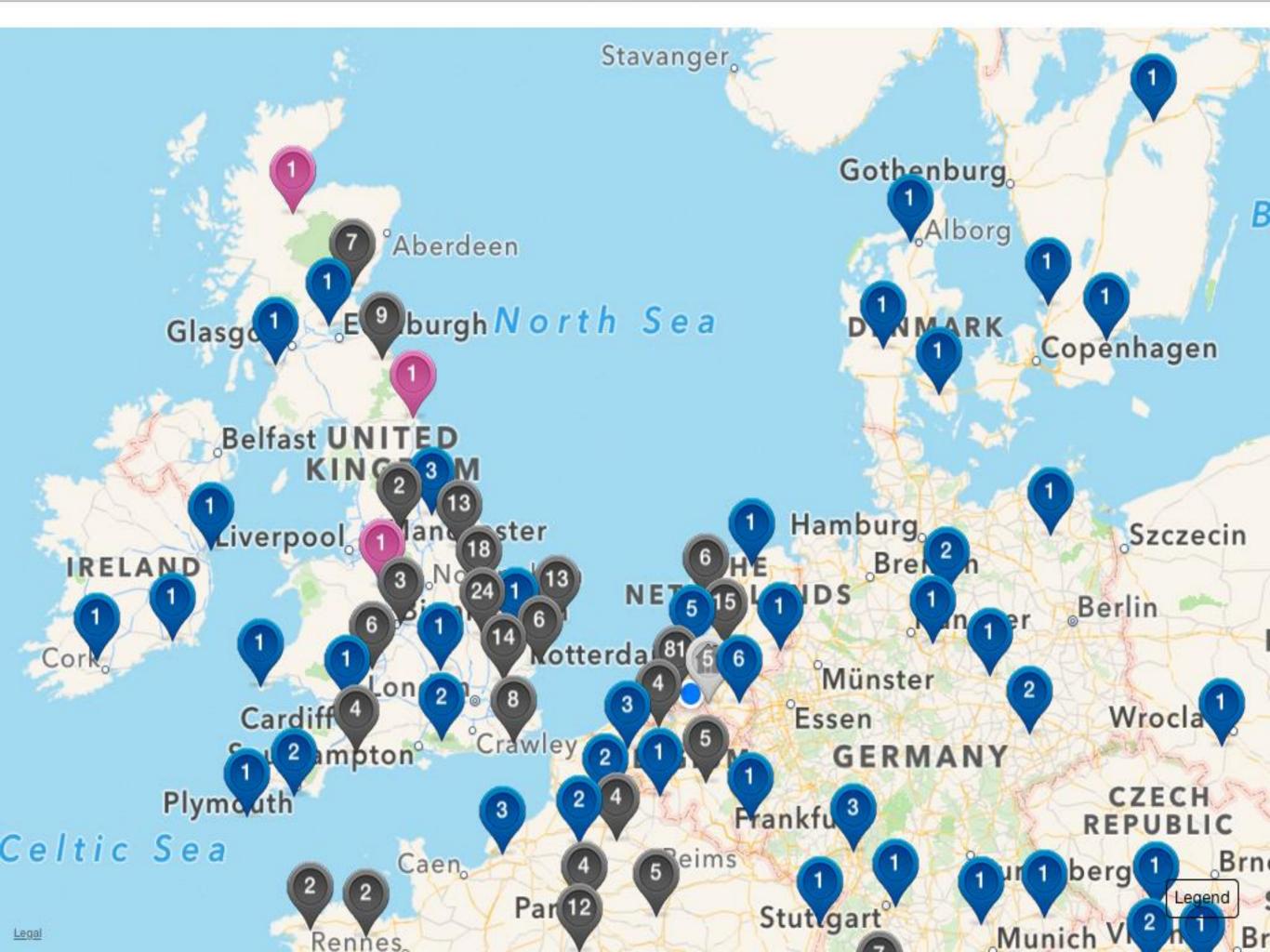


## Restrain today

More than 700 generators help to store:

1.000.000 tons potatoes125.000 tons seed potatoes

30 countries NO RESIDUE !!!





