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## **NEXT CPAC MEETING**

The next meeting of the CPAC (area II) will be held October 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30pm, in the CPAC office. There is no meeting in September.

## **POTATO FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> AT CHAPMAN PARK**

Some of the fun activities at the Potato Festival this year include: Friday September 11<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00pm-8:00pm, a potato bar at the park (donations to Vali Theater Project) and a free live Concert by The Tent Show Kings. Events on Saturday September 12<sup>th</sup> include kid's carnival, bouncy houses, antique farm equipment on display, homemade ice cream, farm tour to CSU SLV Research farm and Martinez Farms, cooking demonstrations from Denver area chefs, and music by Bittersweet, target shooting with a potato gun, bring your own or use ours, and live alligator wrestling. All proceeds from the shooting contest, dunk tank and potato sales will go to the Vali Theater Project.

We want to thank our gracious sponsors: CIA-Leavitt Insurance, Frontier Bank, Farm Credit of Southern Colorado, Stone's Farm Supply, First Southwest Bank, Metz Potato Co., Holmes Enviro, San Luis Valley Federal Bank, Farm Fresh Direct, Wilbur-Ellis, C & L Container, Wells Fargo, Canon Potato, Schmieding Produce and Aspen Produce.

**A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL OUR IMPORTANT SPONSORS, WE CANNOT PUT ON EVENTS LIKE THESE WITHOUT YOUR APPRECIATED SUPPORT.**

## **RAISING THE BAR- SALAD BAR CHALLENGE**

CPAC is donating 10 salad bars this year to Colorado schools, for every salad bar donated the U.S.P.B. plans to match the donation. If you want to join the challenge and support healthy eating, healthy learning and the next generation of potato lovers contact CPAC for information. The U.S.P.B. will match your donation too, doubling your donation.

USPB has made the donation process easy. Start here if you are interested:

- Fill out the short participation form at [www.uspotatoes.com/salad-bars/participation/and](http://www.uspotatoes.com/salad-bars/participation/and) submit.
- OR contact James Ruden [james@uspotatoes.com](mailto:james@uspotatoes.com), 303-369-7783.
- Bars ordered through the USPB will be matched 1-to-1!

For more information, visit the [Salad Bar Challenge!](#)

## **AREA II NPC BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The CPAC elected Bob Mattive, Roger Mix, Mark Peterson, and Miguel Diaz to the NPC board of directors at the August meeting. Dwayne Weyers will continue to represent CPAC on the NPC Executive committee.

**CORRECTION:** Last month the size and grade regulations read; (Creamers) ALL VARIETIES; ¾ inch minimum diameter to 1 5/8 inch maximum diameter; U.S. Commercial Grade or better  
Should have read (Creamers) ALL VARIETIES; **1 inch minimum diameter to 1 3/4 inch maximum diameter**; U.S. Commercial Grade or better

## **PVY SURVEY UPDATE**

We would like to thank all of growers that participated in the sampling of 33 operations for PVY. 49 varieties among 41 commercial lots and 144 seed/grower-entry lots were sampled. Preliminary results have detected five PVY strains: N:Wi, O, N:O, NTN, & N. After final processing, the PCR Lab will contact you for follow-up information regarding acreage, locations, source, and to give results. Participants are encouraged to bring tuber samples for follow up core testing.

## **FOCUS ON POTATO**

Potato growers have an increasing number of biopesticide options for their disease management programs.

Understanding these modes of action is a critical step for a successful disease management programs.

A new "Focus on Potato" webcast titled "[Managing Diseases with Biopesticides in Potato Production](#)" by Amanda Gevens, Assistant Professor and Extension Plant Pathologist at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, helps growers, understand the basics of bio pesticides and their use in the field. This Focus on Potato presentation is open access through September 30, 2015. Check it out at [www.plantmanagementnetwork.org/fop](http://www.plantmanagementnetwork.org/fop).

## **SEPTEMBER IS FRUITS AND VEGGIES-MORE MATTERS MONTH**

September is Fruits and Veggies- More Matters Month for the Produce for Better Health Foundation (PBH). CPAC is a proud sponsor of PBH and we encourage you to visit their website at: <http://www.pbhfoundation.org/>

Americans of all ages tend to fall short on several key nutrients found in many fruits and veggies, [including potassium and fiber](#). This month, focus on family-friendly foods like white potatoes, cantaloupe, baby carrots and bananas to improve your intake of potassium for better heart health. Encourage others to eat potatoes to increase their potassium intake this fall.

## ADAMS STATE SPUD BOWL and AG DAY OCT 17<sup>TH</sup>

Take some time to enjoy the fine fall weather and celebrate a great harvest at the game vs. Black Hills State University (SD) at 1 p.m. Adams State University is a great partner with the SLV potato industry.

### THINK SAFETY FIRST DURING HARVEST

#### MEETING CALENDAR:

10/15	CPAC Meeting 7:30pm
10/17	Spud Bowl/Ag Day
10/23-25	PMA Fresh Atlanta
11/19	CPAC Meeting 7:30pm

#### AUGUST SPUD FACTS

		<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Shipments	480 cwt equivalent	849	830	422	906	849
Reds	percentage of crop	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.1
All Russet Varieties	percentage of crop	98.9	99.7	98.4	96.9	99.1
Yellows	percentage of crop	0.6	0.4	1.6	1.8	0.8
Other Varieties	percentage of crop	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0
U.S. No. 1	percentage of crop	79.8	71.2	83.9	77.3	76.5
U.S. No. 2	percentage of crop	13.3	13.7	10.4	15.6	10.7
U.S. Commercial Grade	percentage of crop	5.6	15.1	5.7	6.6	12.8
Seed	percentage of crop	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.6	0
Bulk	percentage of crop	11.7	20.2	11.1	13.0	17.8
Total rail shipments		0	0	0	0	0
Total truck shipments (fresh)		653	717	306	805	732
Total truck shipments (processing)		196	113	116	101	117
Total year to date shipments		32174	30176	32410	35439	35095

#### Average F.O.B. prices for August

Not enough sales during the Month of August to report price.