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NEXT CPAC MEETING is Feb. 18th, 2016 at 7:00p.m. at the CPAC office.

CPAC ELECTIONS; CPAC will be conducting its annual election February 9th -11th 2016 at the SLV Ag Conference from 8-am-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. USDA and CPAC encourage committee membership that reflects the diversity of the individuals served by its industry. Diversity includes gender, race, disability, length of service, and size and type of operation. **Available positions include:** One Alamosa County Grower, One Rio Grande County Grower, One Saguache County Grower, One Costilla/Conejos County Grower, Two Independent Handler, and One Bulk Shipper and an alternate for each position. Please get involved.

SOUTHERN ROCKY MOUNTAIN AG CONF. FEBRUARY 9-11th See the entire agenda at

[http://www.coloradopotato.org/wysiwygFiles/File/2016%20Southern%20Rocky%20Mtn%20Ag%20Brochure%20\(4\).pdf](http://www.coloradopotato.org/wysiwygFiles/File/2016%20Southern%20Rocky%20Mtn%20Ag%20Brochure%20(4).pdf)

Come listen to John Keeling, National Potato Council Executive Vice President and CEO, explain why we are closer than ever in opening the Mexican potato market.

Come listen to Blair Richardson, United States Potato Board President and CEO, promote "Spud Nation", the first food truck owned and operated by the U.S.P.B. (<http://spud-nation.com/#/home>)

Come to visit with the ninety vendors and your friends at the conference. Come for a free beer or two during the social hour (Thanks Miller Coors) Register online at <http://www.coloradopotato.org/>

WELDING CLASS; Trinidad State College is offering a welding class three nights a week for the month of February, contact Jack Wiley at 689-7064.

SAVE \$ ON ENERGY CPAC will be hosting a meeting for all growers with an interest in being more energy efficient and saving \$ spent on energy. The Colorado Department of Agriculture has partnered with the Colorado Energy Office (CEO), the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service-Colorado, and G.D.S. Associates to promote [Agricultural Energy Management Plans \(AgEMPs\)](#), which is a farm energy audit. The C.E.O. has engaged G.D.S. to provide **FREE** energy audits and technical support services to a minimum of 80 producers annually. Bethany Reinholz from G.D.S. will be here on Tuesday February 16th at the Monte Vista Co-op meeting room at 11:00 a.m. to present the program details and answer any questions you might have. CPAC will provide lunch for at noon for those attending the meeting. Please R.S.V.P Linda by Friday February 12th at 852-3322 if you are coming so we have enough **FREE lunch** for everyone☺

THE GOVERNOR'S OUTLOOK FORUM FOR COLORADO AGRICULTURE FEBRUARY 18th

The theme of the 2016 Governor's Forum on Agriculture is "Next Generation Agriculture" and is designed to provide greater insight into the future challenges regarding the aging demographics of agriculture. For more information or to register see this link: www.governorsagforum.com . Registration is \$150 per person if registered by February 4, 2016, \$200 thereafter.

NPC POTATO DC FLY-IN

CPAC would like to have a Fly-In preparation meeting on February 16th at the CPAC office at 1:30 p.m. Please plan to attend.

CPAC RESEARCH COMMITTEE

The research committee will be meeting March 1st to hear proposals for 2016 research priorities. If you are interested or have suggestions please let us know.

LATE BLIGHT QUARANTINE INSPECTION FOR IMPORTED SEED

Are you bringing in seed from out of the area? The LBQ insures all seed imported into the SLV is certified seed and has been inspected as Late Blight free. The rules for imported seed can be found on our website at this link:

<http://www.coloradopotato.org/wysiwygFiles/File/Late%20Blight%20Quarantine%20summary%202014.pdf>

Please contact the Fruit and Vegetable Inspection Service at (719)-852-4749 to arrange inspection.

THE DOUG MONTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The application is on the CPAC website and has been sent to all local area high schools. This \$7000 over 4 year scholarship is intended for a **graduating male senior** from a local area high school. The student must be entering college or vocational school as a freshman. Preference will be given to students pursuing a degree in agriculture or related field of study, **but all applicants will be considered.** Applications are due to the CPAC office by close of business April 1, 2016.