# **Restrain System**

- Post Harvest
- Ethylene gas
- Generated in store

## **Restrain Generator**



#### Ethanol to convert into Ethylene gas



GENERATOR

# **Restrain Fuel** $C_2H_5OH$ RESTRAIN

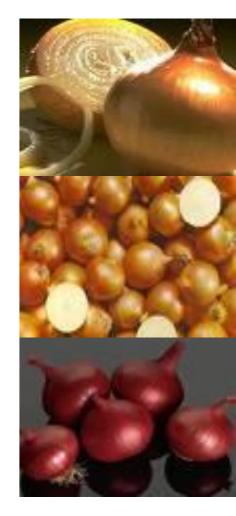


Generator  $C_2H_4$ plus  $H_2O$ 

# Ethylene



- Natural Plant Hormone Ripening Bananas, kiwis and kakis
- Blocks cell elongation in potatoes & onions
  Sprout suppression
  Positive effect on seed potatoes
  ORGANIC APROVAL



### Benefits

- Effective
  - full storage season
- Simple to use
  - No Store modifications
  - Plug-and-play
  - Compact
- Crop safety
  - No internal sprouting
  - Weight loss no adverse effect
- Monitoring
  - Respiration rates
  - Ventilation



# Benefits



- Short Interval
  - 3 days
- Operator safety
  - ethylene atmosphere none hazardous at levels employed
- No distribution problems
  - Dynamic gas, moves like oxygen
- Store Safe
  - No store or box residues (any crop can be stored afterwards)
  - No effect on store structure ( corrosion or deposits on fans, boxes etc. )
- Consumer safety
  - No residue !



# Benefits

#### • Flexible

- Store size 12 tonne to 6000 tonne
- Store can be loaded/unloaded anytime
- Short term loss of ethylene (days) no detrimental effect
- Equipment Reliability
  - No moving parts
  - > 700 in operation



#### Pootgoed en Restrain accumulator Resultaten 2010, 2011, 2012 en 2013

#### EDITIE AKKERBOUW

#### REPORTAGE

JOHANNES SIJTSMA GAAT VOOR KWALITEIT VIA STAMSELECTIE EN ETHYLEENBEWARING. DAARDOOR LUKT HET OM VOOR HET SEIZOEN PRIJSAFSPRAKEN VOOR ZIJN POOTGOED TE MAKEN.

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# Fry colors

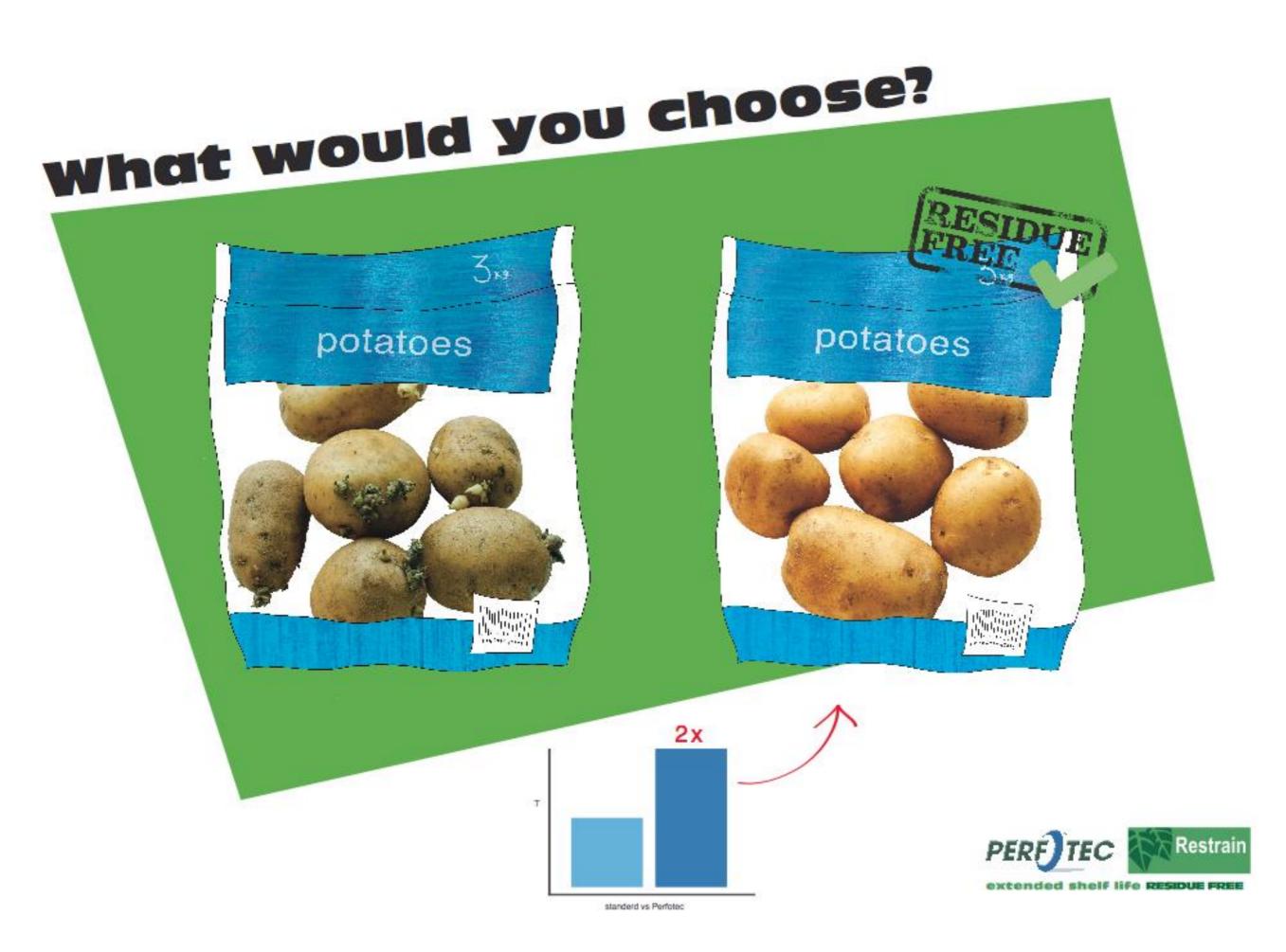
- Test 2010 PPO Westmaas showed good results
- 2011 till 2014 tests with Sutton Bridge on French Fries and Chips varieties
- Very Promising!

