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NEXT CPAC MEETING

The next meeting of the CPAC (area II) will be held July 12th at 7:30pm, in the CPAC office.

NPC REPRESENTATIVES TO BE SELECTED AT AUG. MEETING CPAC will be electing two representatives to the NPC Board of Directors in August. If you are interested in one of these positions, please contact the CPAC office to be placed on the list of nominees. The NPC Board of Director positions are one year terms.

CPR CLASS CPAC will host a basic CPR class on Wednesday July 11 at 6PM at the CPAC conference room. If you are interested in taking this class please let the office know, it will be limited to the first 30 people that respond. This will help with your GAP, GIP and food safety audits

COLORADO FOUNDATION FOR AGRICULTURE TEACHER INSTITUTE

The CPAC committee helped host 12 teachers from across Colorado the week of June 18th. The teachers are immersed in agriculture all week in an effort to educate them firsthand about farming and ranching. This training allows them to truly use their experience in the classroom with their students. We want to thank all of those who helped us with this effort: C.S.U Research Station, Aspen Produce, Agro Engineering, Colorado Division of Water Resources, Worley Family Farms, Rio Grande Water Conservancy District, JW Mumma Aquatic Species Restoration, Rahkra Mushroom Farm, Miller- Coors, Martinez Farms, Nissen Farms, Conejos Water Conservancy District, Middlemist Farms, Colorado Malting Company, Monte Vista Co-op, and Adams State University. A special thanks to all who hosted a teacher and to those who helped with the tent.

SOCIAL MEDIA As the fiscal year nears the end; we are actively searching for new outlets to expand our marketing reach via print, web and social media. Linda and I are pursuing different avenues in search of for the largest reach, most valuable options, and creative ideas to market Colorado Potatoes. July marks 2 months away from the annual Potato Festival. We are excited to announce that Saturday, September 8 2018 starting at 8 a.m. at Chapman Park we will have our one day event, followed by a Motorcycle Stunt Show at 6 p.m. at Ski-Hi Arena. Tickets are available for sale on our website. We have collaborated with Farm Fresh Direct, Monte Vista Parks and Rec, and San Luis Valley Health to promote the Tater Trot 5K race to benefit SLV pediatric diabetes patients. All proceeds from this year's race and potato sales will go to assist costs of local patients. You can register on our Potato Festival page, via our website. In an effort to continue to grow our event and get more people involved we are actively posting on social media about different events and gathering a large realm of vendors. If your child participated in the Education Colorado Kids Program contest, look for their publications not only in the Colorado Kids Denver Post Online, but on our website as well! If you are on Facebook please like Colorado Potatoes, and follow us on Twitter, Pinterest and Instagram.

EPA ADMINSTRATOR PRUITT RESIGNS President Donald Trump has accepted the resignation of Scott Pruitt, the EPA administrator. Secretary Pruitt was under fire for a host of ethical and spending concerns. Andrew Wheeler, EPA's deputy administrator and a former coal industry lobbyist, will take over as acting administrator on Monday. Agricultural and renewable fuels groups were frequently critical of Pruitt's handling of the Renewable Fuel Standard, arguing the former Oklahoma Attorney General was implementing policies too friendly to the oil industry. Pruitt was popular among agricultural groups for his regulatory reform efforts, particularly for his work to repeal and replace the EPA's Waters of the U.S. rule. Farm and ranch organizations argued that rule, promulgated by the Obama administration but stayed by the court system, would have resulted in a dramatic expansion of federal authority under the Clean Water Act. A proposal to replace the WOTUS rule is currently under review at the White House Office of Management and Budget.

NEW PATHOLOGIST AT CSU AG EXPERIMENT STATION We received preliminary news that Chakradhar Mattupalli has accepted the position as the potato pathologist at the C.S.U. research station. Chaks, his preferred name, is currently a postdoctoral fellow at the Noble Research Institute in Ardmore, Oklahoma. We are excited to welcome him to our team of researchers. Stay tuned as efforts are in the works to bring him in for an introductory meeting in late July.

SENATE PASSES FARM BILL A bipartisan farm bill that would protect crop insurance and commodity programs as well as nutrition assistance from cuts passed the Senate by an overwhelming margin, 86-11. This vote clears the way for negotiations to begin in July with the House.

The Senate bill largely preserves the structure of the 2014 farm bill while providing new funding for a series of energy, research and local and organic agriculture programs that are set to expire Sept. 30th.

It also avoided including reforms to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program that are a key feature of the partisan GOP version that passed the House last week, 213-211.

Senate leadership attempted to limit amendments to the bill before the vote by negotiating prior to the voting. Before passing the bill, the Senate adopted by voice vote an amendment by Sen. John Thune, R-S.D., which would provide flexibility for landowners to cut hay and graze livestock on land enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program. An amendment by Mike Lee, R-Utah, and Cory Booker, D-N.J., to restrict the authority and activities of farmer-funded research and promotion programs was defeated 38-57. In a major victory for the crop insurance industry, Sen. Richard Durbin, D-Ill., agreed not to bring up an amendment to impose a means test on premium subsidies.

The 86-11 vote was unusually lopsided even for farm bills, which are typically bipartisan. The lopsided vote underscored the resistance in the Senate to the SNAP reforms that are a key feature of the farm bill the House passed last week. The last time the Senate passed its version of a farm bill by that large a margin was in 1973, when the measure passed, 78-9.

House Agriculture Chairman Mike Conaway, R-Texas, expressed he was eager to begin negotiations with his Senate counterparts. Formal negotiations on a final version of the bill will not begin until after the July 4th recess.

