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NEXT CPAC MEETING

The next meeting of the Colorado Potato Administrative Committee (area II) will be held January 21st at 7:30pm, in the CPAC office conference room.

CPAC ELECTIONS APPROACH

The CPAC will be conducting its annual election February 9th -12th 2010 at the SLV Ag Conference from 8am-4pm. If you are interested in serving as a member of CPAC, please submit your name to the CPAC office as a nomination to be placed on the ballot. Women, minorities, and the disabled are encouraged to participate. Available positions include: One Alamosa County Grower, One Conejos County Grower, One Rio Grande County Grower, One Saguache County Grower, Two Independent Handlers, and One Bulk Shipper.

ANNUAL DINNER

CPAC will not be having an annual dinner in February. The committee has decided to have the annual dinner in conjunction with the NPC summer meeting that CPAC will be hosting June 15-18. Please plan to attend this important meeting in June.

ADAMS STATE CPAC will be sponsoring the Jan 30th Adams State Basketball game against Colorado State-Pueblo. We have tickets available to this and all home basketball and wrestling matches stop by and pick some up.

CPLA would like to thank those who participated in the fundraiser involving Denver Bronco tickets that was recently offered by CPAC. Thank you for your continued patronage and support.

GOVERNOR'S FORUM ON COLORADO AGRICULTURE

This year's forum is focusing on "Energizing Colorado Agriculture through Strategic Research" Mark your calendars for the 2010 Forum on Colorado Agriculture scheduled for Thursday, February 18, at the Renaissance Denver Hotel, 3801 Quebec Street. More information: www.colorado.gov/ag/forum

GAP/GHP WORKSHOP

What is GAP and why do you need to care? GAP is all about minimizing microbial contamination of fresh fruits and vegetables through the use of best practices. Tracy Vanderpool with the Fruit & Vegetable Inspection Service will be presenting a GAP educational session on Tuesday January 19th at 7:00 p.m. at CPAC. Take the time to find out more because food safety is important to your business and our potato industry.

COLORADO POTATO LEADERSHIP

Congratulations to Roger Mix and Dave Warsh. At the Potato Expo in Orlando Roger was elected as the president of the National Potato Council and Dave was elected president of the United Potato Grower's of America. We wish them the best of luck and know they will provide great leadership in 2010 and beyond.

UNITED POTATO GROWERS OF COLORADO QUALITY

MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

In an effort to bring the supply side of the potato market into balance with demand and potentially improve grower returns United Potato Growers of Colorado has developed a program to adjust market supply through the removal of lower quality potatoes from fresh market channels. The program is a

competitive bid process taking quality and quantity into account. Please contact Dwight Freeman at 852-2144 for more details.

POTATO SEED LAW UPDATE

Senator Gail Schwartz and Representative Ed Vigil will be sponsoring the “Colorado Seed Potato Act” this coming legislative session. The draft of the bill can be seen on our website on the industry page at http://www.coloradopotato.org/newsletters/42_revisedversion.pdf. Please take a look and contact Jim if you have questions or need a copy by mail.

SOUTHERN ROCKY MOUNTAIN AG CONF. FEBRUARY 9-12

Plan to attend and learn about sustainable crop production. Potato Day will be Tuesday February 9th.

For a schedule go to the web at this link http://www.colostate.edu/depts/SLVRC/slv_currevents.htm.

POTATO EXPO A HUGE SUCCESS

Over 1200 growers and industry persons attended the Expo in Orlando. The meetings were very informative, the trade show was incredible, and Colorado was well represented by many growers. Growers attending gained great insight into the challenges and opportunities facing the industry now and in the future. Next year the Expo will be in Las Vegas January 5-7.

MEETING CALENDAR:

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|---------|--------------------------|
| 1/21 | CPAC Meeting |
| 1/30 | Adams State Sponsor game |
| 2/09-12 | Rocky Mtn. Ag Conf. |
| 2/18 | CPAC Meeting |

DECEMBER SPUD FACTS

| | | <u>2009</u> | <u>2008</u> | <u>2007</u> | <u>2006</u> | <u>2005</u> |
|--|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Shipments | 480 cwt equivalent | 3537 | 3425 | 3447 | 3403 | 3902 |
| Reds | percentage of crop | 2.1 | 4.3 | 1.8 | 2.3 | 3.3 |
| All Russet Varieties | percentage of crop | 85.6 | 83.5 | 85.2 | 84.7 | 82.6 |
| Yellow Varieties | percentage of crop | 8.0 | 9.8 | 7.1 | | |
| Other Varieties | percentage of crop | 4.3 | 2.5 | 5.8 | 13.1 | 10.5 |
| U.S. No. 1 | percentage of crop | 60.4 | 60.2 | 62.0 | 65.6 | 60.5 |
| U.S. No. 2 | percentage of crop | 4.8 | 5.1 | 5.7 | 5.4 | 6.7 |
| U.S. Commercial Grade | percentage of crop | 30.6 | 31.5 | 27.3 | 24.3 | 29.4 |
| Seed | percentage of crop | 4.3 | 3.2 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 3.4 |
| Bulk | percentage of crop | 39.6 | 41.5 | 38.3 | 36.1 | 43.3 |
| Total rail shipments | | 163 | 233 | 247 | 195 | 417 |
| Total truck shipments (fresh) | | 3206 | 2899 | 2952 | 2924 | 3274 |
| Total truck shipments (processing) | | 168 | 294 | 248 | 284 | 293 |
| Total shipments for the year thru December | | 11955 | 10774 | 12003 | 11801 | 13070 |

**Average F.O.B. prices for December
(per 50 lb. carton or bale unless noted)**

| | | <u>2009</u> | <u>2008</u> | <u>2007</u> | <u>2006</u> | <u>2005</u> |
|--------------|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Reds | U.S. #1 2 ½” -3 ½” | n/a | n/a | 14.00 | 12.91 | 12.71 |
| Reds | U.S. #1 size B | n/a | 19.12 | 13.75 | 16.03 | 13.00 |
| Yellows | 5# | n/a | 14.90 | 9.50 | 9.55 | 8.96 |
| All Russets | U.S. #1, non-size A/A | 5.00 | 9.43 | 6.00 | 5.75 | 6.15 |
| All Russets | U.S. #2 (Dec 2006 1 st at 50 lbs) | 4.00 | 8.36 | 4.63 | 4.75 | 8.00 |
| All Russets | 10 oz. Minimum | n/a | n/a | n/a | 6.79 | 5.50 |
| Bulk Russets | U.S. Commercial Grade 100 lbs | 5.50 | 12.88 | 7.42 | 7.75 | 4.38 |