# Differences in varieties



# Smart Solutions for extending the shelf life of potatoes

Active Modified Atmosphere Packaging AMAP



# Case Studies & Awards

§M&S

Waste was reduced by 50% and significant sales growth



Won the 2012 M&S Food Suppliers award for great improvement of retail shelf life and product quality



Accenture Innovation Awards

PerfoTec won the 2012 Accenture Innovation Award Blue and Green Tulip

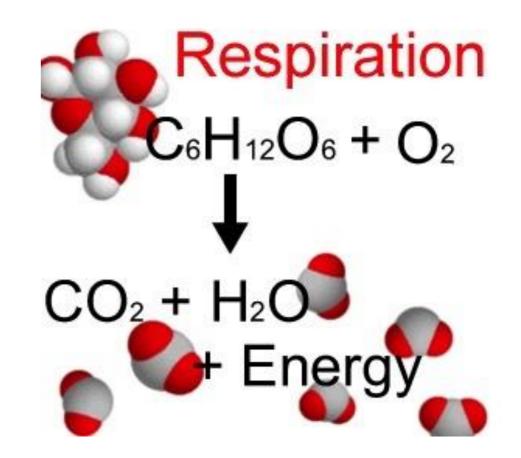
### Potato Benefits

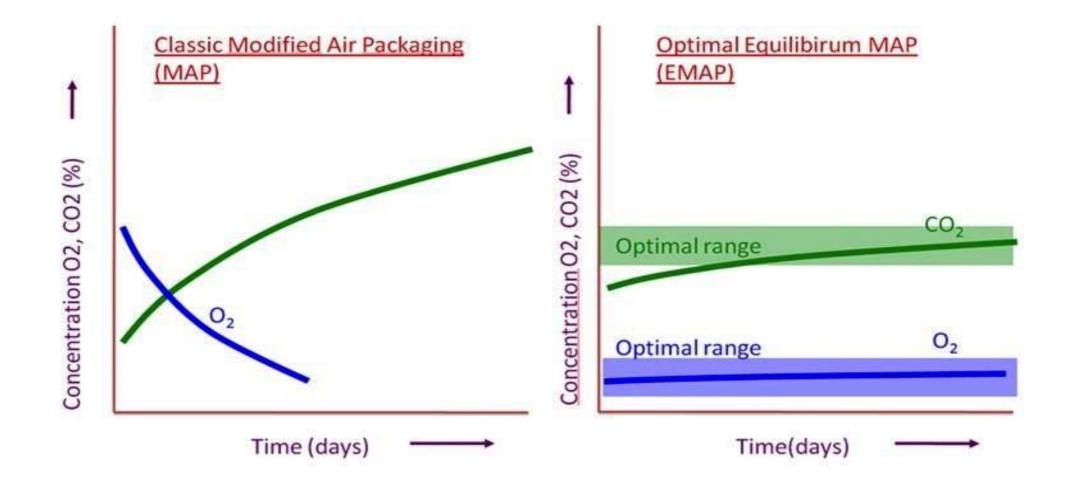
- Improves product appeal
  - less greening
  - blocks sprouts
- Reduces waste