WATER NEWS

A giant thanks to Steve Vandiver who is retiring at General Manager for the Rio Grande Water Conservation District. Steve has served valley water users for 35 years and it will be nearly impossible to replace his vast knowledge and tireless work ethic.

To fill Steve's role the Rio Grande Water Conservation District recently selected Cleave Simpson as the next General Manager for the District. Cleave has been a Program Manager for the District since 2013. He has primarily been working with well owners outside Sub-district #1 helping them form new sub-districts. Previously he worked in the mining industry including supervising a large coal mine in Australia. Cleave is a valley native and a farmer himself. This will serve him well understanding and sympathizing with the situations growers face daily. Good luck Cleave.

We look forward to working with you in the future. As of February 1, 2016 the NRCS reports the Upper Rio Grande snowpack is at 113%. Praise the Lord and pray for more El Nino.

MARKETING

CPAC is still working hard to get support from the Colorado Potato industry to sponsor a salad bar for the U.S.P.B. Salad Bar challenge. The US Potato Board is not only matching the donations but developing recipes to support those bars in schools with creative potato dishes that kids should love. We will be sharing that support as we sponsor more salad bars in Colorado and areas across the U.S. **To encourage your participation the CPAC committee will provide half the cost of a salad bar for the first eight donors to contact us. So with the USPB and CPAC match you will be able to donate two salad bars to a school for the tax deductible cost of \$1450. Please take advantage of this offer and help support the potato industry's effort to promote potatoes in schools.**

So far Peterson Farms, Rocky Farms and Martinez Farms have stepped up to meet the challenge and have donated.

Thanks to the generosity of these growers more children will hopefully get more fruits and vegetables for school lunch. Don't be left out! Help us meet the challenge and encourage your neighbor to do the same!

SOCIAL MEDIA

Racheal Werner has left the CPAC staff to join Farm Fresh Direct, we wish her well and thank her for her time at the office. We are very close to launching our new website... stay tuned.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE INSPECTION NEWS

We want to thank both Randy Whitten and Tracy Vanderpool for their service over the years. The F&V Inspection Service provides great services for our industry whether we are talking about inspection, phytosanitary certification for exports, food safety audits and the GAP program, etc. They are a great partner with us and their services are instrumental in the potato business today. Losing Randy and Tracy at nearly the same time will be a challenge but we are pleased that CDA has selected Brian Pauley to replace Tracy as section chief. Randy's replacement will be selected in the coming weeks

Brian has several years of experience with inspection and with the private potato industry so he is well qualified for the position. Replacing a dedicated servant like Tracy will be difficult but we look forward to working with Brian to improve the industry and our partnership with F&V.

MEETING CALENDAR:

2/19	CPAC meeting
2/23-2/26	NPC Washington D.C. Fly In
3/15-3/17	USPB Annual Meeting
3/17	CPAC meeting

JANUARY SPUD FACTS

		<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Shipments	480 cwt equivalent	2940	3111	2956	3302	3004
Reds	percentage of crop	7.1	4.5	5.6	3.0	3.6
All Russet Varieties	percentage of crop	76.8	76.2	76.8	78.8	82.9
Yellow Varieties	percentage of crop	11.8	14.3	11.5	12.5	9.0
Other Varieties	percentage of crop	4.4	5.1	6.1	5.7	4.6
U.S. No. 1	percentage of crop	63.1	57.4	60.0	63.4	62.0
U.S. No. 2	percentage of crop	5.6	5.6	6.8	6.8	8.1
U.S. Commercial Grade	percentage of crop	27.0	31.6	28.0	24.1	22.5
Seed	percentage of crop	4.3	0.2	5.2	5.7	7.5
Bulk	percentage of crop	38.8	41.6	40.4	39.2	38.9
Total rail shipments		151	255	227	108	24
Total truck shipments (fresh)		2553	2621	2511	3000	2701
Total truck shipments (processing)		236	235	218	194	279
Total shipments for the year thru January		14233	13690	13485	15049	15412

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

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Reds	U.S. #1 Size A 10#pkg	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	13.66
Yellow Varieties	5#	11.47	11.23	12.35	10.25	14.34
All Russets	U.S. #1-size A	5.76	5.30	7.52	5.09	8.25
All Russets	U.S. #2	4.70	4.66	6.23	3.89	6.13
Bulk Russets	US Comm. Grade 100lbs	6.81	6.11	10.50	5.00	10.13