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#### **NEXT CPAC MEETING**

The next meeting of the Colorado Potato Administrative Committee (area II) will be held January 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm, in the CPAC office conference room.

**LIVESTOCK FEED** if you are feeding potatoes to livestock please report the hundred weight to the CPAC office so we can have good numbers on crop disappearance. This information is relevant for market supply and ultimately market prices.

#### **CPAC ELECTIONS APPROACH**

**The CPAC will be conducting its annual election February 7<sup>th</sup>- 9<sup>th</sup> 2012 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 Costilla County Grower, One Rio Grande County Grower, One Saguache County Grower, One Seed Grower, One Independent Handler, and One Bulk Shipper and an alternate for each position. **Please get involved.**

#### **ANNUAL DINNER**

**CPAC will not be having an annual dinner in February again this year.** The committee has decided to have the annual dinner in the summer since it was so successful last year. We will have more details in the future.

#### **CDA CANOLA HEARING FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>**

CDA will be holding a public rulemaking hearing at the CPAC office at 11 a.m. February 7<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of this public hearing is to repeal all of the existing rules pertaining to the production of Rapeseed(Canola) within the San Luis valley. Please contact Don Gallegos with CDA at 303-239-4104 for information.

#### **ASC-COLORADO MINES MENS BASKETBALL**

Friday January 13<sup>th</sup> CPAC will be sponsoring the men's Basketball game against Colorado School of Mines. Come enjoy the game, support ASC athletics and help us promote our industry locally. We have tickets available to all home basketball games and wrestling matches. Stop by and pick some up.

#### **GOVERNOR'S OUTLOOK FORUM FOR COLORADO AGRICULTURE**

The theme of this year's forum is "Exploring Ag Security and Food Safety". The forum will feature speakers Dr. Curt Mann, Homeland Security Studies & Analysis Institute, Dr. Larry Goodridge, CSU Dept of Animal Sciences, John Salazar, Colorado Commissioner of Ag. and others. The forum is scheduled for Thursday, February 23, at the Renaissance Denver Hotel, 3801 Quebec Street. For detailed agenda information and to register see this link: [www.colorado.gov/ag/forum](http://www.colorado.gov/ag/forum)

#### **SOUTHERN ROCKY MOUNTAIN AG CONF. FEBRUARY 7-9**

This year's conference will have a three day format focusing on potatoes February 7<sup>th</sup>, small grains, alfalfa/soil health on February 8<sup>th</sup>, and farm energy/water/soil health on February 9<sup>th</sup>. With the cost of potato production up 30-40% since 2005 this year's agenda is focused on energy and water savings to potentially improve grower's economic sustainability.

The conference agenda will be available soon at this link:

[http://www.colostate.edu/depts/SLVRC/slv\\_cur\\_revents.htm](http://www.colostate.edu/depts/SLVRC/slv_cur_revents.htm)

#### **FOOD SAFETY TRAINING**

Grower food safety requirements and expectations are evolving with the approaching

implementation of the Food Safety Modernization Act passed by congress in 2010. During the week of February 20<sup>th</sup> we are planning to have a Food Safety presentation in conjunction with the Inspection Service and CSU Extension. The date will be set once our speakers are confirmed. Stay tuned for details. Grower food safety requirements and expectations are changing

**POTATO EXPO 2012 SUCCESS**

The Expo continues to grow with over 1500 attending in Orlando last week. This meeting provides an excellent opportunity for our industry to come together to share information, learn about new ideas and creative innovations for improving the industry. Mark your calendar for Jan 9-11, 2013 and join us at POTATO EXPO 2013 in Las Vegas.

**NPC POTATO DC FLY-IN**

**CPAC will pay the registration and hotel accommodations for the first 5 people to contact us.**

This conference offers you the opportunity for face-to-face meetings with members of Congress and their staff, and interaction with influential Administration officials and regulators. You will hear from policy insiders and political pundits who understand the inner workings of Washington D.C., and learn from experts the best strategies to communicate effectively with decision makers. Today more than ever the potato industry needs to express their priorities on Capitol Hill. The conference is Feb.27 - March 1 in Washington D.C. Please contact Jim if you are interested or have questions. Registration is available online at [www.nationalpotatocouncil.org](http://www.nationalpotatocouncil.org) .

**MEETING CALENDAR:**

1/19	CPAC Meeting
1/13	Adams State BB Game
2/07-09	Rocky Mtn. Ag Conf.
2/16	CPAC Meeting
2/27-3/1	NPC Potato DC Fly-In

**DECEMBER SPUD FACTS**

		<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Shipments	480 cwt equivalent	3431	3530	3537	3 425	3447
Reds	percentage of crop	3.3	3.5	2.1	4.3	1.8
All Russet Varieties	percentage of crop	85.4	84.0	85.6	83.5	85.2
Yellow Varieties	percentage of crop	8.3	9.8	8.0	9.8	7.1
Other Varieties	percentage of crop	3.0	2.8	4.3	2.5	5.8
U.S. No. 1	percentage of crop	61.3	61.3	60.4	60.2	62.0
U.S. No. 2	percentage of crop	6.3	4.7	4.8	5.1	5.7
U.S. Commercial Grade	percentage of crop	27.8	30.7	30.6	31.5	27.3
Seed	percentage of crop	4.6	3.3	4.3	3.2	5.0
Bulk	percentage of crop	38.7	43.9	39.6	41.5	38.3
Total rail shipments		149	200	163	233	247
Total truck shipments (fresh)		3022	3155	3206	2899	2952
Total truck shipments (processing)		260	175	168	294	248
Total shipments for the year thru December		12408	12389	11955	10774	12003

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

		<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Reds	U.S. #1 2 1/2" -3 1/2"	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	14.00
Reds	U.S. #1 size B	n/a	16.60	n/a	19.12	13.75
Yellows	5#	n/a	14.33	n/a	14.90	9.50
All Russets	U.S. #1, non-size A/A	8.20	7.71	5.00	9.43	6.00
All Russets	U.S. #2	6.25	5.80	4.00	8.36	4.63
All Russets	10 oz. Minimum	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Bulk Russets	U.S. Commercial Grade 100 lbs	9.92	9.68	5.50	12.88	7.42

