



Meyers Farm  
P.O. Box 30  
Bethel, Alaska 99559

We have a 10 acre farm in Bethel and grow about 1.5 acres of potatoes. We purchased a potato harvester in 2009 with the intentions of using it to harvest our potatoes in the fall of 2009. However, the harvester was left in Seattle by the barge company and didn't get here until mid-October of 2009. We had already harvested our potatoes by hand, so were unable to use it.

We were able to use the harvester for the first time, fall of 2010. Freeze-up came overnight the end of September. We had to quickly harvest our potatoes and other root crops before they froze. We would not have been able to harvest all of the root vegetables before freeze-up, if we had not had the harvester. It saved our crops. We harvested about 8000 pounds of potatoes.

The harvester worked well, except, we had a very wet summer and the soil was wetter than I would have liked when we harvested. The length of the chain on the harvester was not long enough to give the dirt time to fall off, and when it dropped the potato on the ground, a lot of them got reburied. We ended up doing a lot more potato digging by hand then I would have liked.

I would like to contact the people who built the harvester and see if we can buy about 3 feet of the chain and cut the harvester and make it longer. This would give the dirt a chance to fall off. Picking up the potatoes would be much easier.

I would highly recommend this harvester to any one who wanted to grow several acres of potatoes. But I would like to know how farmers who grow 3 to 5 acres of potatoes, harvest their crops.

The harvester allowed us to extend our growing season, by allowing us to leave the potatoes in the ground longer in the fall. Knowing that we would be able to harvest our potatoes quickly should we have a sudden freeze-up.

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