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NEXT CPAC MEETING

The next meeting of the Colorado Potato Administrative Committee (area II) will be held January 21st at 7:00pm, in the CPAC office conference room.

LATE BLIGHT QUARANTINE INSPECTION FOR IMPORTED SEED

If you are planning to bring seed into the San Luis Valley from outside the area you must follow the rules established by the Late Blight quarantine (LBO). The LBO insures all seed imported into the SLV is certified seed and has been inspected as Late Blight free. The rules regarding imported seed can be found on our website at this link: <http://www.coloradopotato.org/wysiwygFiles/File/Late%20Blight%20Quarantine%20summary%202014.pdf>
Please direct any questions concerning imported seed to the Fruit and Vegetable Inspection Service at (719)-852-4749.

LIVESTOCK FEED if you are feeding potatoes to livestock please report the cwt. to the CPAC office so we can update crop disappearance. This information is relevant for market supply and market prices.

CPAC ELECTION

The CPAC will be conducting its annual election February 9th -11th 2016. If you are interested in serving as a member of C.P.A.C., 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 Rio Grande County Grower, One Saguache County Grower, One Costilla/Conejos County, Two Independent Handler, and One Bulk Shipper and an alternate for each position.

SOUTHERN ROCKY MOUNTAIN AG CONF. FEBRUARY 9-11th

Want to learn about using mineral oil and insecticides to control aphids and PVY? Come listen to Dr. Mathuresh Singh, director of Agricultural Certification Services from New Brunswick, Canada. Looking at using cover crops to improve your soil health? Come listen to Gabe Brown, farmer from Bismarck, North Dakota: <http://www.sare.org/Events/National-Conference-on-Cover-Crops-and-Soil-Health/Cover-Crop-Innovators-Video-Series/Gabe-Brown-Bismarck-North-Dakota>

Did you know that there will be no Vydate available for nematode control this summer? Come listen to what Jeanine Willett has to say about controlling nematodes with bio-pesticides.

NPC POTATO DC FLY-IN

This conference offers the opportunity for face-to-face meetings with members of Congress, their staff, and interaction with influential Administration officials and regulators. Lawmakers need to be educated about our issues and hearing your personal story is the best way to accomplish this. Featured speakers this year include Howard Fineman, Mara Liasson, and Nina Teicholz. To see more detail: <http://www.cvent.com/events/2016-potato-d-c-fly-in/event-summary-711b0a5766444a03a2101d738e49cabe.aspx>

CPAC will pay the registration and hotel accommodations for 4 people interested in attending. We will randomly select 4 names at the Jan 17th 2015 CPAC meeting from the list. Please contact the CPAC office at 852-3322 if you are interested.

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

At the 2016 Governor's Forum on Agriculture, participants will hear from leading experts about the changing landscape of Colorado agriculture. The program, "Next Generation Agriculture" is designed to provide greater insight into the future challenges regarding the demographics of agriculture, the use of technology, and our current labor force challenges. For more information or to register see this link: www.governorsagforum.com

CPAC SOCIAL MEDIA

Recently we shared a link to the special edition of *The Weekly* newsletter where editors from *Food Technology* magazine compiled predictions for 2016, as well as the latest forecasts regarding flavor, foodservice, and other trends in the food and beverage industry. Although, potatoes are sometimes looked at as "boring", knowing these trends helps us creatively "spice" them up and create opportunities to increase their appeal to consumers. Whether our message is about the healthy and nutritious qualities of potatoes, or flavor and convenience, it's important to keep the potato message out there. Help us share the message about the 9th Wonder of the World.

MARKETING

As the US Potato Board introduces the "9th Wonder of the World" we will be promoting and sharing some great spiced up recipes on our updated website. So don't forget to support the promotion of the 9th Wonder of the World. Check out their facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/PotatoGoodness?fref=ts>
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.**

MEETING CALENDAR:

1/21	CPAC Meeting
1/23	Sponsor Adams St. BB Game
2/9-11	Rocky Mtn. Ag Conf.
2/18	CPAC Meeting
2/22-2/25	NPC Potato DC Fly-In

DECEMBER SPUD FACTS

		<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Shipments	480 cwt equivalent	3244	3058	3101	3056	3431
Reds	percentage of crop	6.7	5.9	3.9	1.4	3.3
All Russet Varieties	percentage of crop	75.7	79.4	79.5	82.9	85.4
Yellow Varieties	percentage of crop	14.1	10.3	10.4	9.6	8.3
Other Varieties	percentage of crop	3.5	4.3	6.3	6.2	3.0
U.S. No. 1	percentage of crop	63.5	61.4	65.1	64.2	61.3
U.S. No. 2	percentage of crop	5.1	5.8	6.7	5.6	6.3
U.S. Commercial Grade	percentage of crop	27.3	27.6	23.8	26.6	27.8
Seed	percentage of crop	4.1	5.2	4.4	3.6	4.6
Bulk	percentage of crop	37.8	38.3	39.7	37.9	38.7
Total rail shipments		175	190	236	178	149
Total truck shipments (fresh)		2700	2654	2614	2715	3022
Total truck shipments (processing)		369	214	251	162	260
Total shipments for the year thru December		11292	10579	10529	11747	12408

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

		<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Yellows	5#	11.00	11.06	12.20	10.25	n/a
All Russets	U.S. #1size A	5.75	5.68	7.50	5.44	8.20
All Russets	U.S. #2	4.85	4.88	6.25	4.04	6.25
Bulk Russets	U.S. Commercial Grade 100 lbs	6.69	5.75	10.50	5.00	9.92

NASS Fall Potato Production and Stocks – 13 Major States: December 1, 2014-2015

[Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2014 totaled 26.1 million cwt]

State	Crop of 2014			Crop of 2015		
	Production	Stocks 12-1-14	December stocks as a percent of production	Production	Stocks 12-1-15	December stocks as a percent of production
	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(percent)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(percent)
California	3,901	2,500	64	3,720	1,900	51
Colorado	23,196	17,200	74	22,677	16,400	72
Idaho	132,880	95,000	71	130,320	90,000	69
Maine	14,645	11,600	79	16,002	12,500	78
Michigan	15,725	9,400	60	17,550	10,900	62
Minnesota	16,400	10,000	61	18,480	12,500	68
Montana	3,616	3,500	97	3,379	3,200	95
Nebraska	7,943	4,800	60	6,636	4,000	60
New York	4,345	2,100	48	4,817	2,200	46
North Dakota	23,870	16,900	71	27,200	19,500	72
Oregon	22,562	17,700	78	21,784	17,000	78
Washington	101,475	57,000	56	100,300	56,000	56
Wisconsin	26,240	18,000	69	29,440	18,500	63
Total	396,798	265,700	67	402,305	264,600	66
Klamath Basin ¹	(NA)	5,000	(NA)	(NA)	4,600	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

¹ Includes potato stocks in California and Klamath Co. Oregon.