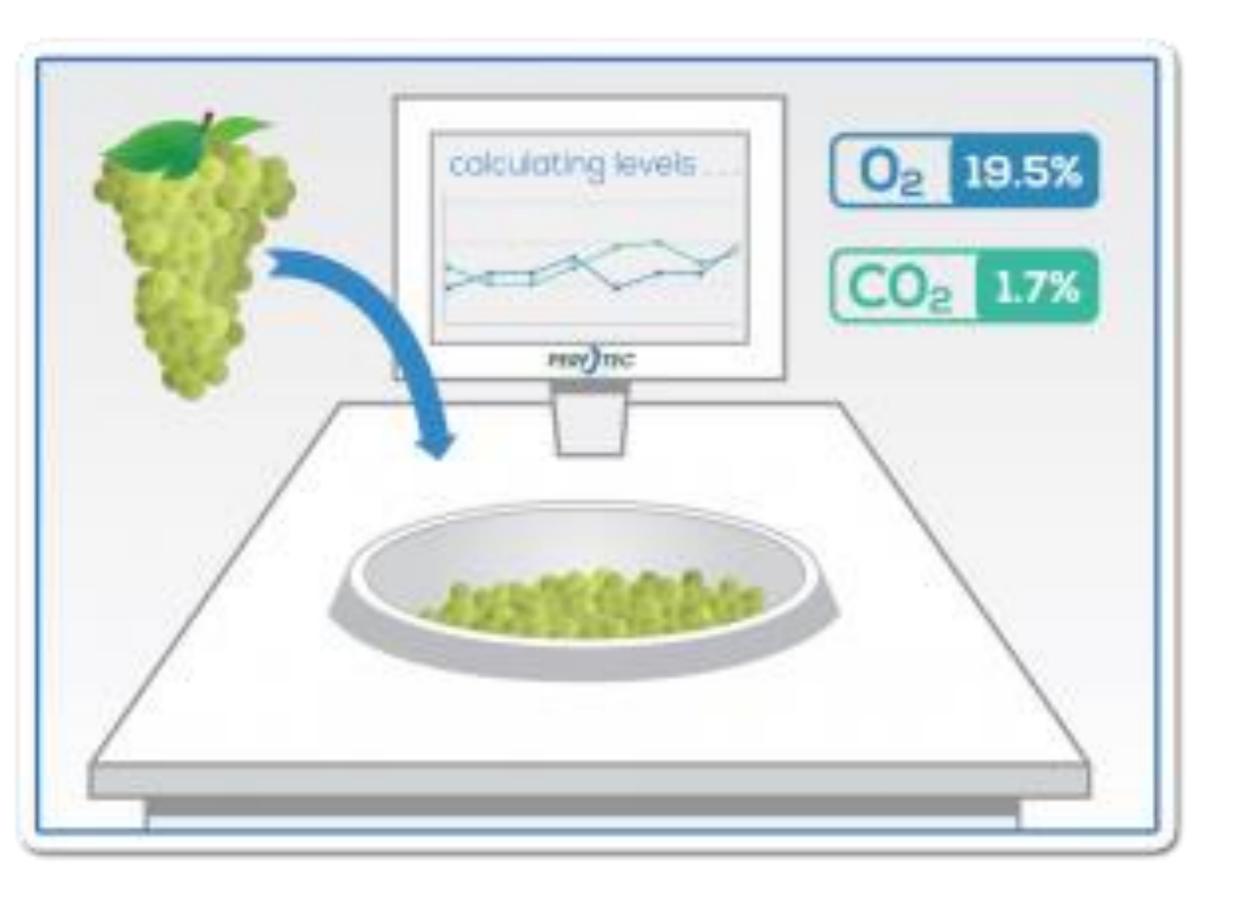
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 Potatoes need oxygen to stay fresh

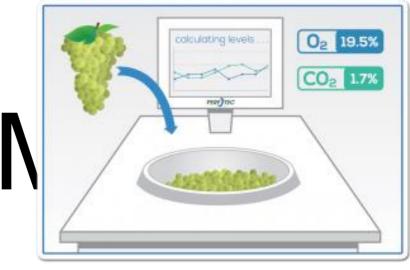
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# Fast Respiration N



 Measures respiration rate of potatoes in only 4 hours

 Enables you to effectively respond to variations



# Software

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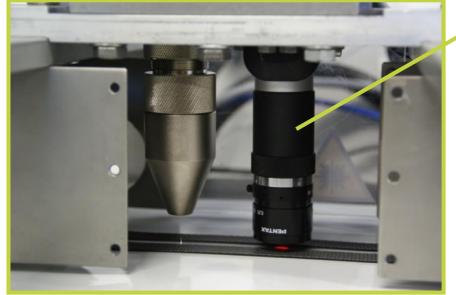
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# Inline Laser Perforation System

- Adapts the film permeability during packing
- Developed to work under though conditions





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- Ethylene
- Shelf life improvement



# Thank you

### Any questions?