There are a number of conflicts between the House and Senate bills beyond the SNAP issues, although both versions of the bills keep crop insurance and major commodity programs intact, and both overhaul dairy producers' Margin Protection Program. The bills have sharply different provisions on commodity program payment rules, and conservation programs.

MARKETING To fuel your performance, look no further than the potato. Did you know that potatoes provide the carbohydrate, potassium and energy you need to perform at your best? Potatoes are more energy-packed than any other vegetable and a medium-sized potato with the skin has even more potassium than a medium-sized banana. Plus, there's a potato option to fuel your body and brain throughout the day — whether you lead an active lifestyle or are competing with elite athletes. As Potatoes USA rolls out their marketing campaign about fueling performance with potatoes, CPAC will promote this information in our new marketing campaigns in September. We have been in talks with services to help us come up with the best social media, print, and other ideas for Colorado Potatoes. Stay tuned as we solidify our marketing plan for the 2018-2019 season.

USDA HARMONIZED FOOD SAFETY AUDIT UPDATE In the past there were two standards used for Produce GAPs Harmonized Food Safety Standard Audits: the "Field Operations and Harvesting Harmonized Food Safety Standard" and the "Post-harvest Operations Harmonized Food Safety Standard." USDA has combined the two United Fresh standards into a new standard. A summary of how the Harmonized Audit program differs from the current program is provided here:

[Summary of Changes to the Harmonized Standard \(PDF\)](#)

Audits to the new combined standard will be performed using the new combined checklist beginning May 1, 2018.

The Global Markets addendum may be conducted at the request of the auditee in conjunction with a harmonized audit for the remainder of the 2018 calendar year. After the 2018 calendar year the Global Markets Addendum will no longer be available.

USDA has developed a standard for Harmonized GAP Plus+, an audit program that will be submitted to the Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) for technical equivalence. Audits to the new standard will be performed using the new GFSI GAP Plus+ Checklist beginning May 1, 2018. GFSI equivalence will not be recognized until August of 2018 as it is still in the stakeholder process.

Both USDA harmonized audits will be in alignment with the Produce Safety Rule. (FSMA)

For more information please contact the Fruit and Vegetable Inspection Service Office @ 719-852-4749 or USDA Audit Services Branch @ 201-720-5021.

Here are links to learn more:

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/auditing/gap-ghp/harmonized>

Harmonized GAP Plus+ Standard (PDF)

RESEARCH Part of the CPAC research budget is spent with Agro Engineering to monitor aphid populations during the growing season. Please keep on top of this information as aphid populations have the potential to increase very rapidly with the warmer weather we are experiencing this year. Here is a link to the information from our website: <https://www.coloradopotato.org/colorado-potato-news/>. Find it under Important Industry Links-

[Current Pan Trap Information.](#)

FLY OVER ACREAGE CPAC completed the annual acreage survey on June 20th. A Special thank you goes to Grant Mattive and Steve Van Treese for flying, and Tyler Mitchell, Jason McCoy, Clay Mitchell, Tyler Thompson and Todd Johnston with NASS for spotting and compiling the count. The county break out is listed below;

County	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	MEETING CALENDAR:	
Alamosa	16,763	17,725	16,551	18,005	18,269	7/11	CPR Class
Conejos	708	1,011	943	472	937	7-12	CPAC meeting 7:30
Costilla	2,972	2,774	2,901	2,758	3,393	7-16/20	NPC Summer meeting Leavenworth. WA
Rio Grande	15,922	15,786	15,357	15,580	16,346	8-6/9,	Potatoes USA Summer meeting Park City, UT
Saguache	15,420	14,352	15,150	15,120	15,183	9/8	Potato Festival
Total	51,785	51,648	50,902	51,935	54,128	10-18/20	PMA Orlando

According to U.S.D.A growers planted 911,700 acres of fall potatoes in 2018. This is an estimated increase of 3,300 acres from 2017. To see the complete acreage reports please see www.nass.usda.gov

AG TRADE NEWS STORIES

<https://www.dtnpf.com/agriculture/web/ag/news/article/2018/07/05/us-china-appear-set-impose-tariffs?referrer=NLSnapshot>

http://capitalpress.or.newsmemory.com/?token=9aa7800a81728ab3d574a1a0a15cb49f_5b3fa69e_2dc650&selDate=20180706&goTo=A01&artid=2&utm_source=emailMarketing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=email+stats

JUNE SPUD FACTS

		2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Shipments	480 cwt equivalent	2366	3008	2795	2839	2256
Reds	percentage of crop	4.1	2.1	0.8	3.0	0.4
All Russet Varieties	percentage of crop	92.6	92.6	98	96.1	97.0
Yellows	percentage of crop	3.2	5.2	1.2	0.8	1.9
Other Varieties	percentage of crop	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.6
U.S. No. 1	percentage of crop	60.3	63.1	63.8	64.7	65.6
U.S. No. 2	percentage of crop	7.6	6.3	9.1	8.5	10.2
U.S. Commercial Grade	percentage of crop	31.9	30.4	27.0	26.7	24.2
Seed	percentage of crop	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0
Bulk	percentage of crop	30.9	30.7	34.5	32.7	30.0
Total rail shipments		66	166	194	66	115
Total truck shipments (fresh)		2029	2401	2255	2428	1824
Total truck shipments (processing)		271	442	346	346	317
Total year to date shipments		27977	29370	29064	28762	24627

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

		2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
All Russets	U.S. #1size A	8.42	5.19	5.28	3.38	6.75
All Russets	U.S. #2	6.70	4.25	4.48	2.95	5.21
Bulk Russets	U.S. Commercial Grade 100 lbs	10.50	7.06	7.33	4.86	10.79